



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

April 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Location: Blue Gold Room Tabor College Student Center, Hillsboro, Kansas (*Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access*).

Directors Participating: In Person: Marilyn Loganbill, Chair; Lynne Fruechting, Secretary; Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Clarke Dirks

Directors Participating via Zoom: Kimberlee Jost

Directors Absent: David Welfelt, Vice-Chair; Thomas Gill; Terry Scott

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

Guests Present: Robert Haude, Project Search Coordinator; Connie Rickard, Trinity Heights Respite Care Director

At 3:30 we heard presentations from 3 of the 4 Project Search (PS) interns. Each intern presented information about the various internships they were involved in during the school year. Board members asked questions after each presentation. One of the interns is already employed by Tabor's food service provider, and another has a potential receptionist job in the community. Their graduation will be on April 30.

FY2027 Funding Requests

Marion County Special Education Cooperative Project SEARCH: Amount requested for Program Support in FY2026: \$40,000.00.

Robert shared that this year, they received funding from Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), a program administered by Rehabilitation Services at the Kansas Department for Children and Families. This program benefits students age 14 through 21. For the 2026-27 school year, six interns have been accepted; two are in the hybrid program.

No action was taken on the Project SEARCH funding request. This will be considered when the Draft FY2027 Budget is presented at next months' Board meeting. At this time, Robert exited the meeting.

Trinity Heights Respite Care: Amount requested for Program Support in FY2027: \$75,000.00. Connie Rickard, THRC Director, gave an overview of the Respite Program. HMCDDO funding helps with costs of in-home care (up to 28 hours per month/per child) as well as monthly Parents Day Out (PDO). They currently serve approximately 40 families. There has been some growth in the number of children served in Marion County. A mom's support group is meeting



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at one of the Hillsboro churches. Connie was planning to start providing PDO in Hillsboro, then one of the churches expressed an interest in facilitating a monthly PDO in Hillsboro. A second church will provide assistance. This allows Connie to focus on in-home care. Connie is making plans for the 2026 Summer program. The group activities and increased hours for some benefit many families in the summer. Kevin mentioned that Respite Services are included in the Community Support Waiver, which has a planned start date of October, 2026. This would be a great opportunity for Trinity Heights to become a licensed Medicaid provider. It would also increase the number of hours each child could receive per month. Kevin will provide Connie with more information if this is something they would like to pursue.

No action was taken on the THRC funding request. This will be considered when the Draft FY2027 Budget is presented at next months' Board meeting. At this time, Connie exited the meeting.

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. Proxies: None.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Board Member Change: Kevin noted that The Harvey County Commissioners recently changed roles. Terry Scott has replaced Don Schroeder on the HMCDDO Board of Directors. She was unable to attend today's meeting.

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 March 16, 2026 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Clarke moved to approve the March 16, 2026 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the March 2026 Profit & Loss report, the check register report, ICS check register report (balance over \$250K), and balance sheet. At 09 of 12 months (75%), total income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin & Assessment funds.

- Balance Sheet dated **04/10/2026** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$377,842.59**
- The HMCDDO has secured **\$14,381.96** in reimbursement from the KDADS Conflict-Free Grant for the HMTCM program. While our initial approval was for **\$19,965.00**, we anticipate submitting additional qualifying expenses to maximize the remaining grant funds.

ACTION: *Todd moved to approve the March, 2026 Financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynne and passed by unanimous vote.*

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

- **Legislative Update:**
 - Governor Laura Kelly officially signed the state budget bill. The final budget included:



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- 6% rate increase for IDD waiver services in FY 2027 (\$16 million SGF)
- 4% rate increase for IDD waiver services in FY 2028 (\$10 million SGF)
- \$750,000 in State General Fund support for CDDO administration
- These increases represent important progress toward stabilizing a provider network that has been under sustained pressure and will help begin rebuilding capacity, supporting the workforce, and maintaining continuity of care for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The inclusion of dedicated CDDO funding also recognizes the essential role CDDOs play in ensuring access to services, coordinating care, and supporting individuals and families across the state.
- It is important to note that, consistent with trends over the last several years, the progression of these initiatives was driven ONLY by the advocacy efforts of stakeholders **outside** of KDADS.
- HB 2731 (KanCare Contiguous Eligibility for IDD): the Legislature voted to override the Governor's veto of Senate Sub for HB 2731 (SB 363), enacting the bill into law. This issue remained complex and debated until the session's final moments. Notably, just before the override, the Governor's office and KDHE signaled a willingness to pursue continuous Medicaid eligibility for the I/DD community via the administrative waiver process, irrespective of the bill's status. This shift was highlighted during floor debates, where legislators showed strong, specific support for the I/DD provision.
- **KDADS IDD Modernization:**
 - The Community Support Waiver (CSW) is set to launch in October 2026. However, following legislative budget cuts, the program will operate with half of KDADS's original funding request. Consequently, the projected capacity has been adjusted from 500 to approximately 250 slots
- **HMCDDO:**
 - **FY27 CDDO Contract Negotiations:**
 - The CDDO Contract Negotiations team is trying to establish a date/time to meet and will most likely end up with an extension to the current contract (minus the CDDO allocation section).
 - **Kansas Rural Health Transformation Grant:**
 - 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 HMCDDO submitted a grant application for START services back in 2023 but was not successful in obtaining those funds. We are hopeful that this new potential round of funding will allow us to bring START services to the HMCDDO region.
 - 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.
 - **Policy Development/Revisions:**



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- We are currently working on changes to the HMCDDO Quality Assurance/Enhancement policies, which will enable a more comprehensive assessment of the service provider's enhancement needs within our area.
- **HMTCM:**
 - The HMTCM is currently serving 119 individuals.
 - The HMTCM welcomes Traci Smitley to the team and her first day was 04/13/2026.
- **Service Provider Capacity:**
 - Our service area currently has 3 residential, 1 shared living, 4 day service, 4 TCM, 1 agency directed PCS, and 5 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.

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

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

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18th, 4:00 p.m.

HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS

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