



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

Supporting increased independence, integration, inclusion, and productivity in individual homes and communities.

Harvey-Marion Community Council

500 Main Place; Suite 204 Newton KS, 67114

(Meeting held via virtually with Zoom)

MEETING MINUTES: 02/16/2024 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Jamie Welfelt, David Welfelt

Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO); Jim Black (GPSS);

Public Non-members Present: Bailey Moore, Matthew Lytle

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD Absent: Jessica Peugh, Melissa Ratzlaff, Nicole Anderson, Jessa Marsh

Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent: Heart Land Supports; ResCare

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert
 - **Quorum:** (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) **We do not have a quorum.** There were two persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians out of four persons present.
2. 2024 Community Council Schedule & Committee Roster: Kevin reviewed the meeting schedule and roster. Bailey and Matthew are interested in becoming members of Community Council. They will ask their case managers to assist them in requesting membership on the Council.
3. Community Council By-Laws Review: The By-laws govern Community Council. Kevin gave an overview of the Community Council, including organizational purpose and membership. We would like to add more members in the coming year.
4. Capacity Building:
 - **Supported Employment Services.** The Community Support Waiver is currently being developed, with a planned implementation in 2-3 years. This waiver is primarily for those needing fewer services and will help reduce the waiting list. One of the services offered in this waiver is Supported Employment. With VR services having a 6-month waiting list, this will be a great opportunity for those who want Supported Employment.
 - **IDD Crisis Services or Mobile Crisis Services**
 - NMCHealth, held a groundbreaking yesterday 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.

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5. National/State/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.
 - 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 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.



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6. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	January	February	March
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	8950		
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	5240		
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	349		
Total Number Using TCM:	240		
Total Number Using Day Supports:	136		
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	102		
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	65		
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	159		
Eligibility Packets Requested:	2		
Packets Returned:	1		
Determined System Eligible:	1		
Determined System In-Eligible:	0		

7. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- 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).

8. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies: 001, 002, 003, 004

- Policy Development, Customer Service, Implementation Responsibilities, Single Point of Entry
- <https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>

9. Sharing & Announcements: The February Self-Advocates meeting will be next Friday via Zoom. The March meeting is planned to be an in-person meeting, and details will be discussed at next Friday’s meeting.

10. Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 04/19/2024 @ 1:00pm on Zoom

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert