



# Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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## **Harvey-Marion Community Council**

**500 Main Place; Suite 204 Newton KS, 67114**

*(Meeting held via virtually with Zoom)*

**MEETING MINUTES: 02/17/2023**

**Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians:** Lea Boyd, Jamie Welfelt, David Welfelt

**Representative of CDDP/CSP's:** Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO); Connie Rickard (THRC); Robin Campbell (Goodwill) assisted with meeting setup for their person served.

**Public Non-members Present:** None

**HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker:** Nancy Plenert

**Persons with I/DD Absent:** Jessica Peugh, Maurice Unruh, Nicole Anderson, Jessa Marsh, Melissa Ratzlaff

**Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent:** Kelly Marlar (Heart Land Supports)

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.
2. Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) We have a quorum. There were 3 persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of 5 members present.
  - Introductions of new Community Council members. Kevin welcomed David Welfelt to the meeting as a new Community Council member. Other new members not in attendance today are: Melissa Ratzlaff, Maurice Unruh, Jessa Marsh, and Nicole Anderson.
3. Community Council Overview:
  - Review PowerPoint & By-Laws
4. National/State/Local Updates:
  - Public Health Emergency ends on 05/11/2023. Our office will forward any updates regarding this subject as we receive them.
  - TCM rate updates:
    - The Governor's budget recommendations for SFY 2024, included a \$1.5 million SGF increase for TCM, which the administration indicates would equal a 25% increase in that service's funding. This is an excellent development for us in our advocacy on a TCM funding increase this legislative session! It also represents work done by KDADS in its budget recommendations to the administration and it is the second straight year in which Governor Kelly has included significant enhancements for our system in her budget.
    - Continued advocacy efforts are underway to advocate for an additional \$3 million SGF to get our TCM rate to \$75/hr. InterHab members are sharing testimony today to the Senate Ways & Means Committee to further educate the legislature of the

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need to continue raise the rate to better support TCM service providers, noting that neighboring states have TCM rates over \$100/hr

- Community Support Waiver updates:
  - Last fall the IDD Modernization Committee finalized their recommendations and gave these to the Bethell Committee with the main recommendation being the development of a community support waiver. This would assist in the process of drawing down some of those on the waitlist that would utilize services at less than a proposed \$20,000 annual waiver cap. There have been several services currently identified in the draft version of the recommendations: Transportation, Supported Employment, Individual Directed Care & Goods, Personal Care, Respite, Therapy, Assistive Technology, Independent Living (Community Engagement Skills), Family Caregiver Support & Training (Support Broker), Benefits Counseling. Most of the other recommendations surround the implementation of this waiver. The only other separate recommendation that came out of this special committee was to identify a strengths-based assessment tool that can enhance or replace BASIS
  - KDADS has been putting the finishing touches on requested information that legislators will need in pushing forward on the Community Support Waiver. A proviso directing KDADS to begin work on implementation of such a waiver is expected when budget work begins in a couple of weeks.
- Complex Needs & Crisis Supports updates:
  - A request for \$2 million SGF to establish capacity for piloting the START program (or similar program) and 1 FTE @ KDADS to oversee/monitor this program.
  - Mobile Crisis Training (Center for START Services) - START model training and assistance including development of training resources, clinical support teams, therapeutic coaching, etc. START offers training for individuals and organizations at reasonable rates:
    - Course for Mobile Crisis Responders
    - Course for Care Coordinators & Case Managers
    - Course for Direct Support Professionals

5. HCBS by the Numbers: **Quarterly Service Management Report:**

| <b>Service Management Report:</b>                              | <b>01/2023</b> | <b>02/2023</b> | <b>03/2023</b> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:             | 9050           |                |                |
| Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:              | 4804           |                |                |
| Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion | 339            |                |                |
| Total Number Using TCM:  | 255            |                |                |
| Total Number Using Day Supports:                               | 147            |                |                |

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| Total Number Using Residential Supports:                | 116 |  |  |
| Total Number Using Personal Care Services:              | 64  |  |  |
| Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area: | 131 |  |  |

Connie asked the ages of people in Harvey & Marion County service area waiting for services. Kevin explained that theoretically, people of all ages, from 0 to 100, can be on the IDD waiting list.

6. HMCDDO Capacity Report:
  - Great Plains is accepting referrals at this time – waiting list
  - SKIL will be discontinuing residential and day services in the HMCDDO service area.
7. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies: 001, 002, 003, 004
  - <https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>
8. Sharing & Announcements: \*Connie shared that Trinity Heights Respite Program is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March! There will be a celebration in March with a dinner and special speaker Emily Meador. Emily, who has autism, grew up in Hillsboro and recently graduated from WSU. Connie will send out a flyer with more details. \*Dave congratulated Connie on Trinity Heights’ 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! \*Jamie shared that she got new paint and carpet in her bedroom. She chose gray for the paint and carpet colors! \*Lea liked seeing Jamie’s cat on Zoom. The cat’s name is Pansy.
9. **Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 04/21/2023 @ 1:15pm on Zoom**
10. **Next SELF-ADVOCATES MEETING is on 02/24/2023 @ 1:30pm on Zoom.** After numerous in-person meetings with sparse attendance, our meeting next Friday will be on Zoom, with hopes that we can get more people to participate. Attendance at Self-Advocates meetings is a requirement for the CDDO to pay for attendance to the annual Self-Advocates Conference in Topeka.
11. Adjourn. The meeting was declared adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:           Nancy Plenert