



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

January 27, 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; Craig Simons, Vice-Chair; Kristi Berning, Secretary; Jonah Gehring

Present via Zoom: Don Schroeder; Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Kimberlee Jost

Directors Absent: Thomas Gill

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

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
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>

Minutes of December 16, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Craig moved to approve the December 16, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the December 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 06 of 12 months (50%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **01/17/2025** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$402,194.31**
- Notable Budget Overages:
 - 5540: The HMCDDO Work comp insurance had an unanticipated annual cost increase of \$100. Our office will budget accordingly for FY26.
 - 6020: The HMCDDO Liability insurance had an unanticipated annual cost increase of \$275. Our office will budget accordingly for FY26.

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:

- **Potential Future Federal Legislative Issues:**



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- There have been some indications that Medicaid is on the table for reductions &/or block grants to be used by the new administration to cut spending and offset proposed tax cuts. These changes would shift costs to states, leading to cuts to services like community-based services for people with I/DD, reducing access to critical supports, and ensuring longer waitlists for HCBS and higher rates of unnecessary institutionalization.
- ANCOR, the National Legislative advocate we are a member of, is advocating with legislators not to cut IDD services. They have provided an action alert that can be sent to federal legislators by using the following link:
 - <https://www.ancor.org/actions/preserve-i-dd-services-tell-congress-protect-medicaid/>
- **New Legislative Process for the State Budget:**
 - Legislative Budget Process: HB2007 is the skeleton budget bill that will become the budget bill, many changes are expected in this bill based on committee action which will start taking place soon. The House bill will ultimately be sent to the Senate to be worked, which is a different approach than years past. This year, the Senate will not use a subcommittee process this year – the full Ways and Means Committee will work the bill sent from the House.
- **CDDO FY25 Contract Update:** Our office has received the fully executed contract, and we have finally received our FY25 payments from KDADS.
- **Targeted Case Management (Information from KDADS IDD Modernization webpage)**
 - The Conflict-Free Case Management (CFCM) issue arises from federal regulations under [42 CFR 441.301\(c\)\(1\)\(vi\)](#), requiring clear separation between case management and service provision in HCBS. These rules have been in place since 2014 and are designed to ensure person-centered care by removing financial or organizational incentives that could compromise an individual's choices. Without this separation, there's a *real or perceived* risk that decisions about services could favor the provider's interests over the individual's needs.
 - This issue is currently part of the state's Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) with CMS. CMS has recently issued specific guidance to Kansas requiring the state to resolve these conflicts across its HCBS waivers to maintain compliance and continue to secure federal HCBS waiver funding.
 - **Compliance Options:**
 - **Potential Option #1:** The first option would be to fully separate case management and service provision. This means agencies would either focus on case management or providing services, but not both. Full separation removes any possibility of a conflict of interest, ensuring that decisions about an individual's care are based solely on what's best for them. While this may require changes for some providers, KDADS is committed to supporting the transition with grant funding, technical assistance, and collaboration to make the process as smooth as possible.



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- **Potential Option #2:** For providers who are unwilling to separate fully, the second option would require introducing strict safeguards and oversight. Agencies could still provide both case management and services, but they would be prohibited from serving the same individual in both roles. This would prevent conflicts of interest while allowing agencies to continue offering services within these limitations. The state must establish clear monitoring protocols to ensure compliance and support providers in meeting these requirements.
- The HMCDDO Executive Director submitted a plan (using their option #1) to KDADS regarding possible plans for TCM Services in the HMCDDO service area. We have not yet heard back from Commissioner Heydon, however we have received communications from KDADS administration that she has viewed our plan and will respond at some point soon.
- **MFEI Update (Information from KDADS IDD Modernization webpage):**
 - ***The go-live date for the MFEI I/DD Implementation and the interRAI Service Planning Suite has been adjusted to July 1, 2025.*** This change allows us to align the implementation of the MFEI-IDD with the full-service planning suite and ensure a seamless transition for individuals and service providers.
 - **What Will Happen on July 1, 2025?**
 - The MFEI-IDD assessment tool will officially replace the BASIS tool for determining eligibility and support needs for all participants.
 - The interRAI Service Planning Suite will fully launch, supporting more personalized, strengths-based care plans.
 - New HCBS I/DD Waiver Program participants will begin receiving services based on the updated rate structure and assessment process.
- **Unbundling day services: (Information from KDADS IDD Modernization webpage):**
 - **Target Effective Date: Summer, 2025 after completion of the I/DD Rate Study**
 - **What's Changing:** Day supports will be unbundled into more specialized service categories, such as Community-Based Day Habilitation, Career Exploration, Life Skills Services, and others. Not all unbundled services will be tiered, allowing more flexibility in tailoring care.
 - **Why This Matters:** Unbundling these services will enable more targeted, personalized support that aligns with each participant's goals, encouraging greater community involvement and independence. Providers can offer a clearer menu of services, helping participants and families make informed choices.
 - **Support for Provider Transition:** Grants will be available starting in 2025 to help day service providers adjust their programming to align with the unbundled service definitions. These funds can support program redesign, staff training, and other necessary changes to ensure a smooth transition.
 - **Enhancing Service Quality:** The grants aim to help providers create more specialized and individualized service options, improving alignment with person-centered goals and



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expanding opportunities for participants to access meaningful, tailored support in the most integrated settings possible.

- **The new services proposed are:**
 - **Retirement and Seniors Day Habilitation Services**
 - Community-Based Day Habilitation Service**
 - Prevocational Services**
 - Life Skills Services**
 - Career Exploration and Planning**
 - Individualized Employment Services**
 - Benefit Planning Service**

Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has 2 residential, 3 day service, 1 TCM, and 6 FMS service providers available for referral. *A residential service provider will go back on the choice form tomorrow, bringing the total to 3.
- There was discussion on the information presented in the Director's Report. Kevin was notified last Friday that Goodwill, one of the conflicted TCM providers, announced they would cease TCM services effective 6-30-25. This impacts 40 people in our CDDO area who currently have Goodwill case managers. This will leave TCM providers Lifespan and Rescare, who do not have capacity to absorb this many people into their caseloads. Kevin gave an update that he recently heard back from KDADS, and they suggested attending our next Board meeting (via Zoom) to discuss the possible plan for HMCDDO becoming a service provider. It is hoped that Commissioner Heydon will be present. If the CDDO were to become a TCM provider, we would need to become a Medicaid provider and go through credentialing with the three MCO's. There would also need to be a business plan and budget. Office space would need to be secured. A TCM manager and TCM's (# dependent on caseload) would be hired. The start-up funds that have been available through ARPA may be put on hold with the new Administration. Once established and billing is in place, the TCM's would be "paying" their salary with the billable case management services provided. The first step is to explore feasibility of taking this on and then include these considerations in next years' budget. Todd asked for a tentative start date. Kevin replied that the very earliest would be 7-01-25, but likely early 2026. Marilyn asked the Board for recommendations. Kristi suggested that it's important to get more information from KDADS to see what they're thinking. The Board could meet with KDADS prior to the next Board meeting if everyone is open to that. Craig is in favor of pursuing the plan to provide TCM and suggested that we have a plan and time frame to present to KDADS. Kevin will provide this information to the Board prior to the meeting with KDADS.

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 Jonah and passed by unanimous vote.*

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



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Proposal to change the March 2025 meeting date. The regularly scheduled March Board meeting falls on March 17. This is spring break week for some schools. Kevin asked whether the March meeting could be changed to the fourth Monday, March 24. The April Board meeting would be back to the third Monday, April 21.

Action: *Craig moved to approve changing the March 2025 meeting date to Monday, March 24. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025

HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS

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