



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

April 18, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Location: Tabor College, Flaming Center for the Arts, Room 215 (*Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access*).

Directors Participating: In Person: Craig Simons, Treasurer; Anita Unruh, Secretary; Marilyn Loganbill; Randy Dallke; Mary Gill

Present via Zoom: Kristi Berning, Vice-Chair; Don Schroeder

Directors Absent: Jen Dies; Jared Jost

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

Guests Present: Robert Haude, Project Search Coordinator; Ron Traxson, Interim Marion Co. Special Education Director; Connie Rickard, Trinity Height Respite Care Director

At 3:30, we began with a presentation by the four 2021-22 Project Search interns. Each intern shared information about the various internships they were involved in during the school year and their plans for employment following graduation from the program.

Call to Order. There was not a formal “Call to Order”. At 3:57 p.m., following the Project Search presentation, we transitioned to FY2023 Funding Requests.

Proxies: None.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

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>

FY2023 Funding Request: Project Search, Robert Haude and Ron Traxson. Robert thanked the Board for their support of Project Search. Ron reported that the Special Ed. Coop. is currently working through the budget process for School Year 2022-23. Project Search has served 19 interns over 5 years, with an employment rate of 82%. Tabor College has been very accepting of Project Search, with eleven different departments hosting an intern. Next year, Student Life Services will be added as a host. Following graduation from the program, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) follows the individuals in finding employment and job support once they are employed. The goal is to find employment in their hometown, or in their home county. The Special Ed. Coop. is requesting program support of \$37,000 for the 2022-23 School Year. The Marion Co. Special Ed. Transition Coordinator determines candidates who are eligible for



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Project Search. There is a capacity of six interns. For the 2022-23 School Year, four students and one hybrid intern have signed. There is one additional student who is considering the program. Preliminary work on the Marion Co. Spec. Ed. budget shows that there will be a need for scholarships for the interns.

FY2023 Funding Request: Connie Rickard, Trinity Heights Respite Care (THRC) Director.

Connie shared that she began as Director of THRC in 2013 and retired in 2019, moving to Indiana. She moved back to Newton in 2021 and again assumed the role of THRC Director. If children have been determined eligible for HCBS IDD waiver services, HMCDDO provides Local Finance Plan funding for up to 28 hours of respite services per month for each child. Additional hours are charged at \$5.00 per hour by THRC. Connie is making plans for a Summer Program, which will provide additional hours of respite care. As in past years, there will be planned activities, such as swimming, fishing and Exploration Place. These activities allow children to become more comfortable in a community setting while giving parents a break. Connie is working with families to gauge interest and need, as well as ensuring that there is adequate staffing available. She will submit a funding request when summer program details and estimated expenses have been determined.

Minutes of March 21, 2022 Meeting.

ACTION: *Craig moved to approve the March 21, 2022 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the March 2022 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 09 of 12 months (75%), total income reflects receipt of County Mill funds and State Aid funds.

- Balance Sheet dated **04/08/2022** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$226,054.50**
- Current Budget Overages:
 - 6111: our annual tech subscriptions will be over budget for FY 2022 due to needing a new subscription to better deal with our webform needs. This will be properly budgeted for in FY23.
 - 6090: Annual payment of audit payment has been made. QuickBooks increased their monthly rate back in 08/2021 which will cause this line item to run slightly over budget this year.
 - 6310: Memberships & Dues have mostly been paid and this will level out over the remainder of the fiscal year.

Regarding the underspending of Local Finance Plan expense items, Craig asked whether we could designate FY2022 funds for Project Search Program Support/THRC Summer Program. Kevin responded that yes, we can. Randy suggested that we ask Marion Co. Commissioners for an increase in funding specifically for Project Search program support. Anita asked whether Project Search has a need for additional laptops. We provided funding for fewer laptops than requested a couple of years ago. Kevin will check with Robert to see if there is a current need for additional laptops.



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

Service Management Report:

As of 03/18/2022 the Statewide numbers for IDD HCBS:

- Total number eligible for HCBS services: 9,031
- Total number waiting for HCBS services: 4,642

As of 03/31/2022 the total number in the database is: 332

- Total number for TCM: 265; Day Supports: 142; Residential Supports: 114; and Personal Care Services: 63; Total waiting: 131
- Eligibility: Packets requested: 1; Packets returned: 2; Determined Eligible: 2; Determined In-Eligible: 0

Adverse Incident Reports (AIRS) – from previous month

- Law Enforcement - Suspect: 8
- Law Enforcement - Victim: 0
- ER & Medical Hospitalization: 9
- Psychiatric Hospitalization: 0
- Other: 3 (this includes one consumer death)

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

National

- There is a renewed push to get a Federal piece of HCBS legislation passed for the 150 billion that was originally a part of Build Back Better. There is nothing further to report.

State:

- **From InterHab:** Budget update – the Senate voted to approve the conference committee report on the budget for next fiscal year on a margin of 33 - 5. That action followed an earlier vote in the House that saw adoption of the conference committee report by a margin of 104 - 12. These numbers indicate significant support in both chambers for the budget. Next stop will be the governor's desk in a couple of weeks.
 - i. Senator Billinger was a true champion on behalf of the IDD system. Senator Hawk also held strong throughout the process. All six members of the conference committee need to be thanked for their efforts and the amazing outcomes for the IDD system, including:
 1. \$47.9 million SGF/\$120 million AF (est.) for a 25% IDD provider rate increase beginning in July 2022.
 2. \$2.5 million AF (\$1.5 million SGF) for an increase to CDDO administration funding.
 3. \$2 million for Tiny-K
- KDADS finally rolled out the plans to use the funds they received early in 2021 for COVID relief and staffing issues. KDADS announced that they have allocated up to \$51 million in



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bonuses to recruit and retain new and existing Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Direct Support Workers (DSWs) and their Immediate Supervisors.

Local:

- Our office recently held a meeting between Newton Police Chief Dunlavy and Lieutenant Yoder, Ben Swinnen of Heart Land Supports, Kathy Kobel of ResCare to discuss current issues surrounding our complex needs population.
 - We have another meeting scheduled with the NMC Health and Prairie View
- Our office will be looking at some different ways to ensure that our service providers are delivering quality services.
 - Service Monitoring
- FY 2023 Budget Preparation:
 - We are at the beginning stages of our FY 2023 budget planning process.
 - With the potential increase to CDDO administration funds, we will be looking to potentially hiring a new part-time position to do some administrative assistant tasks. The bulk of this work will initially be coding the scanned information that we currently have waiting to e-file. There could also be some other tasks assigned at a later date dealing with quality assurance and eligibility tasks.
 - We currently developing our requests for the County Commission. These budget request meetings typically happen in late May and early June.

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

Adjourn: The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 4 pm
500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS**