



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

September 20, 2021

Meeting Minutes:

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

Directors Participating: In Person: Greg Nickel, Chair; Craig Simons, Treasurer; Anita Unruh, Secretary; Marilyn Loganbill

Present via Zoom: Randy Dallke; Mary Gill; Jared Jost

Directors Absent: Jen Dies; Kristi Berning, Vice-Chair

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 4:00 p.m.

Proxies: Craig was proxy for Kristi.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Motion to adopt Agenda: *Jared moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Craig and passed by unanimous vote.*

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 August 16, 2021 Meeting. It was noted that in the August 16, 2021 Draft Minutes, titles of officers were not listed correctly. This will be corrected. Also, although P. 4, Action Step 2 indicates that graphs were attached, they were not included with the Minutes. "See attached graphs" will be removed from the August 16, 2021 Draft Minutes.

ACTION: *Anita moved to approve the August 16, 2021 Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Marilyn and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials – Packets contain the August 2021 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 02 of 12 months (17%), total income reflects lack of receipt of State Aid. This was an issue that happened last year and has been brought to the attention of KDADS leadership that at this time all CDDOs have not yet received State Aid for FY22 (or the recently approved KDADS/CDDO contract). This should hopefully be resolved in the coming days.

- Balance Sheet dated 09/09/2021 reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$147,216.53**



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- Current Budget Overages:
 - 5510: elevated from July having 3 payrolls within the same month.
 - 5550: unemployment is a quarterly payment and levels out over the quarter.
 - 5560: elevated from July having 3 payrolls within the same month.
 - 6060: postage is also not a monthly expense and will level out over this quarter.
 - 6112: one-time purchases for the conference room TV/computer will level over time.

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

Ice Cream Social Review & Discussion regarding Celebrate Ability 2022. The Ice Cream Social held on September 2 was well attended by EMS and Law Enforcement. Unfortunately, the heavy rain that moved in right as we were starting likely kept many persons served from attending. There was good interaction and a chance to say “thank you” to our local law enforcement and first responders. The Ice Cream Social was originally suggested by Kristi, who did a lot of the planning and communication. Kevin suggested that we make this an annual event sponsored by HMCDDO, and expand it to include other agencies, such as Prairie View and NMC Health. Anita suggested that it may be more manageable to have several events with smaller groups of people.

Service Management Report

- *As of 07/15/2021 the Statewide numbers for IDD HCBS:*
 - Total number eligible for HCBS services: 9,116
 - Total number waiting for HCBS services: 4,523
- *As of 08/31/2021 the total number in the database is: 325*
 - Total number for TCM: 257; Day Supports: 141; Residential Supports: 114; and Personal Care Services: 59; Total waiting: 126
 - Eligibility: Packets requested: 5; Packets returned: 3; Determined Eligible: 1; Determined In-Eligible: 0

Adverse Incident Reports (AIRS) – from previous month

- Law Enforcement - Suspect: 6
- Law Enforcement - Victim: 0
- ER & Medical Hospitalization: 10
- Psychiatric Hospitalization: 4
- Other: 3

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

National:

- The focus remains on keeping attention focused on the BCBJA. 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.



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- **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**.
- ***Federal Better Care Better Jobs Act Update:*** There are growing signs that the \$400B for HCBS is going to be cut back to a lesser amount. This may mean that the 10% FMAP increase goes down, or that we get 10% for a shorter term (initially 10 years). This causes difficulties in states, because they don't want to put the money directly into the rate because it is "not sustainable"

State:

- FMAP update: There is increasing concern by certain state legislators that the current path of intended FMAP use is not what is needed. Mainly, these funds remain unspent waiting for use, instead these could be tied to further rate increases to our providers that desperately need them.
- Because state legislators hold the key to the outcome of funding decisions and issues currently being worked on, Kevin may ask Board members to contact our local legislators to ask for support. Requests for advocacy/support are also posted on the HMCDDO Facebook page.

Local:

- Work continues with the InterHab waitlist workgroup. Our office has provided ongoing data to support what it might mean to use local funding with state and federal funding in a new waiver. The new waiver would accompany the existing IDD/HCBS waiver by drawing down the current waitlist numbers focusing on a lower annual funding amount for needed services (Community Support Waiver). Our office has advocated using local funding to further assist in serving more individuals statewide, which is a process/waiver that has been in place for over a decade in Missouri and the hope is to model something similar.
- Last week, a student from Newton High School began an internship here to begin scanning documents in our office. This individual was also recently deemed eligible for CDDO access and has since been placed on the IDD waitlist. At any rate, this will be a great help in getting our e-filing system for our provider files going - and we are grateful for the help!
- Our office had a CDDO educational outreach meeting with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) agency on 09/13/21. The hour was engaging and seemed to provide at least our basic roles and responsibilities to the people on the Zoom meeting.
- Currently, the role of the Quality Assurance specialist is to conduct QA reviews on randomly-selected individuals each quarter. Kevin discussed that if/when our State Aid funding increases, it would be helpful to budget additional hours to dedicate to Quality Assurance needs that arise with service providers. This would occur on an as-needed basis. Another staffing need would be funding for a part-time staff to organize the data that is being scanned by our NHS student intern.
- The Council of Community Members is comprised of persons with disabilities, family members/guardians of persons with disabilities, representatives of affiliated service providers, and CDDO representatives. The purpose of the Community Council is to express opinions and make recommendations to the governing board of the CDDO, as well as to implement the dispute resolution process. Kevin would like to add members



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to this group, as we do not currently have participants who are family members/guardians of persons with a disability.

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

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Monday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn: The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert