



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

March 18, 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; Randy Dallke
Present via Zoom: Marilyn Loganbill, Vice-Chair; Mary Gill, Treasurer; Don Schroeder; Kimberlee Jost; Todd Weeks

Directors Absent: None.

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

Guests: Dave Osborne, Northview Developmental Services, Inc.

Call to Order. Since Chair Kristi Berning stepped out of the room to take a phone call, Vice-Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Chair Kristi Berning returned and facilitated the remainder of the meeting.

Proxies: None.

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>

Northview Developmental Services Foundation – Dave Osborne. Dave was welcomed to the meeting. He is completing his last 4-year term on the Foundation Board and will then serve for 1 year as immediate past chair. He attended today's meeting to give an overview and update of Northview. Northview has been around for 60 years. The current board is comprised of 10 people from Harvey and Marion County. The mission of Northview is to serve people with special needs. One arm of the organization is Northview Developmental Services, Inc. (NDSI). NDSI is a property-owning organization, with properties at 700 E. 14th and the sheltered workshop facility on South Spencer Road in Newton. Currently these properties are rented to Bright Spring Health Services, based in Louisville, KY. Bright Spring has locations worldwide. The local service provider is ResCare. Bright Spring does not own property, but annually leases the NDSI properties. With this lease income, NDSI maintains the properties and also makes contributions to another arm of Northview, the NDS Endowment Foundation. The Endowment Foundation maintains an investment portfolio to generate income. Over the last 10 months, the Foundation has used this income to contribute to the Slate Creek School playground



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project, provided financial assistance to Trinity Heights Respite Program, the St. Matt's Payee Program, and Tabor College Project Search. They have occasionally provided assistance to individuals, but typically fund organizations. Historically, the Foundation has provided \$60,000 per year in financial assistance. Within the umbrella of the Foundation is the Trust Agreement for persons with Developmental Disabilities. The Trust was established for families and guardians to shelter excess funds while maintaining Medicaid eligibility. The funds can be withdrawn for certain uses, such as dental needs. There are currently 84 individuals in the Trust. The funds are held in a local bank, and protected, rather than invested for earnings. The Trust is considered one of the most valuable components of the organization. Craig asked about the advantage of using the Trust. Dave replied that a Trust is needed to protect funds. The NDS Foundation Trust saves participants from having to go through the legal process to establish their own Trust. Kristi asked if the NDS Foundation Trust differs from the ABLE Account. Kimberlee affirmed that the NDS Foundation Trust was around long before the ABLE Account was established. Dave added that it's a local resource that benefits people in our community. And, there is no ongoing fee. Randy asked if there is a need for Board members. Dave replied that there hasn't been difficulty in finding Board members. Nancy asked about Northview's HUD Homes. Dave said that NDSI is the owner of 9 HUD Homes which were built in 3 different projects. The homes are occupied by ResCare residents. ResCare oversees the maintenance and financial components of HUD homes. HUD Homes require endless reports and documentation. Kimberlee asked if NDSI has considered providing housing in Marion County. Todd affirmed that the need for housing in Marion County is growing. Dave responded that they understand the need for housing but do not currently have plans to expand in that way. Randy stated "I know more about Northview today than I ever have". Board members agreed, and thanked Dave for his presentation.

Minutes of February 26, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Craig moved to approve the February 26, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the February 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 08 of 12 months (67%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **03/07/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$284,168.91**
- 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.
 - 6530: Trinity Heights: THRP has reached its limit for budgeted funds from the HMCDDO FY24 budget. The HMCDDO reached out to the THRP director to discuss other possible funding sources to cover the remaining months of FY24.



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There was further discussion on the overspending by THRP. Kevin suggested that the amount budgeted for the summer program could be applied to this years' overage and funds for the summer program could come out of the FY25 budget. Discretionary Funded Direct Supports usually has funds remaining, and this could compensate for the THRP overage. We have excess County Mill dollars from previous years, so we can go over budget. Going forward, we need to examine the 28 hours per month that the CDDO provides for each participant. Kevin plans to ask the Harvey County Commissioners for a funding increase, which would specifically go towards THRP's allocation. Connie Rickard, THRP Director, will give a budget presentation at next months' Board meeting.

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

After this motion, Todd asked for further discussion. He asked, on behalf of a Marion resident, how this will affect the Tabor Project Search funding. In the past, it was stated that any excess funds would be split among Project Search and THRC. Last year, Project Search received less funding than in previous years. Kevin assured Todd that consideration will be given to Project Search funding as we develop the FY25 Budget.

