



# Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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## **HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**July 21, 2025**

### **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:** Marilyn Loganbill, Chair; Clarke Dirks; Lynne Fruechting

**Directors participating via Zoom:** Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Don Schroeder; Kimberlee Jost; David Welfelt

**Directors Absent:** Thomas Gill

**Harvey-Marion County CDDO Staff Present:** Kevin Gaeddert, Executive Director; Audra Kennedy, Quality Assurance/Provider Relations Specialist; Jaci Schrag, TCM Director; Nancy Plenert, Meeting Recorder

**Guests Present:** Geordan Schrag

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Kevin welcomed new Board members Lynne Fruechting and David Welfelt. Lynne has an adult daughter with special needs and is a local Pediatrician. David, a 50-year Harvey County resident, also has an adult daughter with special needs. David is on the HMCDDO Quality Assurance Committee and has assisted with on-site reviews. Geordan Schrag was also welcomed to the meeting. He was at the meeting to achieve a Boy Scout badge for attending a public 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>

### Election of officers.

Discussed officer nominations for FY2026. Marilyn agreed to serve another term as Chair; David agreed to serve as Vice-Chair; Todd agreed to serve another term as Treasurer; Lynne agreed to serve as Secretary. We will need to update our information with Union State Bank to add the current officers to the signature document.

***ACTION:*** *David moved to appoint Marilyn Loganbill as Chair; David Welfelt as Vice-Chair; Todd Weeks as Treasurer; and Lynne Fruechting as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Kimberlee and passed by unanimous vote.*



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Minutes of June 16, 2025, 2025 Board Meeting. **Correction:** The Draft Minutes state on p. 4 that the FY2026 Draft Budget “includes proposed wage increases for the Executive Director, Assessor, Funding/Payroll Coordinator and *Quality Assurance* positions”. This was corrected to reflect that the “HMTCM and *Quality Assurance* positions will be evaluated for a wage increase by the Executive Director and brought to the Board in 6 months.”

***ACTION:*** *Clarke moved to approve the June 16, 2025 Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by David and passed by unanimous vote.*

**Financials:** Packets contain the June 2025 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, ICS check register report (balance over \$250K), and balance sheet. At 12 of 12 months (100%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **07/11/2025** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$339,171.75**
- **FY25 Budget:** There are a few expenditures from FY25 that still need to be invoiced/paid. A final, unaudited, financial report will accompany next month’s Board report. Total expenses for the HMCDDO should be well within the budgeted amount for FY25.
- The HMCDDO Resource Allocation Committee made a recommendation at their 06/25/2025 meeting to allocate any unused funds from the Trinity Heights Respite Program, back to their program if any funds are left over at the end of the fiscal year. It has been determined that THRP came in under budget by \$10,070 and now make the request to the HMCDDO Board to allocate those funds back to the THRP for their summer program.
- Project SEARCH has requested an additional request for a second scholarship as they have an individual that was approved for SEARCH and will need funding. There is currently discretionary funding that could cover one of them in FY25 if needed.
- The employees of the HMCDDO would like to express our gratitude for the recent wage increases approved by the Board. We are grateful for the Board’s diligence in arriving at and approving wages that are competitive for our area of work and reflect our additional responsibilities!

The Board discussed the recommendation to allocate remaining budgeted funds of \$10,070.00 to Trinity Heights Respite Program. They also discussed the funding of an additional scholarship for Project SEARCH. The exact amount of tuition for the 2025-26 school year is unknown; Kevin will check with PS director Robert Haude and report back at next months’ meeting.

***ACTION:*** *Kimberlee moved to approve the Resource Allocation Committee’s recommendation to allocate remaining budgeted funds of \$10,070 to Trinity Heights Respite Program for their summer program. The motion was seconded by Clarke and passed by unanimous vote.*

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



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

- **FROM ANCOR (National Advocacy Association):**

- On 07/01/2025, the U.S. Senate passed its version of the FY25 budget reconciliation bill by a vote of 50-50, with Vice President Vance breaking the tie. The three Senate Republicans to vote against the bill were Senators Paul (R-KY), Tillis (R-NC), and Collins (R-ME).
- The bill was amended before final passage. The text of that amendment is attached. What was passed by the Senate is generally in line with the revised text we saw published over the weekend, with a few changes, including striking language that would have prevented states from using their non-federal dollars from covering immigrants in their Medicaid programs.
- Key provisions in the Senate-passed bill include:
  - Scaling back of provider taxes, winding down the provider tax rate for expansion states to 3.5%
  - Reduction of state-directed payments
  - The implementation of work requirements targeting the Medicaid expansion population
  - Authorization of waivers for HCBS for individuals who do not meet the institutional level of care
  - A fund for rural providers, which was increased to \$50 billion over 5 years, for specific providers like hospitals and community health centers
- *During the vote-a-rama process that took place before final passage of the bill, we also saw an amendment introduced by Senator Collins to bolster the rural provider transformation fund to increase the funding and broaden the type of providers eligible, including providers of I/DD services. That amendment failed by a vote of 78-22.*
- While we are grateful for the inclusion of some limited, targeted funding for states who choose to expand HCBS eligibility, there remain massive Medicaid cuts that will squeeze state budgets, putting scarce resources and services in competition resulting in fewer services and longer waitlists. The [CBO score](#) of this legislation as drafted would make unprecedented cuts of \$930 billion to Medicaid, further and deeper cuts than what passed through the House.

- **FROM INTERHAB (regarding the Congressional Action & Medicaid Cuts):** InterHab did share same-day feedback with Senator Moran. KDADS is actively assessing the implications of recent federal changes. Current estimates indicate that 13,000 Kansans are expected to lose Medicaid coverage, with a projected loss of \$4 billion in total funding to the state. There are additional concerns about the ripple effects on programs like SNAP and TANF. *KDADS expressed particular concern about the long-term outlook, noting that optional services—such as HCBS waivers—could become easy targets in future budget reductions.*

- **CDDO/KDADS FY26 Contract:**

- **The HMCDDO has signed our FY26 contract with KDADS!**
  - Our office received the contract via email on 07/02/2025. After reviewing the full document and supporting documentation from KDADS (CDDO Administration funding spreadsheet), we signed and emailed it back to KDADS. Of the 27 CDDOs, only six other CDDOs have signed their contracts. Obviously, that leaves several other CDDOs that have yet to sign, with the main motivation being that they are hoping for a different outcome regarding the CDDO admin funding.
    - **FROM FY26 KDADS/HMCDDO Signed Contract: CDDO Administration Funds:**  
**\$249,026**



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- **CDDO Administration funding listed in our approved FY26 HMCDDO Budget: \$249,630 (difference is a shortfall of only \$630).**
- The FY26 contracting process has been exhaustive and fruitless to say the least. The HMCDDO ultimately feels that we landed where we needed to be with this issue. The CDDO administration funding has been a moving target since contract negotiations started last fall. At one point, KDADS had the HMCDDO admin funding as high as \$304,000, and the contract negotiations team had us as low as \$221,000. The discussions surrounding this topic are **VERY** complicated and also based on a rate methodology from 2013. There is much work to be done regarding this issue and the collective CDDOs are working with KDADS/Legislature to fix this issue.
- There are four remaining issues that the contract negotiations team remains focused on. None of these issues are related to the approved HMCDDO FY26 budget, and shouldn't complicate our already signed KDADS/HMCDDO FY26 Contract.
  - *Reconsideration Policy (from KDADS);*
  - *MFEI one-pager: confusing the process which notes the in person assessment vs virtual assessment contradicting the current policy language;*
  - *The CDDO Admin Cost Report requirements for FY26;*
  - *3161 requirements*
- **KDADS IDD Modernization:**
  - **MFEI, Conflict of Interest (TCM & CDDO), Unbundling Day Services**
  - *HMCDDO Executive Director Commentary regarding these 3 items:*
    - The conversion to the **MFEI assessment** is now complete. There remain several issues with the MFEI tool around the State that have been noted, otherwise the process continues to move forward. The HMCDDO has already completed ten MFEI assessments, and they are taking about an hour to complete.
    - **Conflict of Interest** is being addressed in the HMCDDO service area with the implementation of the HMTTCM agency, as well as the other independent TCM agency - Lifespan.
    - The **Day Services definitions** continue to be worked by this group with Secretary Brown to further develop these definitions.
- **HMTTCM:**
  - The HMTTCM is now a furnished and fully functioning office, waiting to hire at least one other TCM. This TCM will work alongside Jaci, as the supervisor, to fully initiate billable TCM services in the HMCDDO area. We do not feel it appropriate to hire that TCM until we are certain about the timeline for a TCM license from KDADS. We have submitted all documentation for review by the KDADS licensure team and remain hopeful that we are still on track for a 09/01/2025 start date to bill for TCM services.
  - At this time, the HMTTCM is fully credentialled with all three MCOs!



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- The HMCDDO will be sending out letters later this month regarding an informational meeting @ ResCare in August to further discuss the Conflict of Interest issue and the transition of the forty-plus individuals that are currently considered to be conflicted.
- The HMTTCM is currently serving around 5-8 individuals that are considered non-KanCare TCM status. These services are rendered, but not billed to KanCare, because these individuals don't have KanCare.

## **Service Provider Capacity:**

- Our service area currently has 3 residential, 1 shared living, 3 day service, 2 TCM, and 5 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.

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

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

**Executive Director Evaluation.** The Executive Director Evaluation will be completed at the August, 2025 Board meeting. Kevin will email everyone a link to the webform for completing the evaluation. Evaluations in Paper format will also be mailed to Board members requesting to complete it that way.

**Adjourn:** the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

**HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS**

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