



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: 10/21/2025 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Bailey Moore, David Welfelt, Jamie Welfelt, Melissa Ratzlaff

Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Nancy Plenert (HMCDDO)

Public Non-members Present: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO)

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD/Family Members/Guardians Absent: Jessa Marsh, Nicole Anderson, Jessica Peugh

Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent: Trinity Heights Respite Care; Ben Swinnen, Heart Land Supports; Audra Kennedy (HMCDDO); Jim Black, GPSS; Michelle Page, ResCare

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert

- Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians)

We have a quorum. There were four persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of five persons/provider entities present.

2. HMCDDO Service Area Policy Review: Kevin explained that policy revisions are first reviewed and approved by the Community Council, then the CDDO Board of Directors and finally sent to KDADS for final approval.

- Draft Policy for review: 005 Functional Assessment. With the MFEI Assessment replacing the BASIS assessment effective 7-01-25, Policy 005 needs to be revised to take BASIS language out of the policy. The MFEI Assessment does not result in a tier level upon completion of the assessment; it only indicates whether a person is “eligible” or “ineligible”. In the event a person’s MFEI assessment comes back as “ineligible”, a BASIS assessment will be done immediately for a more in-depth eligibility determination.
- Draft Protocol for review: FA Protocol. The Functional Assessment Protocol is being revised to remove BASIS language. With the MFEI Assessment, no documentation is required, except for seizure data and any other information the provider feels is helpful in conducting the assessment.

Action: Motion was made by Melissa to approve the revisions to Policy 005, as well as revisions to the Functional Assessment Protocol. The motion was seconded by Jamie, and passed unanimously.

3. State & Local Updates:

National Updates:

- **From ANCOR:** Due to previous appropriations, Medicaid has sufficient funding through the calendar year so that current claims will continue to be paid. However, a shutdown that goes

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beyond the quarter could result in delayed payments to states of the federal share of Medicaid expenditures. While almost half of CMS staff is currently furloughed, our understanding is waiver amendments and renewals will be reviewed without delay.

KDADS IDD Modernization:

- **Conflict of Interest (TCM):** The HMCDDO service area is 99% of the way having a conflict-free TCM service area thanks to Lifespan and the HMTCM. WE should have the remaining 2 individuals moved to another TCM agency within the next few weeks.
- **Assessment (MFEI):** Assessments have been running fairly smooth, clocking in around 90 minutes per assessment.
- **Unbundling Day Services:** Currently KDADS is in process of getting day services to an enhanced listing of services that will tentatively begin in FY27. The listing of these proposed services is below. Right now, the Day Support definition allows for a wide range of activities and experiences. Many providers across the state have built strong, meaningful programs that reflect the unique needs of the individuals they serve. However, the current structure also challenges transparency, consistency, and flexibility, wherein some participants receive highly individualized services while others may have fewer tailored options based on what's available.
- Unbundling is designed to enhance choice and personalization by giving individuals and families a clear menu of day and employment services that they can select based on their person-centered service plan. Some participants may choose to receive only one service, while others may combine multiple services depending on their needs and goals. The flexibility of this model ensures that individuals who prefer a structured, consistent routine can maintain it. At the same time, those who need more targeted supports have the option to select additional services.
- *Proposed Services: Retirement & Leisure, Community-Based Day, Life Skills, Career Exploration, Prevocational, Individual Employment Support, Benefits Planning.*
- **Unbundling Residential Services:** This effort is in very early stages and in the coming years the current residential structure will break into these residential services:
Proposed Services: Independent Supported Living (ISLs), Group Homes, Shared Living, Children's Residential

4. Quarterly Service Management Report:

| Service Management Report: | July | August | September |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services: | 9689 | 9704 | 9721 |
| Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services: | 4830 | 4857 | 4813 |
| Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion | 364 | 363 | 364 |
| Total Number Using TCM: | 250 | 253 | 257 |

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| Total Number Using Day Supports: | 135 | 136 | 137 |
| Total Number Using Residential Supports: | 102 | 103 | 104 |
| Total Number Using Personal Care Services: | 83 | 84 | 85 |

5. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- Trust Home Care (based in Wichita) is seeking affiliation with the HMCDDO to provide **agency-directed personal care services** in our area. This is an exciting development, as it will restore a valuable service for our consumers who have been missing this type of support for so many years.
- Our service area currently has 3 residential, 1 shared living, 4 day service, 2 TCM, and 5 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.

6. Sharing & Announcements: *Melissa asked what would happen if people lose their Social Security benefits during the Government Shutdown? Kevin replied that Medicaid and Social Security cannot be discontinued because of a Government shutdown. *Jamie shared that she played Pickleball at the Rec. Center today. She then went to the library and checked out books and movies. *Bailey shared that her dog Daisy’s birthday is today! She’s 12 years old! Bailey has been working with Audra on Self-Advocacy. *The next Self-Advocacy meeting will be Friday, October 31. Goodwill is hosting and there will be pizza!

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 12/16/2025 @ 1:00pm on Zoom