ACTION: *After the request for additional discussion Kristi moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed by unanimous vote.*

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

National:

- FROM ANCOR: President Biden released his [proposed budget](#) for FY2025. While the budget proposal is simply a proposal, it requires legislation from Congress to allocate those federal dollars. This an important document that provides a blueprint for the Biden Administration's policy priorities. In particular, the proposed budget focuses on three key pillars: building the economy from the middle out and bottom up, investing in America and the American people, and creating a government that delivers for the American people.
- Investment in HCBS: **The budget proposal includes \$150 billion for HCBS over 10 years.** This is in line with the budget proposal for FY 2024. In a separate [fact sheet on health care](#), the White House specifically cites to ANCOR's workforce survey in noting the importance of HCBS: "**The President recognizes that more than three-quarters of home and community-based care service providers are not accepting new clients**, leaving hundreds of thousands of older Americans and Americans with disabilities on waiting lists for home and community-based services or struggling to afford the care they need. The Administration invested \$25 billion in American Rescue Plan funds to help states strengthen their Medicaid home and community-based care programs, including over \$9 billion in spending to boost wages for home care workers as well as improve overall job quality. The President's Budget invests \$150 billion over 10 years to improve and expand Medicaid home and community-based services, which would allow older Americans and people with disabilities to remain in their homes and stay active in their communities as well as improve the quality of jobs for home care workers."



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- HCBS Reporting: The [Department of Health and Human Services budget proposal](#) includes \$299 million in administrative costs over 10 years for funding for state reporting on a Home and Community-Based Services Measurement Program and for the Adult Quality Measurement and Improvement Program.

State:

- KDADS News: Jessica Schadel is the new Community Support Waiver Director. Her previous position @ KDADS related to the MFP program.
- Legislative Actions as noted by the HMCDDO from InterHab: All of the items that have been advocated for this session have remained in the budget recommendations with the exception of the 14c discussion which had some work completed by InterHab staff to assist in getting back on the right track.
 - **House:** Includes 250 additional people to come off the wait list (500 slots total), increase in supported employment to \$40/hr, restoration of 1M for nonwaiver state funds, 14c provider transition fund was pulled for consideration at omnibus (see update).
 - **Senate:** All items stayed in the recommendations. Funding to raise IDD reimbursement rates by 2%, 250 people to come off the waiting list, an increase to \$35/hr for supported employment rates, 1M for restoration of nonwaiver state funds, 14c transition fund was included, but with a small issue – Sen. Masterson asked questions geared toward an impression that 14c is a type of funding received by the federal government, and that providers would be receiving both federal funding and the addition of state funds for transition. Sen. McGinn was not prepared to answer 14c questions, nor were legislative research staff. Sen. McGinn made a motion to add language to insert language to not allow providers to access funds until 14c is ended at a federal level, therefore making the funds inaccessible. It was a moment of confusion, and there was not an opportunity for InterHab to assist in clearing up confusion. Matt will now connect with Sen. Masterson on the issue next week with hopes to correct the misinformation and guide the conversation in the correct way.
 - **UPDATE (as of 03/04/24):** InterHab met with Senate President Ty Masterson about the 14c issue and was an overall positive conversation, however he was not able to reverse the amendment on the provider 14c transition fund – which was added around confusion to 14c and would prohibit providers from accessing the fund until it was eliminated at the federal level. On the House side, InterHab was successful in meeting with Rep. Landwehr and was able to move the 14c item from omnibus back to the budget bill. InterHab remains hopeful that the Senate will take the House position during the conferencing process.
 - **Waitlist discussion:** Craig asked how many people in our area will come off the wait list. Kevin replied that we would anticipate 10-20. Offers are given according to the person's waiting date statewide. The 25% IDD rate increase 2 years ago still hasn't resulted in competitive wages for DSP's. With the anticipation of so many people coming off the wait list, there is a concern for capacity. For those 0-18, the only service available is self-directed in-home supports. There is often a difficulty in finding staff to provide those supports. The Community Support waiver would address the capacity issues, but CMS will not allow implementation of a new waiver until several issues are resolved, including conflict-free TCM. The spotlight is currently on our system, and legislators will be watching closely to see how their approved funding increases are utilized.



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Local:

- CDDO contract negotiations are set for next month (April) and there will hopefully be resolution to a few items that are important moving forward, as well as many items that need to be cleaned up in the contract. More to come regarding the FY 25 CDDO contract next month.
- HMCDDO will meet with the Kansas State Treasurer's Office this week, to decide on a date and time for them to come out for an in-person presentation about ABLE accounts. More to come on the date/time of this event for our service area. Kimberlee asked if there will be an ABLE account presentation in Marion County. Kevin replied that they will only give a presentation in Harvey County, at the new Newton Public Library.
- The HMCDDO Executive Director will be attending the Ark Valley Resource Fair at the Valley Center High School on 03/25/2024 to further engage with families and individuals that have questions regarding the eligibility process that reside within Harvey County.
- HMCDDO Board has two vacancies, one in Harvey and one in Marion to fill.

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).

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

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

Kevin thanked Dave Osborne for his presentation and attendance at the meeting. Kevin reminded everyone that we will meet in the Blue Gold Room at Tabor College in Hillsboro for the April meeting. The Project Search Interns will give their presentations at 3:30 followed by the Board meeting at 4:00. FY25 Budget requests will be presented by Trinity Heights Respite Care and Project Search.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: _____ Nancy Plenert _____

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024
Intern presentations at 3:30 followed by Board meeting at 4:00
Blue Gold Room, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas
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