



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: 12/16/2025 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: David Welfelt, Jamie Welfelt, Melissa Ratzlaff, Nicole Anderson

Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Jim Black (GPSS); Nancy Plenert (HMCDDO)

Public Non-members Present: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO)

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD/Family Members/Guardians Absent: Bailey Moore, Jessa Marsh, Jessica Peugh

Representative of CDDO/CSP's Absent: Trinity Heights Respite Care; Ben Swinnen, Heart Land Supports; Michelle Page, ResCare

1. **Call to Order** – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. 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 six persons/provider entities present.
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2. **HMCDDO Service Area Policy Review:**
 - The HMCDDO Service Area Assessment Policy (005) & Protocol has been amended and we are reviewing these items again now that the HMCDDO Board approved the changes on 12-15-2025.
 - Review of 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.
 - Review of 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.

The HMCDDO Service Area Assessment Policy (005) and Protocol will now be sent to KDADS for final approval.



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3. State & Local Updates:

- **Guardianship Changes for 2026:**

See attached documents regarding the changes that implement on 01/01/2026.

- **Community Support Waiver Update:**

- Implementation date has been moved to fall of 2026.
- Provider rate table now out for the full list of CSW services.
- **Final Town Hall for the CSW:** Join KDADS and Public Consulting Group (PCG) for a town hall discussing the Community Support Waiver (CSW). This will be the final CSW town hall and will take place via zoom on **December 17 from 2-3pm CST.**

- Register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t9oVstIkQCy3fhFWRO4qhg#/registration

- **Virtual Delivery of Services FAQ:**

- See handout reviewed at the HMCDDO Provider Meeting
- *Enabling Technology Virtual Open Houses – 12/17/25 @ 8am & 3pm*
 - Learn about the Enabling Tech pilot and its impact
 - Hear real-life examples of enabling technology in action
 - Explore how technology can benefit you
 - Ask questions and engage with our team

8am: <https://form.jotform.com/253346840204149>

3pm: <https://form.jotform.com/253376297320157>

- SACK is hosting a 988 (Suicide Prevention) virtual Training. It will be this Friday (12-19-25) from 1-3 p.m. Info. will be included with minutes.

4. Quarterly Service Management Report:

| Service Management Report: | October | November | December |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services: | 9,727 | 9,724 | |
| Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services: | 4,658 | 4,739 | |
| Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion | 366 | 363 | |
| Total Number Using TCM: | 259 | 266 | |
| Total Number Using Day Supports: | 134 | 132 | |
| Total Number Using Residential Supports: | 101 | 100 | |
| Total Number Using Personal Care Services: | 84 | 84 | |

5. Service Provider Capacity:

Our service area currently has 2 residential, 3 day service providers, 1 TCM, 1 agency-based PCS, and 5 FMS service providers available for referral.

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6. **Sharing & Announcements:** Jim Black is retiring at the end of the month. Kevin thanked him for his work in the DD field for these many years. We wish you well, Jim, and hope to see you in the community, advocating for people we serve! We wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Community Council meeting: 02/17/2026 @ 1:00pm on Zoom