



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

Supporting increased independence, integration, inclusion, and productivity in individual homes and communities.

Harvey-Marion Community Council

500 Main Place; Suite 204 Newton KS, 67114

(Meeting held via virtually with Zoom)

MEETING MINUTES: 08/18/2023 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Maurice Unruh, Jamie Welfelt, David Welfelt, Nicole Anderson, Jessica Peugh, Melissa Ratzlaff

Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO); Connie Rickard (THRC); Robin Campbell (Goodwill), Peyton Cole (ResCare) assisted with meeting setup for their persons served

Public Non-members Present: Michael Reid, Donny Herbison

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD Absent: Lea Boyd, Jessa Marsh

Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent: Heart Land Supports

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
2. Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) We have a quorum. There were 8 persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of 10 members present.
3. HMCDDO Community Council Roles and Responsibilities
 - Capacity Building & Dispute Resolution
 - This Council is also the voice and plays a role in the passage and or the amending of HMCDDO policies and procedures.
4. Crisis Stabilization Services
 - The HMCDDO recently met with one of the MCOs and a provider of IDD Services regarding a possible pilot project that would include preventative behavioral best practices training to our area service providers. The intent would be mainly training efforts focusing on TCMs writing more effective behavior support plans. Peer reviewed Behavior Support Plans for those individuals with higher levels of behaviors would also be something that may be a possibility as well. It was also noted that those individuals identified with higher behaviors possibly needing superior IDD medication management treatment plans through remote supports possibly through one of the national providers such as Station MD. More to come on this in the near future.
 - KDADS posted the Request For Application for Crisis Stabilization services and applications from interested providers is due by 09/08/23 to KDADS.
5. National/State/Local Updates:
 - At the national level: Senate bill 1332, fondly known as the "DSP SOC bill", advanced by unanimously passing through the HSGAC (Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee). *This legislation will help address the direct support workforce crisis through the creation of a standard occupational classification for direct support professionals (DSPs).*

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- Sara Fertig the State’s Medicaid Director has resigned and there is a new individual that has replaced her although the name of the individual has not been released.
- At the State level: The CDDO contract team has successfully extended our current contract for FY24. Finalizations with KDADS regarding minor changes in the current contract will continue and then the signatures. The FY24 contract will hopefully be signed by the end of this month.
- Final Rule, Community Support Waiver, BASIS/MFEI Assessment Discussions are all active situations that KDADS is currently working towards resolutions and implementations.
- Waiver Renewal and the waiver workgroups continue to meet and hopefully develop recommendations for the waiver submission in 01/2024
 - The 2 Waiver Renewal workgroups that seem to be having the biggest challenges moving forward are the Conflict of Interest and the Assessment workgroups.

6. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	July	August	September
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	8,339		
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	5,100		
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	347		
Total Number Using TCM:	251		
Total Number Using Day Supports:	140		
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	140		
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	64		
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	150		
Eligibility Packets Requested:	3		
Packets Returned:	3		
Determined System Eligible:	3		
Determined System In-Eligible:	0		

7. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- Our service area currently has 0 available provider for residential services, 4 providers for day services and 2 available providers for TCM services. Our service area also has 6 fiscal management providers (assists individuals/guardians with self-directed Personal Care Services).
- ResCare began providing Shared Living in our service area beginning 07/2023.
 - Shared Living is a nationally recognized model for habilitation or residential services for individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD). In Shared Living, one to two Participants share a home with a family or single adult's family (the Contractor). The Contractor lives with the Participant and provides supports to them in accordance with the Participant’s person-centered support plan and in compliance with Article 63. A Residential Licensed Provider trains and provides ongoing support for the Contractor. The Contractor and the Participant can utilize Relief Coverage with mutual agreement on where and with whom the Participant will be staying, along with Residential Licensed Provider support.

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8. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies:
 - <https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>
9. Sharing & Announcements: *Mo asked what could be done to make the Self-Advocates conference last longer? There was so much to learn, he would like to see the conference last a week! Kevin suggested that Mo share his thoughts with the SACK coordinator. *Melissa's birthday was last Wednesday! *Nicole asked if Shared Living is available in our area. Kevin replied that it is; ResCare is affiliated to provide Shared Living. *Jessica shared that she is again working at Northridge School. She would like to be able to get on Zoom at the school for Community Council meetings. Kevin will get his business card to Jessica, and she will ask Kelsey at the school to contact Kevin to arrange this. *Melissa lost her receptionist job at ResCare due to a corporate decision, but she was able to get the job back! *Mo shared that his youngest daughter is a freshman this year! *Jamie's birthday is next Wednesday. She will turn 40! *Jessica's birthday is August 30. *Self-Advocates will meet via Zoom next Friday, August 25 at 1:30.
10. **Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 10/20/2023 @ 1:15pm on Zoom**

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert