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## **HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**December 19, 2022**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** HMCDDO Meeting Room, 500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS 67114 (*Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access*).

**Directors Participating: In Person:** Kristi Berning, Chair; Marilyn Loganbill, Vice-Chair; Mary Gill, Treasurer; Randy Dallke

**Present via Zoom:** Don Schroeder; Kimberlee Jost

**Directors Absent:** Craig Simons, Secretary; Jen Dies; Todd Weeks

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

**Special Guests (via Zoom):** Senator Carolyn McGinn; Representative Stephen Owens

The meeting began at 4:02. Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made. Kevin provided the following **Legislative Update**:

- Today we want to highlight some of our legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session as they relate to issues regarding persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (or IDD). Before we do that, I want to first begin - by thanking both of you for taking time out of your schedules today to join us for our December Board meeting. I also want to **especially** thank the both of you - for the significant advances made earlier this year for the IDD service system - because of your legislative work.
- These achievements included the 25% IDD provider rate increase which primarily went to increasing the wages of the Direct Support Professionals of our service providers to around \$15/hour, \$2.5 million for CDDO administrative funds (the first such increase in more than a decade), \$2 million for tiny-k providers, Adjustments to the ABLE Act to make it easier for families and guardians to create accounts, New tax incentive for businesses that hire persons with IDD; Funds for adult dental care to be added to Medicaid, & funding for the 988 dialing code for crisis care
- We can't begin to thank you enough for making 2022 the most historic positive change to our service system since the passage of the Developmental Disabilities Reform Act back in 1995. So, on behalf of individuals with IDD, their families, and the staff throughout our area who support them – we thank you!



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- ***With the spirit of appreciation in mind, I do also want to highlight three very important challenges that remain for the Kansas IDD service system.***
  1. Increasing the Targeted Case Management reimbursement rate to a level that provides sustainability.
  2. Secure resources to serve the complex needs population which includes individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD), behavioral health, age-related illnesses and high physical care needs.
  3. Supporting the establishment of a new Community Support Waiver as outlined by the Special Legislative Committee on IDD Waiver Modernization.

### **Targeted Case Management (TCM) Rate:**

- So, with the recent strengthening of our service provider network and their rate increase, the one service that was untouched by this increase is the Targeted Case Management (TCM) service. Targeted Case Managers are a critical, front line, State Plan service, and serve nearly all those currently on the waitlist, as well as all individuals in services (HCBS).
  - Targeted Case Managers help our individuals and their support network - navigate the world of services and supports - to enhance independence, integration, inclusion, and productivity.
  - Case managers provide assessment of service needs; develop a person-centered support plan and plan of care based on needs, service and support options, preferences, goals, and action steps. TCMs also make referrals to link the individuals with programs, services and providers; and make necessary contacts to ensure the plan is implemented and meets the person's needs, identify changes in the person's status or needs, and make changes as necessary to meet the person's needs.
  - Unfortunately, we had one of our premier TCM affiliates close their doors and another agency had to cease providing TCM services in our area due to the lack of financial viability to support the increasing costs of doing business.
  - The current TCM rate is \$43.32/hr and there has not been a rate increase in well over a decade. The TCM rate in neighboring states such as Missouri is around \$103.00/hr and all other neighboring states also have rates that are well above our current TCM rate.
  - ***Testimony was recently submitted to the Bob Bethell Oversight Committee, by members from InterHab, to consider supporting an increase of this rate to \$75.00/hr.***

### **The Complex Needs Population:**

- The IDD system today serves a population with a far more set of complex needs than when it was originally designed. When the funding for the IDD system was initially structured, persons with IDD who had significant behavioral or physical care needs often still resided within institutional settings. With the increase of individuals with autism and other neurocognitive disorders initially determined IDD eligible in the early 2000s, now entering services as adults, are entering an IDD system that was not originally built for their needs.



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This will require additional system enhancements to secure the safety of the individuals currently in services - and the staff that support them.

- Major progress must be made in **developing behavioral health resources** for the IDD population. Positive behavioral supports can prevent behavioral episodes from occurring. Mobile crisis services can de-escalate episodes when they do occur. Regional respite services can help persons served (and their families and staff) recover after an episode occurs. And fundamental to all of the above is a universal training that can be given to both mental health clinicians and IDD service professionals to prepare them for providing behavioral health assistance to the IDD population. We must be careful not to reinvent the wheel. Kansas has invested in the development of behavioral & mental health, physical care and aging systems. They must be brought to the table to determine how best to build resources for the IDD population. One of the models to consider further evaluation is:
  - The START program which provides community-based crisis intervention for individuals with IDD and mental & behavioral health needs. START stands for Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources & Treatment. This program should be considered as a model to use for mobile crisis services in the state of Kansas to bridge the gap between IDD and Behavioral Health. <https://centerforstartservices.org/>
  - **You are invited to a NCSS System Analysis Proposal (START Program)**  
**When: 01/10/2023 @ 9:00 AM Central Time**  
**Register in advance for this meeting:**  
<https://unh.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlucO2upzMoH9KyC7Hn5BM6dZ8C2L6J0Zq1>
  - The very first Kansas SIM Summit (Sequential Intercept Model Conference) happened this past month which included members from the Criminal justice, Mental Health and IDD communities. The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) was developed by Policy Research Associates, Inc. as a conceptual model to inform community-based responses to the involvement of people with mental and substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. The Kansas SIM Summit ended with 24 established goals, with 6 of them being of top priority: The formation of a leadership committee, workforce development, need for common language and training to build up language across communities, information sharing in real time between systems, crisis services (mobile and respite/relief) – were all topics discussed. The next steps will include PRA (the facilitators) to develop the draft report and deliver it to KDADS.

## **Modernization of the IDD Service System:**

- Kansas was a relatively early adopter of the federal HCBS Medicaid Waiver program. But after the creation of the HCBS IDD Waiver, Kansas never continued to pursue options for the IDD population. In contrast, other states created multiple waivers in an effort to provide options for individuals and families. We need to consider the development of an additional waiver that would provide service alternatives to this population, as well as continue efforts to reduce our ever-growing waitlist for current home & community-based services IDD



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waiver. There is a great deal of merit in the creation of a Community Support Waiver and would be a powerful companion to the existing HCBS IDD Waiver, providing flexibility both to the consumer and the policymaker.

- **The Special Committee on IDD Waiver Modernization** was another huge achievement in 2022. This committee had three meetings this past fall and then gave their recommendations to the Bob Bethell Joint Committee on HCBS & KanCare Oversight with the primary recommendation being the development of a Community Support (HCBS) Waiver. Specifically, that KDADS should provide a fiscal note for each service discussed by the Special Committee for possible inclusion into the Community Support waiver.
- These services could/should include - Transportation; Supported Employment; Individual Directed Goods and Services; Personal Care; Respite; Behavioral Support Therapies; Assistive Technology; Independent Living or Community Engagement Skills; Family/Caregiver Support and Training; Financial Management Services and Support Brokers; and Benefits Counseling.
- At this time, Rep. Owens and Sen. McGinn were given the opportunity for comments. Rep. Owens said that he is grateful for the work that is being done by the Harvey-Marion County CDDO, and grateful that they were able to approve the increases for FY2023. Rep. Owens asked about the dollar amount required for the proposed increase to TCM rates? Kevin stated that it would be an increase of approximately \$5 million SGF. Rep. Owens asked if additional provider rate increases would be requested for FY2024. Kevin replied that there will likely be a request for rate increases, but no details are known at this time. From data that has been provided, the 25% rate increases were used for the intended purpose.
- Sen. McGinn expressed her thanks for inviting them to our meeting. She said it is helpful to have a “heads up” to anticipate what will be waiting for them when sessions resume. Sen. McGinn shared that legislators are dealing with lots of things; mental health is huge. Why are there capacity issues? Is it pay, are we requiring a higher level of licensing than is necessary? She looks forward to seeing the new issues unfold.
- At this time, Board members were given the opportunity for questions or comments. Kristi expressed thanks for the rate increases on behalf of families who receive services. With the tight job market, it was difficult to find staff when starting wages were disproportionately low. The rate increase has helped with staffing.
- Kevin reiterated his thanks to Rep. Owens and Sen. McGinn for taking time to meet with us today and thanked them for their service to our community and for serving the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He would like to provide legislative updates at least annually.

Rep. Owens and Sen. McGinn exited the meeting at 4:29 p.m.



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**Call to Order.** Chair Kristi Berning called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Proxies: Kimberlee is proxy for Todd Weeks.

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 November 21, 2022 Meeting.**

**ACTION:** *Kristi moved to approve the November 21, 2022 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary. Motion carried, with Randy abstaining from voting.*

**Financials:** Packets contain the November 2022 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 05 of 12 months (42%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid & CDDO Admin Funds.

- Balance Sheet dated **12/09/2022** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$231,548.04**
- Current Budget Overages:
  - 6050: we will work to lower our office expenses to get this back within budget.
  - 6060: there was a mass mailing for our annual notifications in the previous month.
  - 6111: annualized payments made for software, and this will level out.
  - 6310: payment made for Self-Advocates conference, this is over budget by \$150.00
  - Late Fees

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

### **Quarterly Service Management Report:**

<b>Service Management Report:</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	9053	9042	
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	4840	4804	
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	340	340	
Total Number Using TCM:	259	256	
Total Number Using Day Supports:	146	147	
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	115	115	
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	65	65	
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	131	131	
Eligibility Packets Requested:	2	2	
Packets Returned:	1	2	
Determined System Eligible:	2	1	
Determined System In-Eligible:	0	1	



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### Quarterly Adverse Incident Reports (AIRS)

<b>Adverse Incident Subject/Type</b>	<b>Month 1</b>	<b>Month 2</b>	<b>Month 3</b>
Law Enforcement - Suspect:	13	3	
Law Enforcement - Victim:	5	3	
ER & Medical Hospitalization:	8	8	
Psychiatric Hospitalization:	3	3	
Other:	0	0	

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

#### **National/State:**

- These items were reviewed in the Legislative Updates portion of the meeting.
- In additional discussion, Randy asked how often we invite legislators for a Legislative update. We do this at least annually. Rep. Owens and Rep. Anderson are on the Appropriations Committee. InterHab provides advocacy for CDDO's. Briefly discussed the START program. This is proposed to be county-based and would provide community-based de-escalation for individuals with complex needs. Kimberlee asked for more information on the START program. It will be included with the meeting Minutes.

#### **Local:** Auditor RFP going out to:

- Swindol, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd
- Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered
- Knudson, Monroe & Company, LLC
- Heidi's Helpers Update. Nancy briefly shared the history of Heidi's Helpers, started by a woman named Kathy to honor the memory of her daughter, Heidi. Now in its fourth year, Heidi's Helpers will provide Christmas gifts for 63 individuals this year. The gifts are expected to be delivered to our office tomorrow and will be dispersed by case managers.

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

Kevin wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 4 pm  
500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS**