



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

December 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Location: HMCDDO Meeting Room, 500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS 67114 (*Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access*).

Directors Participating: In Person: Marilyn Loganbill, Chair; Craig Simons, Vice-Chair; Kristi Berning, Secretary; Jonah Gehring

Present via Zoom: Don Schroeder; Todd Weeks

Directors Absent: Thomas Gill; Kimberlee Jost

Harvey-Marion County CDDO Staff Present: Kevin Gaeddert, Executive Director; Nancy Plenert, Meeting Recorder

Call to Order. In Marilyn's absence Vice-Chair Craig Simons called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Marilyn arrived shortly thereafter and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Proxies: None.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Public Comment: None. A web link for public access to this meeting was posted with the Newton Kansan and Marion Record. <https://harveymarioncddo.com/meetings>

Minutes of November 18, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Kristi moved to approve the November 18, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the November 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 05 of 12 months (42%), limited income was reported in the Profit & Loss statement as only County Mill payments continue to be received.

- Balance Sheet dated **12/05/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$136,285.85**
- Notable Budget Overages:
 - 6111: Software & Subscriptions should level out over the course of our fiscal year.
 - 6120: This was a one-time expense used to apply for the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number for contracting purposes with the State of KS.

ACTION: *Craig moved to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jonah and passed by unanimous vote.*

Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument (MFEI) Review. Kevin gave a summary of how the state arrived at recommending implementation of the MFEI assessment. The MFEI is a



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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. In the last week, it was announced that there will be 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. It is hopeful that the tiers will be based on data from the MFEI. 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. It is anticipated that the date will ultimately be pushed back to 7-01-25.

National, State (KDADS/KDHE/InterHab) & Local Updates:

- **CDDO FY25 Contract Update:** Our office has signed and submitted our FY25 Contract! We are awaiting the first payments to arrive and I anticipate these to hopefully show up in 01/2025.
 - Notable Changes to the CDDO Allocation for FY25:
 - State Aid: **\$166,894** (FY24: \$151,416) Additional \$15,478
 - CDDO Administration: **\$237,936** (FY24: \$198,621) Additional \$39,315
 - MFEI Scheduled to begin 03/01/2024:
 - MFEI assessment rate will be no less than \$175 per assessment. There was additional discussion that this rate will actually be more like \$210 per assessment, but the base rate of \$175 per assessment is what is listed in the contract.
- **InterHab’s “Slow Down” Campaign:**
 - The first meeting of the Slow Down Campaign was held on 12/04/2024. This was a well-crafted presentation by Matt Fletcher and Magan Shreve. All of the major systems changes were well connected and flowed well as far as a presentation goes.
 - TCM/CDDO Conflict of Interest (COI)
 - MFEI Implementation
 - Implementation of a floor-rate (single-rate) funding system for IDD HCBS.
 - Unbundling day services
 - This Director continues to have concerns about the InterHab stance regarding conflict of interest relating to CDDOs and TCMs. There is a narrative that is being maintained that a conflict of interest does not exist within the identified agencies. Furthermore, this narrative continues that even if there is, there is obviously a solution that exists that has yet to be proposed (even by InterHab). Ultimately, there were three solutions proposed by KDADS/PCG to address the COI issues, but these have since been rejected by InterHab members and the KS legislative committee on TCM issues. The conclusion has followed that we simply find a “Kansas solution” that best fits the needs of the current



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system and individuals rather than actually dealing with the issues of COI as identified by CMS.

Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has all residential & day service providers available for referral, 2 TCM providers, and 6 FMS providers available for referral. **Update:** Kevin noted that due to one provider having changes in staffing at the administrative level, he has put them on no-referral status. Their Residential and Day services are functioning fine.

Action on Service Management and Director's Report. *Jonah moved to acknowledge receipt of and accept the Service Management and Director's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Note: a copy of the Service Management and Director's Report is available upon request.

Other Items: Kevin wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2025

HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS

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