



# Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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## HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

January 24, 2022

### Meeting Minutes:

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

**Directors Participating: In Person:** Craig Simons, Treasurer; Anita Unruh, Secretary

**Present via Zoom:** Kristi Berning, Vice-Chair; Mary Gill; Marilyn Loganbill; Randy Dallke (joined at 4:15 p.m.)

**Directors Absent:** Jen Dies; Jared Jost

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

**Call to Order.** Vice-Chair Kristi Berning called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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>

### **Minutes of December 20, 2021 Meeting.**

**ACTION:** *Craig moved to approve the December 20, 2021 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Anita and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials – Packets contain the December 2021 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 06 of 12 months (50%), total income reflects receipt of State Aid & County Mill funds.

- Balance Sheet dated 12/10/2021 reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$203,107.97**
- Current Budget Overages:
  - 6111: most of our annual technology subscriptions are paid early and these will level out over the remainder of the fiscal year.
  - 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.

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



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**HMCDDO Board Member Search Discussion:** With the resignation of Board Chair Greg Nickel last month, a new Board member is needed to fill the remainder of his term (through 6-30-23). The candidate needs to be a resident of Harvey County. Discussed the “field” or areas of expertise that would be a strength to the Board. Anita suggested looking for someone with a background in law enforcement/EMS or mental health. Craig shared that Harvey County has at times kept a list of names of individuals who are interested in serving on a Board. And, perhaps a current Harvey County Commissioner would be interested in serving. Kevin will contact the Harvey County Commission to see if there is any interest from a commissioner or other recommendations they may have. If that doesn’t result in any candidates, he will pursue potential candidates within the law enforcement/mental health community. Randy shared that when the CDDO was initially set up, a member from each County Commission was appointed to the Board.

## Service Management Report

- *As of 09/2021 the Statewide numbers for IDD HCBS:*
  - Total number eligible for HCBS services: 9,116
  - Total number waiting for HCBS services: 4,523
- *As of 12/31/2021 the total number in the database is: 328*
  - Total number for TCM: 259; Day Supports: 139; Residential Supports: 112; and Personal Care Services: 63; Total waiting: 129
  - Eligibility: Packets requested: 2; Packets returned: 1; Determined Eligible: 1; Determined In-Eligible: 0

## Adverse Incident Reports (AIRS) – from previous month

- Law Enforcement - Suspect: 4
- Law Enforcement - Victim: 0
- ER & Medical Hospitalization: 8
- Psychiatric Hospitalization: 0
- Other: 0

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

### **National:**

- **Build Back Better legislation updates:**
  - From ANCOR: Last week, President Biden and congressional Democrats began signaling their interest in taking a new approach to passing the provisions of the Build Back Better legislation, talks over which have stalled in the Senate after the bill's passage in the House. Some lawmakers have hinted at scaling back and attempting to pass fewer of the proposal's provisions, while others have suggested breaking the package into several smaller pieces of legislation and seeking to pass each individually. We don't yet know what a revised Build Back Better legislative package could look like, but what we do know is that whatever form this legislation takes, it is critical that it maintains at least the same nearly \$150 billion investment in the Medicaid Home and Community Based



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Services (HCBS) program as included in the House-passed version of the bill. Such an investment is the minimum necessary for states to begin building a sustainable HCBS infrastructure that can start to address the magnitude of unmet need in our communities. This funding would not only strengthen the ability of people with disabilities to live a life with dignity in their homes and communities, but it would create countless jobs and boost local economies.

## **State:**

- IDD Funding Increase Request will be tied to workforce costs & wages at this time. This ask from InterHab will most likely be around the 30-40% increase and is a huge increase and ask. The update to this is that a 30% increase with 58M SGF (145M all funds) is what has been pitched to Representatives to tease a reaction. At this point the reaction seems to show that this will work as our stating point.
  - There is a House Appropriations Committee meeting on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. InterHab has 7 service provider conferees that will share testimony regarding their experiences relating the current staffing crisis that our providers face.
  - Representative Stephen Owens is on this committee and therefore our office contacted him to alert him of the providers that will be presenting on Wednesday, as well as ask for his. He has since replied stating that "I look forward to hearing the presentation and supporting the increased rates."
- The Governor's budget report for SFY 2023 was released, and it looks to be a modest improvement over previous years in terms of IDD services. A first look reveals:
  - Enhancement of Personal Care Service Rates - Additional \$9.3 million SGF to "standardize" PCS reimbursement across all waivers
  - 2% increase in FMS reimbursement
  - \$1.7 million AF increase for IDD waiver nursing rate to bring it to \$43 per hour
  - Assistive services lifetime cap increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000
- IDD waiver funding appears untouched but no additional funding was proposed
- Same goes for other items such as Tiny-K
- Our hopes for an increase in CDDO administration funds was also not included.

## **Local:**

- COVID is in both of our residential providers with at least half from each provider having tested positive. Both providers have closed their day service settings. Currently, we do not have any COVID positive individuals that are currently in the hospital. Only 1 or 2 individuals had severe enough symptoms that led to brief hospitalization. We do know of one other individual in the community that uses self-directed supports that was hospitalized and on a ventilator.
- We will be connecting with parents and individuals of the UDS 373 on 01/27/2022 for a Parent Resource Night @ 5:30pm @ the USD 373 administration office.
- Next HMCDDO Board meeting: 02/28/2022 at 4:00 p.m. The February meeting will also be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday due to the President's Day Holiday on February 21.



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

**Other:** Randy shared discussion by Marion County commissioners about the need for additional mental health resources. Law enforcement is ill-equipped to handle such situations, especially when they occur outside regular business hours. Kevin said that in Harvey County, the CDDO has established connections with Lt. Yoder. The role of law enforcement has changed over the last couple of years due to recent national events. There is a great need for additional mental health resources in both counties to assist with our individuals who have co-occurring diagnoses.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:           Nancy Plenert          

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4 pm**  
**500 N. Main; Suite 204; Newton, KS**  
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