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**Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on
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Sunflower in Action



Sunflower member, Samantha, and her sister, Rachel, participated in Sunflower's employee Town Hall meeting on April 5. Rachel is the Chief Operating Officer of an IDD provider organization.

Rachel and Sam provided information to Sunflower employees about the passage of the Kansas Targeted Employment Act which provides a tax credit for businesses who competitively employ persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Rachel helped to author this legislation after experiencing some of the barriers her sister and others with IDD face when attempting to find competitive employment.

Sam works for Thriftopia, a thrift store in Ottawa, Kansas. She shared about the struggles she has faced as a person with a developmental disability and how her employment has increased her quality of life and self-sufficiency.

2022 LTSS Initiatives: Direct Care Workforce Solutions

- **Distribution of FMAP Funds**

The three MCOs are working on a plan with KDADS to distribute approved funding to providers for direct recruitment and retention.

- **Expanded Use of Technology**

Sunflower is working with three telemonitoring and support providers to determine pilots we can engage in for further utilizing technology to supplement or replace a need for in-person care. We are also looking at additional vendors to offer for telehealth with specific waiver populations.

- **Expanded Service Models**

We are working in collaboration with IDD providers of Shared Living services and KDADS to develop a proposal for expanding this model of service to more persons with IDD, and potentially other HCBS programs. Shared Living is a model of service that can provide high quality outcomes with fewer direct caregivers.

- **Alternative Service Solutions**

Sunflower is working with current LTSS providers in Kansas to offer alternative solutions to direct care. Examples include using grocery delivery, housekeeping services, Alexa ECHO devices, and other alternatives to attendant care for certain daily living needs. We are collaborating with KDADS on a billing code to offer these solutions beyond the Public Health Emergency.

Sequential Intercept Model Summit- IDD

The **Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)**, developed by Mark R. Munetz, M.D. and Patricia A. Griffin, Ph.D., provides a conceptual framework for jurisdictions interested in exploring the intersection of behavioral health and criminal legal system, assessing available resources, identifying gaps in services, and conducting strategic planning.

IDD Stakeholders in Kansas, have been interested in how the SIM may be used to identify gaps in services for persons with IDD who are dually diagnosed or otherwise display high risk, challenging behavior. KDADS has identified the use of SIM for the IDD population as one of their FMAP funds initiatives.

The Sequential Intercept Model

Advancing community-based solutions for justice-involved people with mental and substance use disorders

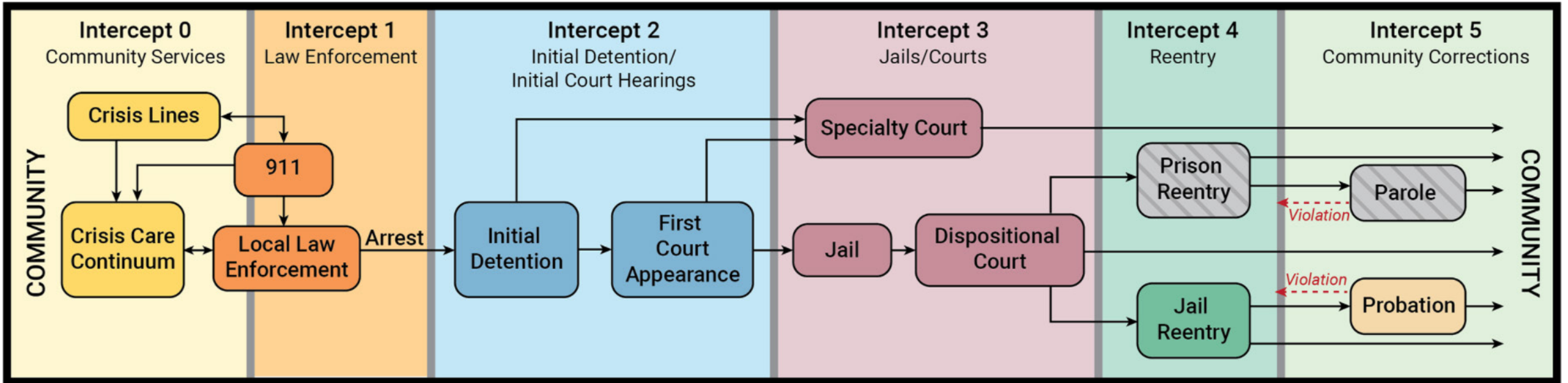


Sedgwick County CDDO, under the direction of Dee Nighswonger, engaged in groundbreaking work with Policy Research Associates to adapt the traditional SIM Mapping process to specifically address the needs/interests of individuals with **I/DD, Cognitive Impairment or Neurocognitive Disorders** including **Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Co-occurring behavioral health conditions and other Disabilities (ICCoD)**.

Policy Research Associates and Sedgwick County CDDO, along with local organizations they invited, were the first community to participate in SIM Mapping for this population. Local representatives from the CDDO, IDD providers, the Community Mental Health Center, judicial system, police force and Sunflower Health Plan participated in the SIM Mapping.

Sunflower met with KDADS, Dee Nighswonger, and InterHab to discuss how the Sedgwick SIM can be utilized to inform and conduct a statewide SIM Summit for the same population. We agreed to move forward with planning a summit for later this year.

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Best Practices at Each Intercept

Appendix: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)

Admissions and Average Length of Stays (ALOS)

	Admits	ALOS
Q1 2020	58	104.71
Q2 2020	49	126.20
Q3 2020	61	128.00
Q4 2020	65	144.20
Q1 2021	51	132.27
Q2 2021	59	131.76
Q3 2021	46	118.78
Q4 2021	34	98.94

As of 4/10/2022

- 92 Members are in a PRTF
 - Foster Care (24)
 - Non-Foster Care (68)
- 68 Members are approved and on the PRTF wait list
 - Foster Care (20)
 - Non-Foster Care (48)