



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: 08/18/2026 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Nicole Anderson, Crystal Funk, Cori Huxman, Austin Moore, Tim Sanders, Donny Herbison

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: Bailey Moore, David Welfelt, Jamie Welfelt

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

1. Call to Order – Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians). Yes, we have a quorum. There were six persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of seven committee members present.
 - Welcome to the nominees and introduction to the Harvey-Marion County Community Council. Kevin introduced members who were nominated for Community Council: Crystal Funk, Guardian; Cori Huxman, Guardian and Service Provider; Tim Sanders, Donny Herbison and Austin Moore. Current members are David Welfelt, Guardian; Jamie Welfelt, Nicole Anderson and Bailey Moore. Kevin asked Crystal, Cori, Timothy, Donny and Austin if they are willing to serve on Community Council. They all agreed to serve on Community Council. Kevin then gave a brief presentation regarding the role of Community Council.
3. State & Local Updates:
 - The HMCDDO is actively preparing for the new **Community Support Waiver (CSW)** rollout in October 2026.
 - To support the new CSW services, the HMCDDO is currently identifying all willing and qualified providers. We have already reached out to several local and national providers to gauge interest in affiliating in our service area. We currently have providers that potentially will be providing Life Skills, NMT, Respite, Behavior Therapy, Individual Employment Services, Career Exploration, TCM & Remote Supports.
 - This will take time to build this capacity in the 21 service areas but hope that by this time next year we have most of the services covered in our area.

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- **Kansas Rural Health Transformation Grant for START services:**

- The HMCDDO has partnered with KCDD and the Sedgwick County and Cottonwood CDDOs for the submission of a rural health transformation grant to fund the START program.
- The START model is an evidence-informed model of integrated community crisis prevention & intervention services for individuals ages 6 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health needs.
- The START advisory board is currently being assembled which will include representatives from our service area including Prairie View and APS. Hopefully at some point we will be able to include additional representation from our area to this needed resource.

4. HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	July	August	September
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	9,852		
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	5,348		
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	376		
Total Number Using TCM:	282		
Total Number Using Day Supports:	134		
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	101		
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	89		
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	164		

5. HMCDDO Capacity Report:

- Our service area currently has 3 residential, 1 shared living, 4 day service, 5 TCM, 1 agency directed PCS, and 5 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.

6. Quarterly Review of Service Area Policies:

- Service Area Policy 010 Quality Assurance and the corresponding Service Monitoring protocol have received full approval from KDADS, the HMCDDO Board, and this Community Council. The policy and protocol will now be posted for a 30-day public comment period. Following a review of any submitted feedback, final implementation is scheduled for 09/18/2026.
- Sharing & Announcements: Tim asked Kevin if he would write a short story summarizing today's meeting for Tim to submit to the SACK (Self-Advocate Coalition of Kansas) newsletter. Kevin agreed to write the story. Kevin thanked all who were at the meeting for participating in Community Council.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

***Next Community Council meeting date/time/place:
10/20/2026 @ 1:00pm on Zoom***

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