



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

September 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

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 4:01 p.m.
Proxies: None.

Quorum Status: Quorum present.

Additional Agenda Item: Marilyn gave a follow-up on the meeting she and Kevin had regarding his evaluation results. Kevin expressed gratitude for the affirmation received in the surveys. An item that was noted was to increase outreach to area schools; Kevin said he would work on this. Marilyn asked Kevin if he had any suggestions for the Board. Kevin stated that he is very appreciative of the Board. Right now there are so many complexities to navigate through. He encourages everyone to look at the big picture. One way to support the CDDO's work is advocating for the big issues. There are some things on the horizon that may need Board advocacy. Kevin will let Board members know when there are issues for which Board advocacy would have an impact.

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>

Finalization of FY25 HMCDDO Board Officers. Kevin noted that Todd Weeks agreed to serve as Treasurer. This fills our Board Officers for FY2025. *Kristi moved to accept the full slate of officers:* Marilyn - Chair; Craig – Vice-Chair; Kristi – Secretary; Todd – Treasurer. *The motion was seconded by Craig and passed by unanimous vote.*

Minutes of August 19, 2024 Board Meeting.

ACTION: *Craig moved to approve the August 19, 2024 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*



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Financials: Packets contain the August 2024 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, and balance sheet. At 02 of 12 months (16.7%), limited income was reported in the Profit & Loss statement as only County Mill payments have been received.

- Balance Sheet dated **09/05/2024** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$208,923.00**
- Notable Budget Overages:
 - 6100: Utilities will level out over the course of the fiscal year
 - 6120: Funding from this line item was used to pay for a new mandated contracting component from KDADS (obtaining a UEI #). Our office started the process of getting this number and this is ongoing and pending approval from the US Federal Contractor Registration Office. Craig asked what UEI stands for; it is Unique Entity Identifier.
 - 6530: THRP is slightly over at this time. The HMCDDO Resource Allocation Committee met with Connie Rickard from THRP on 08/28/2024 regarding her budget moving forward, and she is confident that she will remain within her budgeted amount for FY25. Marilyn commented that, having served on the THRP Board, a lot of energy goes into fundraising. It's challenging for nonprofits to find additional revenue. Kevin added that respite programs such as THRP are unique, and there are very few statewide. We are also fortunate to have Project Search in each of our counties. Craig asked about individuals with special needs that are employed by local businesses. Some of them find jobs through Project Search, but some either find employment on their own or with the assistance of Voc. Rehab. Kimberlee shared that the employment rate for Tabor Project Search is above the national average! Kevin said that the Community Support Waiver will offer Supported Employment when it is rolled out. This will be a great help for many individuals in our area, as we don't currently have any providers affiliated to provide Supported Employment.

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

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

- **CDDO Contracting Update**: CDDO/KDADS have a meeting this week (09/13/2024), and we will have a follow-up meeting on 09/16/2024 to review any outcomes from the meeting on the 13th. Hopefully there will be something new to report at the HMCDDO Board meeting regarding the FY25 contract. Kevin reported that today's meeting was led by Brooke Aziere, attorney with Foulston Siefkin, representing the CDDOs. One of the items being hashed through is how to distribute the CDDO Admin. rate allocation among CDDO's. Another is the MFEI assessment (Medicaid Functional Eligibility Instrument), which takes the place of the BASIS assessment, and is scheduled to begin 1-01-25. The MFEI is reported to take twice as long as the BASIS. We are paid \$150 for each BASIS completed. KDADS has offered \$175 per MFEI completed. A downside of the MFEI is that it does not result in a tier rate. Once a person is deemed functionally



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eligible, they will have a “floor” rate, i.e. flat rate. For those with higher needs, the MCO will determine the additional reimbursement for that person. After today’s meeting, Kevin stated that, overall, he feels a bit more confident that they’ll end up with a KDADS/CDDO Contract soon. With a follow-up meeting scheduled for October 3, he hopes to have a more concise report at the next Board meeting.

- **The TCM Subcommittee:** This is a simple reminder that there is a special subcommittee for the conflict-free Targeted Case Management issue on 10/09/2024. This is an extremely important issue as there must be an approved plan by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS) prior to implementation of the Community Support waiver. If any Board members want more information on this, please let Kevin know. There are also possible ramifications for CDDOs to take on this role moving forward.
- **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 had their first meeting and there were several items discussed, mainly what services will be provided.
- **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.
- **Healthy Behavioral Practices with Goodlife Innovations:** Goodlife has completed the initial Behavioral Support Plan training to all our TCM providers. This training was held in Wichita on 09/11/2024.
- **MFEI:** This is the assessment that KDADS has proposed to replace BASIS beginning 01/01/2025. This is one of the larger issues that is holding up the CDDO/KDADS contract. In spite of this, the HMCDDO has signed on to begin training for this assessment and this will be on 09/17/2024.
- **The HMCDDO** has officially engaged in our **FY24 annual audit**. A huge thank you to Nancy Plenert for all the work she does to keep this process running so smoothly.

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.
- We have had a few provider inquiries for affiliation.

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.



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Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024

HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS

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