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: 08/12/2025 @ 1:00pm

Persons with IDD/Family Members/Guardians: Bailey Moore, David Welfelt, Jessica Peugh Representative of CDDP/CSP's: Nancy Plenert (HMCDDO); Jim Black, GPSS; Michelle Page, ResCare Public Non-members Present: Jamie Welfelt, Audra Kennedy (HMCDDO); Kevin Gaeddert (HMCDDO)

HMCDDO Staff Note-Taker: Nancy Plenert

Persons with I/DD/Family Members/Guardians Absent: Jessa Marsh, Nicole Anderson, Melissa Ratzlaff

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

- 1. Call to Order Facilitator: Kevin Gaeddert. Kevin called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
 - 1. Quorum: (Membership majority must be persons with disabilities, family members, and guardians) We do not have a quorum. There were three persons with disabilities/family members/guardians out of six persons/provider entities present.
- 2. National, State & Local Updates:
 - **KDADS IDD Modernization:** KDADS held a meeting for stakeholders, that were a part of the modernization workgroups, last Wednesday (08/06/2025) showcasing the official modernization plan as it relates to the three topics below.
 - MFEI, Conflict of Interest (TCM & CDDO), Unbundling Day Services:
 The conversion to the MFEI assessment is now complete. Traci is completing all annual MFEIs and Audra is completing all initial MFEIs. Both of our assessors are doing a great job at getting through the assessments utilizing time management, as well as ensuring accuracy of the assessment. We have not yet had an individual found to be ineligible, that was previously eligible.
 - Conflict of Interest: The HMCDDO will be hosting an informational meeting on 08/20/2025 regarding COI and what this means for our service area. Current plans are to simply get all individuals at ResCare that receive an HCBS service & TCM from ResCare, over to another TCM agency in our service area. This will essentially make our service area unconflicted. Despite this, it was recently revealed by KDADS that any agency providing HCBS & TCM must choose either HCBS or TCM. This will be phase two for our service area and we will assist those individuals whenever KDADS puts a timeline on this decision.



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 The Day Services definitions continue to be worked through by the "technical writing group" that is going through each new service and its definition. There is a lot of work needed to get these definitions to include all the different types of individuals in our service system, as well as including recent trends of community employment and meaningful day concepts.

Options Counseling & Provider Choice:

- HMCDDO Definition of Options Counseling: Helping individuals, families, & guardians understand their strengths, needs, preferences, & unique situations, and using this information to develop support strategies, plans, and tactics based on the service options in the community.
- Furthermore, options counseling is a person-centered service designed to help individuals, and their families make informed decisions about long-term services and supports. It involves exploring various options, considering personal needs and preferences, and developing a plan of action to achieve desired outcomes.
- At the HMCDDO, Options Counseling relates directly to the HMCDDO Service Types document which ensures that the individual/guardian knows the types of available services that
- Provider Choice is the information provided by the HMCDDO showing all providers available for referrals as it relates to the service types listing. This is the place the HMCDDO stops and where the individual/guardian begins seeking information directly from providers that they contact and then ultimately choose to initiate services. The HMCDDO does not have any role in provider choice other than reporting available providers for each service and then receiving and processing the provider(s) chosen by the individual/quardian.

HCBS by the Numbers:

Service Management Report:	July	August	September
Statewide Total Number Eligible for HCBS services:	9689		
Statewide Total Number Waiting for HCBS services:	4830		
Total Number of Individuals System Eligible in Harvey & Marion	364		
Total Number Using TCM:	250		
Total Number Using Day Supports:	135		
Total Number Using Residential Supports:	102		
Total Number Using Personal Care Services:	83		
Total of Those Waiting in Harvey & Marion Service Area:	152		
Eligibility Packets Requested:	6		
Packets Returned:	9		



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Determined System Eligible: 9
Determined System In-Eligible: 9

- 4. HMCDDO Capacity Report:
 - The HMCDDO had a recent inquiry from Integrity TCM Services for affiliation as a new independent TCM provider.
 - The HMTCM will begin providing TCM services on 09/01/2025.
 - Our service area currently has 3 residential, 1 shared living, 4 day service, 2 TCM, and 5 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.
- 5. Sharing & Announcements: *Bailey has accomplished a lot! She is able to send emails and can use her cell phone as long as it's on speaker. She is interested in Shared Living at some point in the future and is looking for a job. *Jamie gets to spend time with her caregiver tonight! She's going to get her nails done in purple (Go K-State!). *Jessica is happy to be back at ResCare after Day services were on pause for a while. School starts tomorrow, and she will be working at the same school. Jessica wishes her school schedule allowed her to attend Self-Advocates meetings!
- 6. Next Community Council meeting date/time/place: 08/12/2025 @ 1:00pm on Zoom Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: <u>Nancy Plenert</u>
