Harvey-Marion County CDDO

Supporting increased independence, integration, inclusion, and productivity in individual homes and communities.

HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

October 19, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Location: HMCDDO Meeting Room, 500 N. Main, Suite 204, Newton, KS 67114 ***(Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access).***

Directors Present: Clarke Dirks, Chair; David Welfelt, Vice-Chair; Lynne Fruechting, Secretary; Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Kristi Berning; Kimberlee Jost; Terry Scott
Directors Absent: Thomas Gill
Harvey-Marion County CDDO Staff Present: Kevin Gaeddert, Executive Director; Nancy Plenert, Meeting Recorder

Call to Order**.** Chair Clarke Dirks 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 September, 2026 Board Meeting**.**
ACTION*: Clarke moved to approve the September 21, 2026 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials and Amended FY2027 Budget: Packets contain the September 2026 Profit & Loss report, the check register report, ICS check register report (balance over $250K), and balance sheet. At 03 of 12 months (25%), total income reflects receipt of County Mill & Assessment funds.

- Balance Sheet dated **10/08/2026** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **$384,503.98**
- The Board packet contains the FY27 amended budget:
  - HMTCM hired a fourth TCM, and the revised budget now reflects the updated wages and anticipated income from this addition.
  - Although early budget planning in May complicates forecasting for variable assessment revenue, reviewing recent data allowed us to confidently increase our FY27 projections. We now expect to match last year's actual total of 225 annual assessments, up from the 200 budgeted in FY26.
  - These adjustments have a minimal impact on discretionary funded supports. The revised FY27 budget allocates $84,996 for these services (a $5,966 decrease from the original $90,962 approved in June).

- With approximately $65,000 already committed for FY27, nearly $20,000 remains available for additional discretionary service requests.

ACTION : *Lynne moved to approve the Amended FY2027 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Terry and passed by unanimous vote.*

ACTION : *Clarke moved to approve the Financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

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

- **HMCDDO:**
  - **IDD Modernization & the Community Support Waiver (CSW):**
    - The Community Support Waiver (CSW) launched on October 1, 2026.
      - We are steadily building provider capacity for the CSW, though the process remains slow with only two active providers at this time. To expand our network, we have contacted several remote service providers regarding potential affiliation, as well as Prairie View and two independent providers to offer local Behavior Therapy.
      - KDADS recently sent out 24 CSW invitation letters to individuals on the waitlist in our service area. To date, we have processed two declinations and have heard from one individual who is interested in accepting services. We are actively following up with the remaining recipients to gauge their interest in the program.
      - As of 10/09/2026, the statewide totals show 14 CSW applicants and 14 individuals who have declined to enroll in the CSW.
  - **START:**
    - We have initiated the START meetings and will be hiring a START coordinator (not associated with the HMCDDO – these funds will come from the Rural Health Transformation Grant) in the near future to begin providing START services here in the HMCDDO service area. There will be much more to come regarding this in the near future.
    - START Advisory Board: To represent the Harvey and Marion County region on the Kansas START advisory board, our office engaged five local agencies, resulting in nine appointed individuals. The collaborating agencies are:
      - NMCHealth, Newton Police Department, Newton DCF/Adult Protective Services (APS), Prairie View, HMCDDO
- **HMTCM:**
  - **HMTCM Caseload: 145**

- TCM's moved to Suite 215 on 10/01/2026. There are four office spaces and all have now been occupied. HMTCM hired their fourth TCM – Carol Benavidez, and her first day was 10/12/2026. Jaci will remain in Suite 207 with the TCM conference room.

Service Provider Capacity:

- ***Comprehensive Waiver:*** 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.
- ***Community Support Waiver:*** 4 TCM, 1 Life Skills, & 1 FMS service providers are currently available for new referrals.

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

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

Other: **Executive Director Evaluation.** Kevin noted that the Executive Director Evaluation needs to be completed. He will e-mail everyone a link to the webform to complete the evaluation. Evaluations in Paper format can be mailed to Board members requesting to complete it that way. Evaluations will be sent to Nancy and then sent to Clarke, who will compile and summarize the results.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned in a motion made by Clarke and seconded by Kristi at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, November 23, 4:00 p.m.
Note: the Nov. meeting will be held on the 4th Monday due to a scheduling conflict.
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