



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: 08/16/2024 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Nicole Anderson, Bailey Moore

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

Public Non-members Present: None

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD/Family Members/Guardians Absent: Jessa Marsh, Jessica Peugh, Melissa Ratzlaff, David Welfelt

Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent: Heart Land Supports; ResCare; Trinity Heights Respite Care

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:00.
 - **Quorum:** (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) **We have a quorum.** There were two persons with disabilities out of three persons/provider entities present.
2. Capacity Needs Discussion: Kevin explained that capacity is a measure of the needs for services in our community. One of the needs that we face locally is Supported Employment (SE). We currently do not have any SE providers. Jim asked if SE is a different billing system than Vocational Rehabilitation (VR). Yes, SE is billed separately from VR, the same as other IDD waiver services. Jim has a lot of experience with SE and would like to see GPSS become an SE provider. Kevin encouraged Jim to contact Bronson Farmer with KDADS for more information. SE is successful when a provider has good connections in the community. The reimbursement rates for SE are currently not very good. SE is a huge piece of the Community Support Waiver scheduled to roll out in early 2026, and the rates should then be more competitive. There is also a need for increased capacity for TCM providers in our area. We currently have only one provider who is accepting referrals. Nicole said that she loves her case manager!
3. State & Local Updates:
 - **CDDO Contracting Update:** CDDO/KDADS remain deadlocked regarding the FY25 CDDO contract. There does not seem to be any movement for a new contract any time soon.
 - Recently, the DOJ ruling for the State of Utah found that **congregate work settings** violated the civil rights of persons with IDD. Lack of choice for competitive integrated employment was a key factor in the ruling. Kansas stakeholders are already using this ruling to pressure KDADS on Final Rule issues related to this issue. It will remain

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important for us to stress the importance of employment choices as we pursue legislative support of center-based work settings in 2025.

- **Waiting List:** Our office will have all assessments for the 32 individuals in our service area completed by the end of this month. At this time however, only one 3160 to initiate services has been received.
 - InterHab recently raised questions concerning the most recent waiting list total of approximately 4,800. That's down considerably from just a few months ago. KDADS has confirmed that this decrease is due to individuals being placed into 'pending removal' status that will receive offers and therefore are no longer on 'active' status. KDADS intends for all offers to be sent out by 9/8/24.
- **Final Settings Rule:** Our recent affiliate meeting (07/23/24) we had LaTonia Wright with KDADS complete a two-hour presentation regarding final rule updates and current issues that our providers need to be focusing on. It was very informative for our providers and at this time, our service area does not have any settings that are currently in violation.
- **Healthy Behavioral Practices with Goodlife Innovations:** At this time, Goodlife has started the process of setting up an in-person training site (most likely @ Newton Public Library) to begin in September. More information as we get the training scheduled.
- **HCBS IDD Waiver Renewal Complete:** KDADS shared the approved HCBS IDD waiver renewal last Wednesday.
- **The Community Support Waiver** website is live <https://www.kansascsw.com/>
 - Members for the CSW Technical Advisory Group have been selected (20-25 members). The TAG is a group of volunteers that will meet monthly for 1–2 hours to discuss the CSW and provide their vital feedback to the larger groups.

4. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	July	August	September
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	8,965		
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	4,692		
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	345		
Total Number Using TCM:	236		
Total Number Using Day Supports:	127		
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	94		
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	65		
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	162		
Eligibility Packets Requested:	4		
Packets Returned:	4		

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Determined System Eligible:	4		
Determined System In-Eligible:	0		

5. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- Our service area currently has all residential & day service providers available for referral, 1 TCM provider and 6 FMS providers available for referral.

6. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies:

- <https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>

7. Sharing & Announcements: Nicole shared that she was at home today, enjoying the peace and quiet. At RCI, she wishes they had more work to do.

8. ***Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 10/18/2024 @ 1:00pm on Zoom***

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert