



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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

HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

July 19, 2021

Meeting Minutes:

Location: HMCDDO Meeting Room, 500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS 67114

Directors Participating: In Person: Greg Nickel, Chair; Craig Simons, Vice-Chair; Anita Unruh, Secretary; Marilyn Loganbill; Randy Dallke

Present via Zoom: Kristi Berning, Treasurer; Mary Gill

Directors Absent: Jen Dies; Jared Jost

Harvey-Marion County CDDO staff Present: Kevin Gaeddert, Executive Director; Nancy Plenert, Meeting Recorder

Call to Order. Chair Greg Nickel called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Proxies: None

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Public Comment: None. A web link for public access to this meeting was posted with the Newton Kansan and Marion Record. <https://harveymarioncddo.com/meetings>

Elect HMCDDO Board Officers.

ACTION: *Motion was made by Randy that current Chair (Greg Nickel) and Secretary (Anita Unruh) be nominated for election. In addition, Kristi Berning was nominated for Vice-Chair, and Craig Simons was nominated for Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Marilyn and passed by unanimous vote.*

Minutes of June 21, 2021 Meeting. Craig noted an error on the Draft June 21, 2021 Minutes. The Minutes listed Kristi Berning as proxy for *Greg*. It should have listed Kristi Berning as proxy for *Craig*. This will be corrected on the Approved June 21, 2021 Minutes. Craig asked about the second waiver mentioned under "State" in the June 21, 2021 Minutes. Kevin explained that the purpose of the waiver would be to eliminate the wait list by having a 20/20 State/County match to the Feds 60%. Funding awards would be capped at \$12,000 annually. This concept is being worked on by InterHab.

ACTION: *Marilyn moved to approve the June 21, 2021 minutes with the correction noted above. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed by unanimous vote.*



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Financials – Packets contain the July 2020 through June 2021 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 12 of 12 months (100%), total Income reflects receipt of fourth quarter State Aid, CDDO Admin & County Mill from both counties, plus revenue from functional assessments.

- Balance Sheet reflects Total Assets at \$202,992.33
 - There were a few items left to pay out for June 2021, therefore we will be preparing an unaudited financial statement once everything is closed out for FY2021 and then include that statement with next months' packet.
- *Overages previously mentioned that remain over:*
 - 6020: Annual premium for our general liability insurance and this is the first increase in nearly a decade, and this was not an anticipated rate increase.

ACTION: *Craig moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Service Management Report

- As of 05/15/2021 the Statewide numbers for IDD HCBS:
 - Total number eligible for HCBS services: 9,072
 - Total number waiting for HCBS services: 4,477
- As of 06/30/2021, the total number in the database is 321
 - Total number for TCM: 253; Day Supports: 138; Residential Supports: 109; and Personal Care Services: 60; Total waiting: 126
 - *Eligibility:* Packets requested : 2; Packets returned: 1 ; Determined Eligible: 1; Determined In-Eligible: 0

Adverse Incident Reports (AIRS) – from previous month

- Law Enforcement - Suspect: 5
- Law Enforcement - Victim: 1
- ER & Medical Hospitalization: 17
- Psychiatric Hospitalization: 3
- Other: 14 (this number represents elopements)

National, KDADS/KDHE/InterHab & Other State & Local Updates

National (From ANCOR):

- Congress has introduced the **Better Care Better Jobs Act (H.R. 4131 / S.2210)** to operationalize and expand President Biden's proposal for a \$400 billion investment in the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) program. This is a clear sign that both Congress and the Biden administration are seriously exploring ways to remedy the direct support professional (DSP) workforce crisis. *Kevin's note: As of today, the funding amount has already been reduced to \$1.5 billion.*
 - **The Details:** This legislation **proposes historic investments** to transform and expand the HCBS program, strengthen the DSP workforce, **pay IDD providers sufficient Medicaid reimbursement rates**, and **improve outcomes for people with disabilities**.

Specifically, the bill:



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- **Creates a 10-percent Medicaid FMAP increase for Home and Community-Based Services**, including a multi-year increase in Medicaid rates for states to shore up and strengthen services and supports for children and adults with disabilities.
- **Strengthens the DSP workforce** by making direct investments in training, recruitment and retention.
- **Innovates, improves and expands access to services** by mandating that funding must be used by states to improve quality of services, increase workforce wages, and address access to care issues.
- **Creates accountability through quality measurement** by establishing core and supplemental sets of quality measures by which services could be benchmarked and with which states can track quality of care.
- **Makes permanent the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program.** MFP is currently a demonstration pilot that has to be frequently renewed, and each pause for renewal disrupts funding to help people with disabilities move into the community.
- **However, this bill faces a complicated path to passage.** Changes to the text of the Better Care Better Jobs Act are likely, especially if it ends up being included in a bigger infrastructure package currently being prepared for the reconciliation process. The reconciliation process is long and complicated—it will take all summer, with a vote not likely before the fall. That means there will be many moments when this bill will either face changes or risk of being removed from the package to keep costs down.

State:

- FY22 begins with a 7% provider rate increase.
- HMCDDO continued involvement with the InterHab waiver/waitlist group to assist in making our current IDD waiver(s) more accessible. Someone asked if the long wait list is due to shortage of funding. Yes, that is part of it. Another thing to consider, is that if funding to eliminate the wait list became available, there would be a shortage of providers to serve all of the individuals coming off the wait list. When Missouri approved the waiver with State/county partnership match, they built capacity over 3 years, and individuals came into services on a staggered schedule. Also, a variety of services were offered, such as Autism and Employment Services.

Local:

- Completed a 4-month long process of getting an individual into children's residential services in the Newton area with our newly affiliated provider DCCCA.

ACTION on Service Management and Director's Report. *Anita moved to accept the Service Management and Director's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed by unanimous vote.*

Executive Session: Personnel (Executive Director Evaluation). At 4:43 p.m., Craig moved to enter executive session to discuss the Executive Director (E.D.) Evaluation with board members for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed by unanimous vote. Open meeting resumed at 4:59 p.m. No action was taken in executive session. It was noted that since some of the E.D. evaluation surveys were not filled out, the Board was not at a place of completing the E.D. Evaluation.



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ACTION: *Motion was made by Randy to extend the Executive Director's contract to the next Board meeting, August 16, at which time a draft contract will be available for signature. The Motion was seconded by Anita and passed by unanimous vote.*

The E.D. surveys are to be completed and sent to Greg within the next week. Randy asked for copies of the existing E.D. contract at the next Board meeting. There was discussion about a longer-term, i.e. 3-year contract for the E.D. Kevin said he would be in favor of a longer contract. Despite a longer contract, E.D. evaluations would continue to be done annually.

Adjourn: In a motion made by Craig and seconded by Randy, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: _____ Nancy Plenert _____