



# Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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## HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

December 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

**Present via Zoom:** Kristi Berning, Vice-Chair; Mary Gill; Marilyn Loganbill

**Directors Absent:** Anita Unruh, Secretary; Jen Dies; Randy Dallke; Jared Jost

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

**Special Guest:** Randall Hofmeier, CPA, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered, for audit presentation.

**Call to Order.** Chair Greg Nickel called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Proxies: Marilyn was proxy for Anita.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Additions to Agenda: Resignation of Board Chair Greg Nickel.

**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>

**Annual Independent Audit Presentation: Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered.** Randy Hofmeier presented the independent audit report completed for Fiscal Year 2021. Randy summarized the content of each section of the report. There were not many changes from the previous year, but Randy stated that for next year, there are changes in audit standards. A significant decrease in Salaries from the previous year was noted. This was due to the transition of Executive Director and overlay of salaries for several months. The FY2021 Audit was a clean audit, with no findings. There is one year remaining on our contract with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered. In light of Randy's comment about changes in audit standards, Craig asked whether HMCDDO needs to change anything related to financial processes. Randy said that nothing changes on our side, but it is the standards applied to audit reporting that will be reflected in future audits.

**ACTION:** *Craig moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Independent Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

**Minutes of November 16, 2021 Meeting.**



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**ACTION:** Marilyn moved to approve the November 16, 2021 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Greg and passed by unanimous vote.

Financials – Packets contain the November 2021 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 05 of 12 months (42%), total income reflects receipt of State Aid & County Mill funds.

- Balance Sheet dated 12/10/2021 reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$159,192.32**
- Current Budget Overages:
  - 5550: unemployment is a quarterly payment and levels out over the quarter.
  - 6111: most of our annual technology subscriptions are paid early and these will level out over the remainder of the fiscal year.
  - Discussed the surplus in Discretionary-Funded Direct Supports. A person whose Residential and Day Supports were paid from this fund for many years transitioned to HCBS IDD waiver-funded services in October. This has resulted in decreased spending. Kevin has alerted case managers that funds are available, and some funding requests are in the works.

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

## 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 11/30/2021 the total number in the database is: 326
  - Total number for TCM: 255; Day Supports: 138; Residential Supports: 111; and Personal Care Services: 62; Total waiting: 128
  - Eligibility: Packets requested: 2; Packets returned: 0; Determined Eligible: 0; Determined In-Eligible: 0

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

- Law Enforcement - Suspect: 6
- Law Enforcement - Victim: 0
- ER & Medical Hospitalization: 7
- Psychiatric Hospitalization: 0
- Other: 1

## 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



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(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.

- **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:*** The original focus was 400B for HCBS, which appears to be cut to 190B is the ceiling. This would result in a 7% increase for 3-9 years for HCBS FMAP funding. If this doesn't pass by Christmas break then it most likely won't pass in the future.

## **State:**

- KDADS contacted InterHab to establish a workgroup to begin looking in to article 63 revisions. This communication was vague and did not contain any ideas as to what revisions they were looking at within 63. There should be more to come about this in 2022.
- Technology first issues is becoming an increasing interest in KS to assist in the workforce crisis.
- IDD Funding Increase Request will be tied to the DSP wages at this time. This ask from InterHab will most likely be around the 30-40% increase and is a huge increase and ask.
- KDADS presentation regarding DSP workforce crisis (slides). Kevin will share the powerpoint from this presentation with the Minutes.

## **Local:**

- Our office continues to host a student from the high school to scan records 2 times weekly.
- We will be connecting with the UDS 373 on 01/27/2022 for a Parent Resource Night @ 5:30pm @ the USD 373 administration office. We hope to further provide out outreach training in the very near future for USD 373 staff that need the training.
- Kevin summarized last months' Legislative Disability Awareness Day. Several Board members and Representative Anderson toured RCI, ResCare's sheltered workshop site. Following the tour, we convened at the Meridian Center. InterHab staff Matt Fletcher and Nick Wood gave a presentation, followed by good discussion. Greg suggested that more opportunities such as this be offered. Marilyn shared that she was impressed by the InterHab staff; they were well-spoken and informative. Kevin said that he plans to invite InterHab for a similar event next year.
- Kevin reported that the reimbursement rate for Functional Assessments is increasing from \$125 to \$150 per assessment!

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

**Other:** Board Chair Greg Nickel submitted his resignation from the Board, due to moving out of county. Greg stated that he has enjoyed his time on the Board. Kevin thanked Greg for his



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years of service on the Board. Another Board member will need to be appointed in the near future.

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

Minutes recorded by:           Nancy Plenert          

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4 pm**  
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