



Harvey-Marion County CDDO

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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

June 16, 2025

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; Clarke Dirks

Directors participating via Zoom: Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Don Schroeder

Directors Absent: Thomas Gill; Kimberlee Jost

Harvey-Marion County CDDO Staff Present: Kevin Gaeddert, Executive Director; Audra Kennedy, Quality Assurance/Provider Relations Specialist; Jaci Schrag, TCM Director; Nancy Plenert, Meeting Recorder

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:03 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 May 19, 2025 Board Meeting.

ACTION: Craig moved to approve the May 19, 2025 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Clarke and passed by unanimous vote.

Financials: Packets contain the May 2025 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, ICS check register report (balance over \$250K), and balance sheet. At 11 of 12 months (92%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **06/05/2025** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$391,375.52**.

Craig asked about the chart of accounts including TCM expenses. For FY26, we will add a separate class for TCM to track income and expenses.

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



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

- **FROM ANCOR (National Advocacy Association):**

- The White House released the fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget summary (and [detailed appendix](#)) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The budget recommendations represent a reduction of \$32B in discretionary funding for the agency. As a reminder, **Congress is ultimately responsible for approving the allocation of funds to federal agencies and departments, which means that the funding recommendations in the attached documents are subject to change as the budgetary process continues.**
- Overall, the budget recommendations for HHS are similar to those we saw within the "skinny budget" released last month and include the following provisions directly from [the budget brief](#):
- *The budget eliminates funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant programs, Transitional Medical Services for refugees, Refugee Social Services, Chronic Disease Self-Management Education, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Limb Loss Resource, Paralysis Resource Center, Voting Access for People with Disabilities, and the White House Conference on Aging;*
- *[Provides] funding for Independent Living (\$228 million) and State Councils on Developmental Disabilities (\$80 million) which provide access to education, health, employment, and other aspects of community life to individuals with disabilities living on their own;*
- *The budget also provides \$100 million to the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research to support grantees through sponsoring comprehensive and coordinated programs of research, training, knowledge translation, and capacity-building;*
- *The budget establishes the new Center for Preparedness and Response, funded at \$588 million, which joins together core public health preparedness and response functions; and*
- *The Aging and Disability Resource Centers, funded at \$9 million, will provide resources to states to develop or expand their "No Wrong Door" systems for people with disabilities and the elderly.*
- The budget document also notes that:
- *NIH will continue the Office of the Director's initiative to understand the rapid rise in autism spectrum disorder. NIH will integrate diverse and large-scale datasets that enable researchers to examine the complex factors influencing the rapid rise in autism spectrum disorder rates. NIH will launch a real-world data platform to allow for enhanced collaboration and access of comprehensive, longitudinal data sets. NIH will continue to assemble teams of world-class scientists to identify the causes, risk factors, and potential treatments through investments in research programs, coordination of interagency activities, and collaboration with the Autism community.*

- **CDDO/KDADS FY26 Contract:**

- Unfortunately, we still don't have a CDDO/KDADS contract to sign because the larger CDDO group was not comfortable with the rate allocation table that KDADS had proposed. We are now in a holding pattern waiting for KDADS to respond to the proposed allocation schedule submitted by the CDDO negotiation team.



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- **KDADS IDD Modernization:**

There is an InterHab group that is assisting in gathering suggestions for the larger group to work through the recommendations/matrix spreadsheet. There doesn't seem to be any actual movement at this time for these three issues (MFEI, Conflict of Interest, Day Services definitions) - more to come next month?

- **MFEI, Conflict of Interest (TCM & CDDO), Unbundling Day Services**

- *HMCDDO Executive Director Commentary regarding these 3 items:*

- The MFEI is still on track to implement on 07/01/2025 and the HMCDDO is already scheduling these and our office plans to move forward with the MFEI as is.
 - Conflict of Interest is being addressed in the HMCDDO service area with the implementation of the HMTTCM agency.
 - The Day Services definitions are rigorously being worked through by a group of experts that should truly identify some good service definitions for the people that will be using them.

