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Lunch and Learn Call for HCBS Consumers
(20 Participants on the call)**

Facilitated by Kerrie Bacon

- **Introductions Kancare bi-weekly conference calls.**

Speaker and Topic:

- Kansas Housing Resource Corporation with Ryan Renner, Deputy Dir. and Dennis Mesa, Dir.
- Ryan Gonzales, SED Waiver Proposed renewal changes

We have been around for many years; we are a public corporation, under development and finance.

What we do: administer 25 state and fed housing programs.

We are in several divisions: homeownership, rental, housing supported services, Our overall mission is to expand affordable good housing to low income consumers.

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Jeanette Spurgin,

The **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program** replaces the Emergency Shelter Grant Program and expands the eligible activities to include homeless prevention and rapid re-housing components. The purpose of the ESG program is to help individuals and families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. The five components available for ESG funds include street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance and data collection through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) improves a household's energy efficiency and fuel savings by ensuring the home holds in heat and air-conditioning, while keeping hot and cold air out. At no charge to the client, income-eligible families receive a comprehensive home assessment which includes repair or replacement of heating systems, insulation and caulking.



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Christine Reimler,

The HOME program The **First Time Homebuyer Program** helps Individuals and families purchase homes of their own in Kansas. Income-eligible borrowers can use a forgivable loan to reduce out-of-pocket expenses associated with buying a home. Must qualify (Find link on website)

Tenant Based Rental Assistance helps income eligible households with rent, security deposit 60% and below of the median income and utility deposits. Assistance, in the form of a rental payment, reduces a household's rent to thirty percent of the tenant's income. Rent above that amount is paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the household.

Housing Tax Credits promote the development of affordable rental housing for low and moderate income individuals and families. The tax credit, rather than a direct subsidy, encourages investment of private capital in the development of rental housing by providing credits to offset an investor's federal income tax liability.

The **HOME Rental Development Program** helps communities, via non-profit housing developers, respond to housing needs that the private sector has failed to address. These non-profits, called Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), obtain funding to supplement a primary loan for the housing development and, in the process, strengthen the capacity of the organization. Communities achieve added housing stock with an enhanced tax base to further their economic development efforts.

The **Rental Compliance and Housing Preservation Division** oversees project performance for developments that have received an allocation of Housing Tax Credits, Private Activity Bonds and HOME Rental Housing Development program dollars. Compliance staff provide enhanced asset management assistance and monitoring oversight, and are involved in budget analyses, reserve draws, monthly and annual reporting, project stabilization, project monitoring through on-site reviews, training and technical assistance, conflict resolution and tenant complaints.

- **HUD.GOV has a listing/link for all HUD assisted programs**
- **Other resources, HCCI for tenant /landlord issues 1-800-383-0217**
- **Online www.kshousingsearch.org to search for housing based on various parameters.**

Line opened for questions.



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Q. Increase affordable housing? So, do you have a way of measuring affordable housing here in Kansas? From past experience, it is in short supply. How do you measure and are you making any gain?

A. This is a struggle. The cost of building is increasing. We make a dent with resources. We welcome your comments. We form as many partnerships as we can. We have sponsored over 30,000 units. I think "affordable" depends on your definition.

Q. Many of the people I work with are looking at incomes of 700-1000 dollars/mo.

A. We are aware of the current struggles. We partner with several organizations.

Ryan Gonzales-Proposed Changes, SED is in the process of changing, we are in a 30 day public comment period.

- **SED Survey;** https://wchitastate.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4MzMINpoly70WJn&Q_JFE=0

I will go over globally, and then I will take feedback.

1. Replacing the functional assessment CBCL changing to DLA-20. We have a workgroup that will look at the impact of the DLA-20 on the waiver.
2. Proposing a more formal process for assessing consumers on the waiver which will involve each consumer being assessed every 180 days, DLA-20 will be used.
3. A section on the Plan of Care will document when a consumer is being transitioned off of the waiver.
4. The service definitions for parent support and attendant care are being revised. These are to meet the training requirements. There were some inconsistencies. Minor adjustments.
5. The current Wraparound and Parent Support trainings are being revised. The new versions will continue to be online at trainingteams.org
6. A new screening tool (not functional assessment) will be created, for autism spectrum disorder, to see if they are eligible for the waiver.

There is the information on the KDADS website.

Q. Craig-what is the difference of the two tools on number 1?

A. The DLA-20 is more updated and functional to assess eligibility

Q. You say they are going to be assessed every 180 days, how often is it now?

A. Annually.



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Q. Several questions regarding the screening process and pointing to whether the process was to keep children out of the SED waiver.

A. No, the intent of the new screening tool is not to increase or decrease the number of children who go on the waiver.

Q. Will there be time to do the assessment? Does it have to be done at exactly 180 days?

A. All the specifics have not been decided yet, until CMS approves, we won't work out the details

Q the DLA-20, how will cover the kids in the 4-6 range?

A. we are looking into that. We have an external work group that is helping with this and we are utilizing them. Once it is approved by CMS, the workgroup will help us create the criteria. We are aware of that, but the mechanism isn't worked out yet.

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Also refer you to the KDADS website.

- **Next Lunch and Learn will be; Positive Behavior Supports/ Mental Health with Linda Blasi and Matt J. Enyart.**