

Senior Care Task Force: WGB – Access to Services

Feb. 11, 2022

9:00am-10:30am

Discussion: Rebalancing of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

WebEx

Facilitator: Hina Shah - KHI

Note taker: KHI

Attendees: **Working Group Members:** Sarah Schlitter, JCDS; Jamie Gideon, Alzheimer's Association; Annette Graham, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging; Linda MowBray, KHCA; Jan Kimbrell, Silver Haired Legislators; Dan Goodman, KDADS; Tanya Dorf Brunner, Oral Health Kansas; Shawn Sullivan, Midland Care Connection; Staci Carson, JCDS; Heather Brown, JCDS

Supplemental Experts: Shelly Mays, Johnson County Development Supports

KLRD Staff: Sean Marshall

KHI Staff: Kari Bruffett, Michele Sumpter, Emma Uridge

Reviewed Documents

- Agenda
- Dan Goodman, KDADS Data
- Shawn Sullivan, PACE Presentation
- SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats), (Attached)

Agenda:

9:00am – Welcome and Introductions

9:10am – Subject Matter Expert Discussion

Dan Goodman, Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Shelly Mays, Johnson County Developmental Supports

10:20am – Administrative Updates

10:25am – Revisit SWOT Analysis

10:30am – Adjourn

Minutes

Agenda item: Introductions / Opening Remarks / Review Agenda

Discussion:

- Hina Shah provided a review of the agenda
 - Ground Rules Reviewed
 - Come ready to discuss and compromise.
 - Keep remarks succinct and on topic.
 - Don't hesitate to ask clarifying questions.
 - Start and end on time.
- Group introductions
- Vision Statement:
 - "Establish and expand a clear path with public policy recommendations for Kansas older adults and caregivers to access services."

Agenda item: Subject Matter Expert Presentations and Discussion

Discussion:

Dan Goodman, KDADS Data (see charts on page 3)

- Annette Graham: Request comparison of average cost for plan of care, per individual, across all waivers, and overall cost of each waiver.
- Shawn Sullivan: What are the average number of service units from MCOs from those who have transitioned into the community?

Lacey Hunter, KDADS

- Spoke on abuse, neglect, and exploitation hotline.
- Referred to WGA

Shelly May, Johnson County Developmental Supports

- Spoke about aging I/DD population
- Enabling SMART home tech, nothing in waivers to pay for evaluation and technology assistance training for people to not be reliant on staff and to be more independent. No mechanism for that right now.
- Assessing behavioral needs: Having expertise within waivers is important to not look outside the system. Sometimes resource is not catered to those with intellectual disability
 - Home Health: Piloted in I/DD, not a lot of success but lessons learned.
 - Targeted case management, it can be very restrictive.
 - Billing silos
 - Look at monthly encounters for how needs are met
 - Needs to be comprehensive, and flexible with person-centered planning and support
 - Personal Care Assistance: Supported housing. 24/7 care, or residential services so much more costly than personal care assistance.
 - Have more unique description of services.

Shawn Sullivan, Midland Care Connections and Emilie Rains

- Provided high level overview of PACE
- Training and retraining on PACE program is important.
 - Oklahoma: move toward referral to PACE to understand all options since it is a cost savings program to the State.
- Barriers to program
 - Federal regulatory and statutory requirements
 - Limited day center options in Kansas, however, services are provided in PACE centers
 - We need to find existing providers to open up and allow FE Day center option or a PACE center option
 - Statewide numbers on those served under PACE model
 - 850-900 state, 150-200 increase in the last two years

Agenda item: Administrative Updates and Preview Next Topic: Adult Daycare Resources

Discussion:
Information Requests

- Jan Kimbrell: Study or information on senior center also being used as an adult center with PACE model for rural communities?
- Linda Mowbray: Have representative from KDADS talk about licensing requirements for adult day cares, and # of adult day cares that have opened and closed in the last 10 years.
- Linda Mowbray: Look at barriers within licensure process. Agency can describe barriers for us to see what there is and what else is possible.
- Heather Brown: Agency providing HCBS day services such as an I/DD provider.
- Annette Graham: how many people currently use HCBS service or being served in adult daycare settings?
- MCOs can present as subject matter experts
- Annette Graham: Evaluate covid-specific grant that is extended until September 2022 that focuses on transitioning older adults from nursing homes into the community.

