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12:00 pm-1:00 pm  
Lunch and Learn Call for HCBS Consumers  
(14 Participants on the call)**

**Facilitated by James Bart**

**\*Kancare bi-weekly conference calls\***

**Speaker and Topic: Basics on the Autism Program with John Barry &  
Basics on the TA Program with Kim Pierson**

James asked if there were any specific questions for John Barry.

Q. How many children are being served on the Autism Program, and what capacity is being built?

A. We are serving 65 children, the maximum amount. We are aware that this is an issue.

This is the proposal we are working; a tele-medicine piece for rural areas. The tele-medicine proposal will not replace the initial Individualized Behavioral Plan/Plan of Care (IBP/POC) development or IBP/POC updates that have to be done face-to-face with the Autism Specialist. But oversight could be delivered with this service. It will also not replace face-to-face work with Intensive Individual Supports (IIS) workers with the families.

It would be based on Program Manager approval. The specialist and the MCO would submit a request. It would be reviewed.

We are working on evaluating the list of individuals that requested to be on the list and we are making an effort to see how many there are.

We have sent out a continued interest letter and re-evaluate how many responses we have gotten and then we will send another round of letters to those that have not responded and make every effort to find those that don't respond and try to find these individuals before we remove them from the list.



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The TA Program.

Kim Pierson will give a brief overview.

The TA Waiver serves about 508 individuals with an average of 439.

Individuals come on the programs and go off.

Assessors are trained to consistently apply the tools. We are getting positive feedback on this.

The final policy is out and posted on the KDADS website. I have not gotten any feedback from this yet.

Q. When will the next renew come up?

A. Next year, it always follows the Autism.

Q. Will you address the capacity issue? We are hearing about trouble getting nursing help? Is there a standard so that families can advocate?

A. We will let James and the MCO's answer.

A. AG. We have a backup plan for families in place and with the CNA's.

A. SF. Some families are not able to schedule nurses when they need them. We have an emergency plan in place. We may need to hear from families that are more rural so we can work on that.

A. UH. We are hearing this as well. We are working on this issue. We are bringing on more providers.

Q. What steps should families take when faced with this?

A. I encourage working with the CC and maybe do a combo of self-directed and agency directed. I understand that can be a challenge.

A. Also, remember that they can reach out to the Ombudsman.

❖ **Next Lunch and Learn: Basics on the FE (Frail Elderly) Program with Laura Leistra.**



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