- **HMTTCM:**

- New HMTTCM director Jaci Schrag began on 05/27/2025 and we are diligently getting the office (Suite 206) furnished and online.
 - We now have the HMTTCM KanCare provider number and have signed our contract with United Healthcare. Jaci has also initiated the credentialing process with Healthy Blue and Sunflower in hopes of being fully credentialed in the coming weeks.
 - All HMTTCM policies and procedures have been created, our business plan has been completed, all background screens have been received, and the packet has now been submitted to the KDADS licensure team for review. Our plan remains to be a licensed TCM provider by 09/01/2025, but this is ultimately up to the KDADS licensure process.
Update: After initial review of the licensure documents, Kevin was made aware by KDADS Licensing Team that qualifications and background checks needed to be secured for himself. Everything is in process to obtain the needed documents and should be completed by the end of the week.
 - While we wait for KDADS/licensure, we will be working to transition the current non-KanCare eligible individuals to our program by 07/2025.
 - The HMCDDO/HMTTCM met with all TCM agencies on 06/10/2025 to alert them of our plans to transition the 8 non-KanCare individuals to the HMTTCM, as well as the next steps regarding the transition of 43 ResCare individuals that are considered "conflicted." We have also shared this plan with ResCare administration on 06/11/2025. We will review these plans at our 07/21/2025 HMCDDO Board meeting.
 - Finally, the HMTTCM program was approved for the KDADS Conflict-Free Grant. The total amount requested for this grant was \$26,745.00, and the HMTTCM was approved for \$19,965.00. The approved funds are planned to be reimbursed at some point in FY26, however not all of the \$19,965 is expected.



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Service Provider Capacity:

- Our service area currently has 2 residential, 3 day service, 1 TCM, and 5 FMS service providers available for referrals.

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 Clarke and passed by unanimous vote.*

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

Executive Session: Personnel matters of non-elected personnel and discussion of FY26 Draft Budget. K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) At 4:25, the Board convened to Executive Session for 10 minutes. Open meeting resumed at 4:41 p.m., with no action taken.

Approve HMCDDO FY26 Draft Budget and FY26 Funding Requests.

Action on Revision to HMCDDO list of holidays. *Kristi moved to add the Day after Christmas and HMCDDO/HMTCM Employee Birthday to the list of paid holidays. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed by unanimous vote.*

Action on FY2026 Draft Budget. *Craig moved to approve the FY2026 Draft Budget and Funding Requests as proposed by the Executive Director. This includes proposed wage increases for the Executive Director, Assessor, and Funding/Payroll Coordinator positions. The HMTCM and Quality Assurance positions will be evaluated for a wage increase by the Executive Director and brought to the Board in 6 months. The motion was seconded by Todd and passed by unanimous vote.*

Action on establishment of separate checking account. *Kristi moved to open a separate checking account for HMTCM. This account will have the same signers as the HMCDDO account. The Executive Director and TCM Director will not be signers on either account. The motion was seconded by Craig and passed by unanimous vote.*

Action on obtaining a credit card for HMTCM Director. *Clarke moved to obtain a credit card for the HMTCM Director, subject to the controls outlined in the HMCDDO Credit Card Policy. The motion was seconded by Kristi and passed by unanimous vote.*

Other. *Kristi commended Todd for his work in helping a student obtain IDD waiver funding. Todd arranged for the student's team to come to Newton and assist in visiting service providers. Once funding was approved, the student was able to move into a group home, greatly improving his living situation.*

Recognition of Outgoing HMCDDO Board Members: Craig Simons and Kristi Berning.



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Craig and Kristi were each presented with certificates of recognition for completing two, three-year terms on the HMCDDO Board. Kevin thanked them for their service these many years. Marilyn added that their insights, questions and comments have been invaluable. Kristi thanked the Board for the privilege of being able to give back to the community.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

Next Meeting: Monday, July 21, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

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