



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 AGENDA: 10/20/2023 @ 1:00pm

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

Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO);

Public Non-members Present: None

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Kevin Gaeddert

Persons with I/DD Absent: Jessica Peugh, Jessa Marsh

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

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert
2. Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians). We have a quorum. There were 6 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. National/State/Local Updates:
 - National:**
 - HCBS Relief Act of 2023
 - October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
 - SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act: (S 2767 / HR 5408) The SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act would raise the resource limits, which have not been changed since 1984, to \$10,000 for individuals (currently @ \$2,000) and \$20,000 for married couples (currently @ \$3000), and index them to inflation moving forward.
 - Rehabilitation Act 50: At the Department of Labor, our North Star is building a more accessible and equitable workplace for all, including workers with disabilities. While we have made substantial progress towards fulfilling the promise of access and equity, there's still room to go. We know that many workers with disabilities are still being paid wages far below the federal minimum wage under section 14(c) certificates. We have been urged by not just advocates but also by numerous oversight entities and advisory groups, ranging from the Government Accountability Office, the National Council on Disability, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, to the DOL's own Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment, to carefully review the 14(c) program and prioritize competitive integrated employment.

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State:

- The KanCare RFP has been released: This was released on 10/02/23 and entities who will be submitting responses will be working to prepare to get these complete. Public Meetings regarding KanCare RFP:
 - 10/24/2023: 1-3pm (via zoom); 10/26/2023: 6-8pm (via Zoom). Please let me know if you wish to attend these meetings.
- The waiver renewal workgroups have all ended their work and hopefully submitting some form of recommendations moving forward. It seems that most of these were merely exercises in dialog that seemed to actually muddy the waters on each of the 7 workgroups. Only time will tell if there was any progress made from these groups as KDADS gets ready to submit their waiver application.
 - Conflict of interest (TCM/CDDO); Unbundling Day Services; Unbundling Residential Services; Ratio Billing; Supported Employment; Functional Assessment; Assistive Technology

5. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	July	August	September
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	8,339	8,895	8,880
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	5,100	5,046	5,096
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	347	350	350
Total Number Using TCM:	251	255	251
Total Number Using Day Supports:	140	140	139
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	108	108	106
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	64	65	64
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	150	153	156
Eligibility Packets Requested:	3	3	3
Packets Returned:	3	2	3
Determined System Eligible:	3	2	3
Determined System In-Eligible:	0	0	0

6. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- There is an effort within the InterHab groups to assist in establishing fiscal stability for the IDD system via annual funding adjustments based on inflationary indexes. Push for a funding adjustment based on an average of the previous two years' CPI increases (6% est.) Advocate with KDADS for completion of a biennial IDD funding study consistent with legislative direction from the 2023 Legislative Session.



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- Our service area currently has 0 available providers for residential services, 2 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.
7. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies: 013, 014, 015, 016, 017
<https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>
8. Sharing & Announcements:
- Jamie & David shared that they were going to the K-State Football game on Saturday.
 - Nicole stated that she would be going home for the weekend.
 - Melissa shared that she is moving over to Goodwill for day services.
9. **Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 12/15/2023 @ 1:00pm on Zoom**
Adjourn.