

## JCDS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 22, 2022

### **1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Rick Marien, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Board members present were: Dale Chaffin, Gayle Richardson, Kyle Russell, Rick Marien, Debbie Scott Williams, Kiki Oyetunji, and Mike Hughes. Others in attendance were Chad VonAhnen, Executive Director and staff members Shelly May, Melissa Reeves, Shelly Toft, Chris Linnane, and Sherry Kendall. Also, in attendance was Michael Ashcraft, County Commissioner and Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager.

### **2.0 Minutes**

**Mr. Marien moved and Mr. Hughes seconded to approve the January 25, 2022 Minutes as written. Motion carried.**

### **3.0 Financial Reports**

Mr. Linnane reported Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) revenue has started the year above budget and personnel expenses are lower due to the high vacancy rate.

**Mr. Russell moved and Mrs. Scott Williams seconded to accept the January 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.**

### **4.0 Presentations**

Mr. VonAhnen shared a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted information in the board packet on Estimating How Many People Are Eligible for IDD Services in Johnson County. Mr. VonAhnen thanked Seth Kilber and Ann Dorsey for their work on the report. The report was meant to show why a solid, specific number of individuals with IDD in Johnson County is not available and to share current and historical data to gain meaningful statistics. The report further compared information available to the state and the nation.

Mrs. Kendall, Interim CDDO Director, added that oftentimes families are overwhelmed with what is involved to be determined eligible, look into services, and wait on a list for funding for about ten years. In many instances, they do not return the necessary intake paperwork or haven't followed through with required meetings and the obtaining of diagnostic records.

Johnson County currently has about 900 individuals on the State of Kansas Waiting List. Statewide there are over 5,000 individuals waiting for service. In 2021, only twenty individuals came off of the list due to funding and the concerns over the lack of available capacity. Service providers are finding it increasingly difficult to hire workers and the funding to remain open or expand is not there. In addition, there are generational differences that result in children of older parents remaining in the home.

### **5.0 Board Committees/Liaisons**

Mrs. Scott Williams announced the next in-person Celebrate Friends event will be held on April 14, 2022 and there will be two open houses during the upcoming weekend to see the new 83<sup>rd</sup> Street house.

Commissioner Ashcraft thanked all staff involved in the report on IDD estimates and projections.

### **6.0 Director's Reports**

Ms. May commented on the Community Services Program report and stated at this time, there are no individuals in service with Covid and only two staff. There are currently five Residential and three Day Services

vacancies and the agency is still receiving applications. There has also been an increase in employees interested in the weekend shifts, due to the pay differential. CoVid protocols continue to be updated and as cases fall throughout the county, restrictions ease.

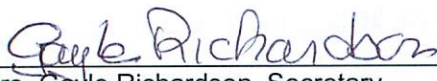
Mrs. Kendall stated interviews would be held this week for the CDDO Director position and Mr. VonAhnen thanked Mrs. Kendall for filling in as the interim director.

Mrs. Reeves reports there has been a lot of legislative work taking place, with testimonies written and shared.

Mr. VonAhnen reported that state and federal budget work continues with hearings still being held.

### **7.0 Adjournment**

**Mrs. Richardson moved and Mrs. Scott Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion approved.**



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Mrs. Gayle Richardson, Secretary

Recorded by:  
Shelly Toft