



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

August 19, 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

Present via Zoom: Thomas Gill; Kimberlee Jost; Don Schroeder; Todd Weeks

Directors Absent: Jonah Gehring

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

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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 July 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Kristi moved to approve the July 15, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Craig and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the July 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 01 of 12 months (8.33%), limited income was reported in the Profit & Loss statement as only BASIS payments have been received from the State of Kansas. We have since received County Mill payments and remain hopeful that a resolution with the CDDO Contract will assist with regular State Aid and CDDO administration funding moving forward.

- Balance Sheet dated **08/08/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$227,734.80**
- The Board packets also include the finalized FY24 (unaudited) financial report for HMCDDO Board review.
- Craig asked about an \$800.00 check dated 7-03-24 for a rent deposit. Kevin explained that this was a personal needs fund request approved by the Funding Committee. The deposit was for two individuals who needed to move to a different house through no fault of their own. They did not get the rent deposit back from their previous house and needed this assistance to be able to continue residential services. Kevin clarified that the service



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provider does not own the house, and each individual living in the group home is on the lease.

- Kevin mentioned that CDDO's were invited to participate in a KU Waitlist Study. This involved calling and sending out letters to individuals on the waiting list (names were provided by KU) to notify them of two surveys that would be sent to them. They received \$25 for each survey that was completed. Our CDDO had a 56% return, which was considerably higher than the average return rate! We recently received \$5,000 for participation in the study.

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

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

- **CDDO Contracting Update:** CDDO/KDADS remain deadlocked regarding the FY25 CDDO contract. There does not seem to be any movement for a new contract any time soon.
- Recently, the DOJ ruling for the State of Utah found that **congregate work settings** violated the civil rights of persons with IDD. Lack of choice for competitive integrated employment was a key factor in the ruling. Kansas stakeholders are already using this ruling to pressure KDADS on Final Rule issues related to this issue. It will remain important for us to stress the importance of employment choices as we pursue legislative support of center-based work settings in 2025.
- **Waiting List:** Our office will have all assessments for the 32 individuals in our service area completed by the end of this month. At this time however, only one 3160 to initiate services has been received.
 - InterHab recently raised questions concerning the most recent waiting list total of approximately 4,800. That's down considerably from just a few months ago. KDADS has confirmed that this decrease is due to individuals being placed into 'pending removal' status that will receive offers and therefore are no longer on 'active' status. KDADS intends for all offers to be sent out by 9/8/24.
- **Final Settings Rule:** Our recent affiliate meeting (07/23/24) we had LaTonia Wright with KDADS complete a two-hour presentation regarding final rule updates and current issues that our providers need to be focusing on. It was very informative for our providers and at this time, our service area does not have any settings that are currently in violation.
- **Healthy Behavioral Practices with Goodlife Innovations:** At this time, Goodlife has started the process of setting up an in-person training site (most likely @ Newton Public Library) to begin in September. More information as we get the training scheduled.
- **HCBS IDD Waiver Renewal Complete:** KDADS shared the approved HCBS IDD waiver renewal last Wednesday.



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- **The Community Support Waiver** website is live <https://www.kansascsw.com/>
 - Members for the CSW Technical Advisory Group have been selected (20-25 members). The TAG is a group of volunteers that will meet monthly for 1–2 hours to discuss the CSW and provide their vital feedback to the larger groups.

Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has all residential & day service providers available for referral, 1 TCM provider and 6 FMS providers available for referral. An individual from South Kansas has expressed interest in providing TCM in our area.

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

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

Executive Session: Personnel (Executive Director Evaluation/Contract. At 4:27 p.m., Craig moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting resumed at 4:43 p.m. Marilyn reported that the evaluation results were positive. She will set up a time to review the results with Kevin.

Action on Executive Director's Contract. *Todd moved to accept the Executive Director's contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Kimberlee and passed by unanimous vote.*

Craig commented that he liked the content of the evaluation; there were many positive comments in support of Kevin's role as Executive Director. Craig commended Kevin as well as the rest of the CDDO staff for their work. Kevin in turn thanked the Board for their support.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2024
HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS
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