



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: 06/17/2025 @ 1:00pm

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

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

Public Non-members Present: Jamie Welfelt, Audra Kennedy (HMCDDO)

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

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

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

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:05.
 - Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) Yes, we have a quorum. There were four persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of six persons/provider entities present.
2. Review of the HMCDDO Community Council By-Laws. Kevin reviewed the HMCDDO Community Council By-Laws.
3. National, State & Local Updates:

FROM ANCOR (National Advocacy Association):

- The White House released the fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget summary (and [detailed appendix](#)) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The budget recommendations represent a reduction of \$32B in discretionary funding for the agency. As a reminder, **Congress is ultimately responsible for approving the allocation of funds to federal agencies and departments, which means that the funding recommendations in the attached documents are subject to change as the budgetary process continues.**
 - <https://www.ancor.org/actions/house-vote-could-lead-to-deep-medicaid-cuts/>

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.

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- 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.
- The HMTTCM program has been established and will hopefully be a licensed TCM agency in early fall of this year to assist in the process of getting the HMCDDO service area in compliance with CMS & 42 CFR 441.301(c)(1)(vi)

4. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	April	May	June
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	9,573	9,601	
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	4,706	4,745	
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	356	361	
Total Number Using TCM:	239	242	
Total Number Using Day Supports:	133	135	
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	99	101	
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	84	84	
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	146	149	
Eligibility Packets Requested:	2	2	
Packets Returned:	1	4	
Determined System Eligible:	1	4	
Determined System In-Eligible:	0	0	

5. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- The HMCDDO has had a recent inquiry into licensing and affiliation as a new independent TCM provider. Our office has also started the process of becoming a TCM provider.
- The HMCDDO has also had inquiries about one new FMS provider and one new medical alert service provider.
- Our service area currently has 1 residential, 3 day service, 1 TCM, and 5 FMS service providers available for referrals.

6. Sharing & Announcements: Nicole and Bailey attended the SACK conference last weekend. Bailey said the theme was "Inclusion Matters". They both had a good time, with the opening session being their favorite! Melissa and her fiancé went to Texas last weekend. They had a great time going to Six Flags and a flea market. Melissa wants to go to a Chiefs game. Jamie had surgery on her eyelids a few weeks ago. She's mostly recovered, except for some puffiness. Kevin asked everyone if they wanted to meet in person, or on Zoom for the next meeting. Everyone agreed that they would like to meet in person! Audra volunteered to bring snacks! There will also be an option to participate by Zoom.

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7. ***Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 08/12/2025 @ 1:00pm We will meet in person, with a Zoom option available.***

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert