



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: 12/20/2024 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Bailey Moore, Nicole Anderson, David Welfelt
Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO); Jim Black, GPSS, Ben Swinnen, Heart Land Supports

Public Non-members Present: Jamie Welfelt

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

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

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

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
 - Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians). There were three persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of six persons/provider entities present.
2. MFEI & New Rate Structure Review: Kevin gave a summary of how the state arrived at recommending implementation of the MFEI assessment. The MFEI is a strengths-based assessment that only determines whether a person *is* or *is not* functionally eligible for IDD Home and Community Based Services. MFEI does not produce a tier rate, whereas the current BASIS assessment results in five tier levels. Initially, plans were to pay a “floor” (flat) rate for the MFEI. Recent updates have included an announcement of three tiered rates, in addition to a capped Enhanced Reimbursement Rate (ERR). The tier and ERR rate are to be assigned by the person’s MCO. Within the last few days the three tier rates as well as the ERR rate for Residential and Day services have been revealed. The MFEI assessment is estimated to take 1.5 to 2 hours to complete vs. the BASIS taking 1 hour or less. It is hoped that the MFEI completion time will be reduced as assessors become more familiar with the content. Currently plans are to begin MFEI assessments 3-01-25.
3. State & Local Updates:
 - **IDD Modernization Remaining Webinars:**
 - Date: January 21, 2025**
 - Time: 4 - 5 PM (CST)
 - Platform: Teams
 - [Registration Link](#)
 - Date: February 18, 2025**
 - Time: 4 - 5 PM (CST)
 - Platform: Teams
 - [Registration Link](#)

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- **Unbundling Day Services:**

- **Retirement and Seniors Day Habilitation Services:** Day habilitation and support services for retired seniors are designed to enhance the quality of life for older adults by providing structured, meaningful activities that promote social engagement and community integration.
 - **Community-Based Day Habilitation Service:** Empowers individuals to live fulfilling and inclusive lives within their communities through personalized support, offering opportunities for growth, connection, and independence.
 - **Prevocational Services:** Empowers individuals to develop the skills and confidence needed to achieve their employment goals through personalized support that focuses on habilitation skills that build work readiness and are tailored towards a participant's career interests in competitive employment.
 - **Life Skills Services:** Focuses on developing practical, social, and emotional skills, including personal development, financial management, independent living skills, vocational readiness, and academic preparedness. By addressing the challenges faced during the transition to adulthood, life skill services empower individuals to make informed decisions, build positive relationships, and achieve their full potential within their communities.
 - **Career Exploration and Planning:** Person-centered, comprehensive employment planning and support service that assists participants in obtaining, maintaining, or advancing in competitive employment or self-employment.
 - **Individualized Employment Services:** Tailored ongoing assistance to help individuals maintain and advance in competitive employment.
 - **Benefit Planning Service:** Assists the Participant and their family/support network in understanding how employment could impact the participant's public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medicare, food/nutrition programs, housing assistance, ABLE accounts, and other federal, state, or local benefits.
 - Jim asked whether unbundling of Day Services will change the structure of VR payments. Kevin replied that the rates for unbundled services have not yet been announced. The unbundling of Day Services leads to the Community Support Waiver, which will roll out in 2026.
- **Credentiailling with Healthy Blue (From InterHab):** Healthy Blue Update: Do not go through KMAP at this time, but go directly by Healthy Blue and they hope by Monday, contracts can be signed and credentialing can begin. They are using paper copies until mid-January. You can use this email to connect:
 - LTSSProviderRelations@HealthyBlueKansas.com.
 - shelly.may@healthybluekansas.com
 - Angeline.Anderson@HealthyBlueKansas.com

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4. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	October	November	December
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	9097	9289	
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	4549	4505	
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	351	353	
Total Number Using TCM:	241	235	
Total Number Using Day Supports:	128	128	
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	98	98	
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	70	73	
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	156	158	
Eligibility Packets Requested:	6	3	
Packets Returned:	5	2	
Determined System Eligible:	4	2	
Determined System In-Eligible:	1	0	

5. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- Our service area currently has two residential, three-day service, six FMS, & one TCM provider(s) that are available for referrals.

6. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies:

- 013: Statewide Service Access List, 014: Council of Community Members, 015: Dispute Resolution, 016: Service Area Fiscal Management; 017: Resource Allocation

<https://harveymarioncddo.com/policies>

7. Sharing & Announcements: *Bailey shared that she is going on a date – dinner and a movie! She has invited her family to come to her house for Christmas. Bailey also shared that she has been helping Great Plains Support Services move to their new Day Services location. Their planned start date is January 1, 2025. *There was discussion about changing from Friday meetings to another day of the week. Tuesday seemed to work well for everyone. It was decided that Community Council will meet on Tuesday at 1:00 starting with the February, 2025 meeting. *Nancy shared that the 6th annual Heidi’s Helpers resulted in approximately 180 gifts going to approximately 80 people!! Kevin thanked Nancy for all the time she spends helping coordinate the gift lists and distribution. *Jamie shared that her whole family will be together on Christmas Eve. Jim shared that he will get to spend Christmas with his grandkids. Kevin wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

8. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

***Next Community Council meeting date/time/place:
Tuesday the 18th (02/18/2025) @ 1:00pm on Zoom***

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