



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

February 26, 2024

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; Craig Simons, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Randy Dallke; Don Schroeder

Directors Absent: Mary Gill, Treasurer; Marilyn Loganbill, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Dies; Kimberlee Jost; Todd Weeks

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

Call to Order. Chair Kristi Berning called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Proxies: Kristi proxy for Marilyn.

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 January 22, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: Randy moved to approve the January 22, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Craig and passed by unanimous vote.

Financials: Packets contain the January 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 07 of 12 months (58%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **02/15/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$307,391.59**
- Current Budget Overages:
 - The ICS Monthly Statement for 02/2024 has been included in this report due to the account balance being over \$250,000.00.
 - 5540: The work comp insurance had an unanticipated increase for FY24 that will be budgeted for in FY25.
 - 6110: This line item will most likely be over budget in FY24 due to a minor attack on our email system that was mismanaged by our office 365 vendor. We will move this account to New Era Technology where we have most of our other IT work.
 - 6530: Trinity Heights: This program has increased its capacity and will need to be budgeted at a more strategic level in FY25 to ensure long-term success.



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

National, State (KDADS/KDHE/InterHab) & Local Updates:

National:

- The Disability Community Act (H.R. 7267), recently introduced to address the challenges posed by the U.S. Department of Labor's proposed rule on overtime pay. This legislation would invest in community-based services, allowing providers to continue their ability to provide essential services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

State:

- **The Big 3 – Waitlist, Waiver renewal; Final rule (TCM/CDDO Conflict of Interest):**
- On 02/06/24, Governor Kelly announced an amendment to her State Fiscal Year 2025 budget that will add \$23 million to bring 250 people from the IDD **waiting list** as well as 250 people from the PD waiting lists into service next year.
- KDADS Budget recommendations include a 2% service provider rate increase, as well as restoring \$1 million in discretionary state funds used to provide needed supports that aren't funded by other sources.
 - Community Support Waiver Manager @ KDADS to be hired in the coming months.
- **Waiver renewal:** Public Comment opened yesterday regarding our current waiver renewal. There will be three community forums in March:
 - In-person and virtual public forums are scheduled for the next 30 days. Registration information for both will be attached to today's minutes.
 - Public Comment through KDADS' website: [https://kdads.ks.gov/kdads-commissions/long-term-services-supports/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)-programs](https://kdads.ks.gov/kdads-commissions/long-term-services-supports/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)-programs)
- **KDADS/PCG TCM Meeting regarding conflict of interest:** A briefing took place last week for an in-person and virtual town hall meeting regarding TCM services. The PCG portion of the presentation included a few slides about other states, that shared little information. The KDADS portion was helpful in terms of getting additional clarity and context for the roadmap. KDADS talked about a plan of action, work on the Community Support Waiver process (they expressed the timeline on the waiver may take longer due to the lack of plan for conflict of interest – they do not think CMS will approve new work until they share the plan on COI), and engagement of a contractor to work on both the new waiver and COI response – it will be about a month before we know who has responded, and late March/early April KDADS will select the contractor. The plan is to have individuals start on the waiver at the end of 2025 and also to finalize COI plans around the same time.
 - **Final Rule** remains at the center of policy updates that KDADS will need to present a plan to address going forward. Part of the final rule piece that has been suggested is



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additional responsibilities for CDDOs (as related to final rule). The details have never been shared to the CDDOs, only suggested that there will be additional responsibilities.

Local:

- The HMCDDO Executive Director attended an outreach meeting on 02/19/2024 with the Cooper Elementary Early Intervention Team to review our eligibility process for ages 0-5. The ED also answered several questions regarding the HMCDDO, and it is always great to provide further education regarding our processes & procedures.
- The ED has also been invited to participate in the upcoming Ark Valley Resource Fair. Ark Valley Special Ed. Cooperative serves Sedgwick and a portion of Harvey County.
- The NMC Health held a groundbreaking on 02/15/24 for a three-phase project that will result in 3 rooms dedicated to behavioral health admissions. Many of our individuals experience behavioral health issues, and in general, one in twenty admissions to NMC have components of a mental health crisis. This new service will fill a great need in our community. Kevin stated that he hopes the CDDO can be involved in some way. Funded in part by grants, it is anticipated that the project will be completed in one year.
- The HMCDDO director continues to attend all CDDO Contract Workgroup meetings to ensure that our voice is at the table.
- We will have our 04/2024 HMCDDO Board Meeting @ Tabor College in the Blue/Gold Room with further details next month.

Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has 2 available providers for residential services, 4 day service providers, and 2 available providers for TCM services. Our service area also has 6 fiscal management providers (assists individuals/guardians with self-directed Personal Care Services).

Other:

- Kevin shared that the Kansas State Treasurer's office has reached out to all CDDO's to host in-person meetings to provide information on ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) accounts. An ABLE account is a tax-advantaged savings account for individuals with disabilities and their families, that do not affect eligibility for SSI and Medicaid.
- Kevin noted that Board member Jennifer Dies moved to Salina last week. Her term was expiring in June, 2024. Mary Gill has indicated that she may need to resign due to her work schedule. Kevin will check with her to confirm this. Kristi suggested that we look to replace Jennifer's slot with an individual with IDD.

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



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Note: a copy of the Service Management and Director's Report is available upon request.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 4 pm
HMCDDO Board Room, Newton, KS
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