



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

July 15, 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: Kristi Berning, Chair; Craig Simons, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Marilyn Loganbill, Vice-Chair; Jonah Gehring; Don Schroeder

Directors Absent: Kimberlee Jost; Thomas Gill; Todd Weeks

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

Call to Order. Chair Kristi Berning called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Jonah Gehring, Marion Co. Commissioner, was welcomed to the meeting as a new Board member.

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>

ABLE Road Show: Kristi reported on the ABLE Road Show she attended on June 27 at the Newton Public Library. ABLE Savings Accounts allow individuals to “shelter” excess funds while remaining eligible for Medicaid, up to an aggregate amount of \$475,000. The Kansas State Treasurer and Deputy State Treasurer were in attendance, and explained the process of setting up an account and what the funds could be used for. The Road Shows, which are being held across the state, offer individuals on the waiting list \$100 for opening an ABLE account.

Election of HMCDDO Board Officers. Officers for FY2024 were as follows: Chair: Kristi Berning; Vice-Chair: Marilyn Loganbill; Secretary: Craig Simons; Treasurer: Mary Gill.

Discussed officer nominations for FY2025. Marilyn agreed to serve as Chair; Craig agreed to serve as Vice-Chair; Kristi agreed to serve as Secretary. With Mary Gill’s departure from the Board, this leaves the Treasurer position unfilled. Kimberlee will be asked to serve as Treasurer.

ACTION: *Jonah moved to appoint Marilyn Loganbill as Chair; Craig Simons as Vice-Chair; Kristi Berning as Secretary; and Kimberlee Jost (upon consent) as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*



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Minutes of June 17, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Craig moved to approve the June 17, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Marilyn and passed by majority vote, with Jonah abstaining.*

Financials: Packets contain the June 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 12 of 12 months (100%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid & CDDO Admin Funds.

- Balance Sheet dated **07/03/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$244,812.34**
- There are a few expenditures from the FY24 Local Finance Plan that still need to be invoiced/paid. A final, unaudited, June financial report will accompany next months' Board report.

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

National, State, & Local Updates:

State/Local:

- Our office will email the annual review of the HMCDDO Executive Director. This email will be sent out next week, following this Board meeting, and there will also be a paper copy attached for those that would rather complete in that way. Completed reviews are to be sent to Nancy. The Board will also need to review and approve the FY25 Executive Director 3-yr contract in this process which will require executive session in the 08/19/2024 Board meeting.
- Robin Lohman from KDADS visited our office on the afternoon of 06/18/2024. She attended a meeting with one of our complex cases and the planning team. She also provided some brief updates from KDADS and we were also able to ask her questions from the HMCDDO viewpoint. It was a great meeting and great to re-establish the connection to Robin in-person. Robin's parting comments were "you have a great CDDO"!
- **Waiting List:** KDADS emailed the CDDOs last week stating that they have moved to a staggered approach. Instead of issuing 500 waitlist offers all at once, they will mail out approximately 75 offers at a time. KDADS just reported this morning that 70 offers went out on 06/20/2024, and another round of 74 went out on 06/21/2024. KDADS will potentially hold until July 15th to review and determine an increase in the batch numbers for all WL offers to be out by 10/01/2024.
- **MFEI & BASIS:** KDADS maintains a start date of 01/01/2025 for implementation of MFEI. Our office will participate in the upcoming pilot of the MFEI as we had done so back in 2020.



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- **CDDO Contracting Update:** The CDDO contract committee continues to work on FY25 contract. There are 10 items still in contention with KDADS. The next step is to move to mediation. This will trigger a need to have a contract extension. This will be a lengthy process. Craig asked who will mediate the contract. Kevin replied that the state has a list of four approved mediators. Once we have a contract extension the state has to make their quarterly payments to CDDO's. Fortunately we have a financial surplus and should not be affected by late payments. Kevin will give monthly updates on the progress of getting a contract extension.
- **Healthy Behavioral Practices with Goodlife Innovations:**
Goodlife Innovations received a grant and has partnered with KDADS & Sunflower to begin providing free trainings to providers on Behavior Supports. The first training is called Healthy Behavioral Practices and is aimed at providers of IDD Services. This training is a basic set of best-practice and evidence-based procedures for foundational behavioral supports to implement across your agency. The second training is Behavior Support Plan: A Writing Guide. This is a full day training for the targeted case managers to implement function-based interventions and procedures through the BSP. This training will teach you how to conduct an indirect assessment with a guided tool that assists you through the process and gives recommendations resulting with a BSP that is function-based. This training is about six hours of content and will also give you access to a peer support group regarding the BSP.
- Interhab met with **Healthy Blue** recently and had a positive discussion around collaboration with the IDD system. InterHab invited Healthy Blue to present to InterHab members later this summer to talk about a bidirectional care planning system they are launching in Indiana on July 1. There was also discussion about value-based payments and Healthy Blue has experience using VBP in other states. Healthy Blue has also agreed to negotiate a similar contracting process as other MCOs have done in working with the IDD system, Foulston is working with Healthy Blue on this. InterHab encouraged Healthy Blue to start connecting with IDD providers to learn more about the system. It was also noted that Sunflower and Healthy Blue shared a willingness to work alongside KDADS on the TCM Conflict of Interest – we will continue to ask questions about what is occurring in this process.
- The KS Treasurer's Office ABLE Roadshow was in Newton last Thursday and our own Board Member Kristi Berning was in attendance to provide details of the day.
- Elizabeth Schmidt has offered to stay on in her role as Quality Assurance Specialist for at least another quarter.
- Finally, on behalf of myself and the employees of the HMCDDO, we are extremely grateful to this Board for the recent pay rate increase for all staff here at the HMCDDO.



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Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has two available providers for residential services, four available day service providers, and one available provider for TCM services. Our service area also has six fiscal management providers (assists individuals/guardians with self-directed Personal Care Services).

Action on Service Management and Director's Report. *Craig 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.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2024

HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS

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