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Discussion: Group amended SWOT analysis to include new Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats

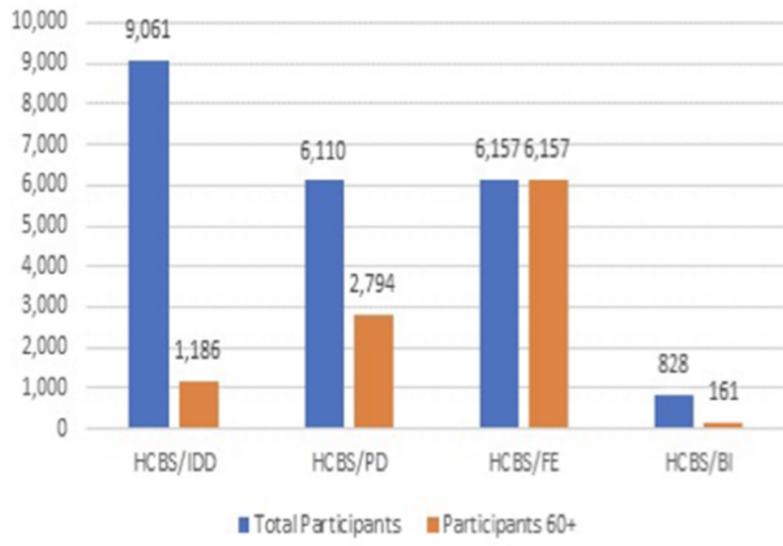
Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing interest in home and community-based services during the time of the pandemic. • More attention is now being given at federal level to funding needed • Change in protected income level has increased access • Increased awareness of the waiver program during pandemic • Funding for services as the number of waiver participants continues to increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of available home-based services and providers in rural areas. • Workforce shortages are worsening • Reimbursement rates for I/DD assessment • Limited-service flexibility • Individuals w/ i/dd are not included in some service delivery options • Service gaps between living on their own and then transitioning to more intensive support as they age. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rural communities ○ Address lack of access ○ Connect existing services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural PACE model • Increase service area for PACE model • Robust Care Coordination to connect care services to expand service areas • Availability of PACE in areas of state currently unserved by pace providers. • Access to the same services that non-HCBS people receive. Explore if there really is a need to separate these populations when we are talking about older adults • Increase utilization during the pandemic • Establish a statewide information and referral system through KDADS • The change to the protected income level has resulted in more people being able to access HCBS waiver services • The Agency for Community Living (ACL) ADRC transitions program has been successful in helping many on waiver services transition back home- opportunity to make this permanent • Administrative case management (ACM) service to assist with the Medicaid application process for Frail Elderly, Physical Disability and Brain Injury waiver applicants • Services that can be shared with HCBS and non-HCBS recipients. Is there really a need to separate these populations when we are talking about older adults • Continue transition program • Use of technology, and how to build into programs for people to remain in community. • Increase funding for personal care assistants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing waiting list numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PACE program could assist with waitlist • Staffing for expanded services could be problematic • Final settings rule causing assisted living and home plus to leave the HCBS program as providers • Provider rate imbalance between waivers • Lack of standardized direct support professional as a recognized profession by the department of labor.
<p>Key Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More attention to funding and interest in HCBS 	<p>Key Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCBS lacking in rural communities • Limited flexibility of existing services 	<p>Key Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE providers and model for rural communities 	<p>Key Themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce shortage hindering expansion of HCBS

Agenda item: Adjourn

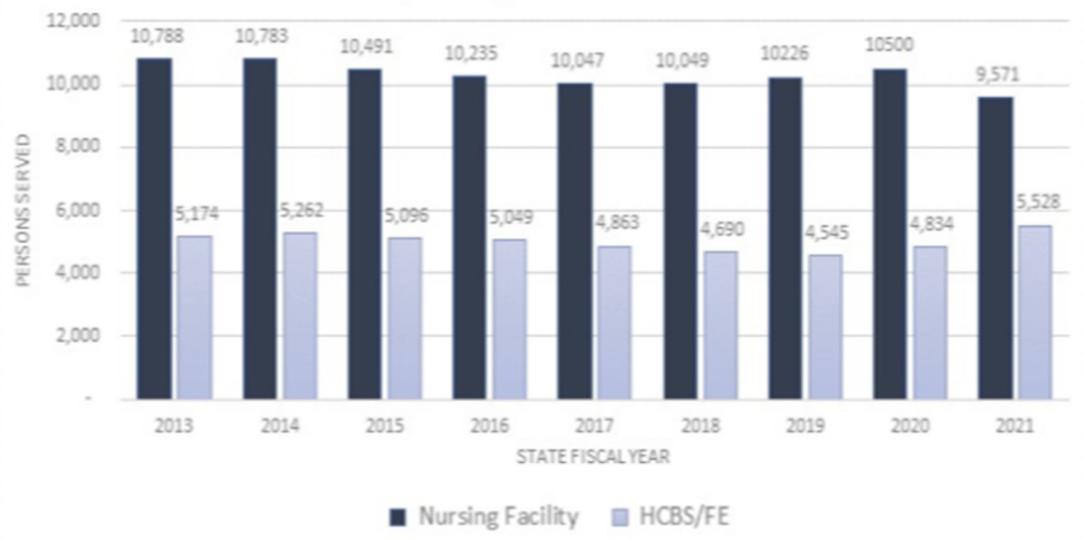
Discussion:

- To be completed before meeting February 25, 2022
 - Review SWOT Analysis to begin thinking about recommendation development
 - Will use Google Jamboard to complete SWOT Matrix Tool for recommendation development

HCBS Participants 60+ (Dec. 2021)



Nursing Facility & HCBS/FE Monthly Average Medicaid Caseload



85+ Population in Kansas

