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HARVEY-MARION COUNTY CDDO: BOARD of DIRECTORS

April 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Location: Blue Gold Room, Tabor College Student Center, Hillsboro, Kansas (*Zoom option also available to anyone that requests access*).

Directors Participating: In Person: Marilyn Loganbill, Chair; Craig Simons, Vice-Chair; Todd Weeks, Treasurer; Clarke Dirks; Kimberlee Jost

Directors participating via Zoom: Kristi Berning, Secretary; Don Schroeder; Thomas Gill

Directors Absent: None.

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

Guests Present: Robert Haude, Project Search Coordinator; Stacey Parks, Marion Co. Special Ed. Coop (MCSEC) Executive Director; Connie Rickard, Trinity Heights Respite Care Director

At 3:30, we began with recorded presentations by the five 2024-25 Project Search (PS) interns. The presentations were recorded because the interns did not have school today. Each intern presented information about the various internships they were involved in during the school year. Robert fielded questions following each presentation. Robert shared that PS has graduated 31 interns from the program since it began and with the upcoming graduation on May 1, the total number of graduates will be 36. PS provides valuable work experience. Tabor College has hired 4 PS interns over the years, with the longest being employed for 5 years in the IT department. Pioneer catering, the contracted food service provider at Tabor, has hired 8 PS interns over the years. This year, all interns completed Basic CPR training, as well as various individual trainings to enhance their experience. Six interns have been accepted for the 2025-26 school year.

Call to Order. Chair Marilyn Loganbill called the monthly Board meeting to order at 4:11 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>

FY2026 Funding Requests

Marion County Special Education Cooperative Project SEARCH: Amount requested for Program Support in FY2026: \$35,000.00.



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Robert Haude, Project SEARCH Coordinator, stated that things are stable with the program. Most of the budget goes for salaries. Other expenses are supplies, marketing, hospitality and travel. The CDDO funds have been helpful in meeting budget needs. Due to having 6 interns next year an additional staff will be added. An endowment has been established with Central Kansas Community Foundation. With an initial investment of \$10,000 two years ago, they are letting the funds grow for future needs. In the meantime, long-term funding partnerships are necessary to sustain operations of this vital, vibrant program. The amount requested (\$35,000.00) is the same as last year. *No action was taken on the Project SEARCH funding request. This will be considered when the Draft FY2026 Budget is presented at next months' Board meeting.* At this time, Robert and Stacey exited the meeting,

Trinity Heights Respite Care: Amount requested for Program Support in FY2026: \$75,000.00. Connie Rickard, THRC Director, gave an overview of the Respite Program. HMCDDO funding helps with costs of in-home care (up to 28 hours per month/per child) as well as monthly Parents Day Out. They currently serve approximately 40 children ages 0-16 with 25 part-time staff. Of the 40, some receive HMCDDO funding, some pay on a sliding fee scale, and some a combination of both. There are 7 families who have applied and are completing eligibility. Plans are underway for the summer program. Since HMCDDO is not providing separate funding for this, they are depending on fundraising to cover costs of summer programming. Kevin mentioned that Respite Care is a proposed service of the Community Support Waiver. If this becomes a reality, THRC could become a Medicaid provider. Todd asked what percentage of children served live in Marion County. Connie replied that they currently provide services to 5 children from Marion County. They could serve more but staffing and transportation are barriers. Connie has thought about providing a monthly Parents Day Out in Marion County as a way to expand services to that area. The amount requested (\$75,000.00) is an increase of \$5,000.00 from last year. *No action was taken on the THRC funding request. This will be considered when the Draft FY2026 Budget is presented at next months' Board meeting.* At this time, Connie exited the meeting.

Minutes of March 24, 2025 Board Meeting. Craig questioned a sentence on p. 2 of the March Minutes. The wording implied that Don Schroeder was at the meeting when in fact, he was absent. A notation will be added to clarify that the information Don Schroeder shared with Harvey Co. Commissioners was obtained at the February, 2025 CDDO Board meeting.

ACTION: *Todd moved to approve the March 24, 2025 Minutes as clarified (above). The motion was seconded by Kimberlee and passed by unanimous vote.*

Financials: Packets contain the March 2025 Profit & Loss by Class report, the check register report, ICS check register report (balance over \$250K), and balance sheet. At 08 of 12 months



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(75%), total Income reflects receipt of County Mill, State Aid, CDDO Admin Funds, & BASIS Assessment payments.

- Balance Sheet dated **04/11/2025** reflects HMCDDO Total Assets at **\$358,515.94**
- Notable Budget Overages:
 - 6100: Utilities are running a bit higher than usual, but this should level out by year's end.

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

- **FROM ANCOR:** On 04/10/2025, The U.S. House of Representatives voted today (216-214) and [passed the concurrent budget resolution](#). Two Republicans, Reps Victoria Spartz (R-IN-05) and Thomas Massie (R-KY-04), joined Democrats in voting against the resolution. As a reminder, this resolution sets the framework for the budget reconciliation bill and is a necessary step for the budget reconciliation process to move forward. A quick guide to this process has been provided in our HMCDDO Board packet for your review.
- **State of KS FY26 Budget:**
 - Budget bill: The Governor left all of our items untouched during line-item vetoes. Our items include: \$4.2M SGF (1.67%) for an IDD waiver rate increase, initial funding for the Community Support Waiver, **a proviso that 2.4% of the wait list funding would be directed to CDDOs**, and 200 wait list slots.
- **CDDO/KDADS FY26 Contract:**
 - CDDO contract negotiations began on 04/15 with additional dates set for 04/17, 04/22 & 4/24/2025.
 - The main item still being considered is the CDDO administration funding methodology. The current funding methodology has been in use since 2013 and is obviously outdated. Many allocation scenarios have been presented; however this remains a very complicated process to get to a per person amount that best represents and accounts for the true cost of business for all 27 CDDOs. It does appear that we will most likely land on a new methodology that utilizes the number of functional assessments per CDDO, plus the total number of individuals on each CDDO's waitlist to be the easiest solution for now. We will have more details regarding this issue at our Board meeting. **Update:** When talks on funding methodology began, Dep. Secretary Brown pointed out that last years' contract stated that an agreement on funding methodology had to be reached by March 31, 2025 or the CDDO Admin. funds would remain the same as FY2025. The CDDO's went ahead with reviewing the 6 proposed methodology scenarios that were submitted. The CDDO came to an agreement which utilizes the number of functional assessments per CDDO, plus the total number of individuals on each



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CDDO's waitlist. Dep. Secretary Brown was directed to request that Secretary Howard review and approve the proposed methodology. Since our numbers have increased, we stand to get an increase of \$12,000.00 if the proposed methodology is approved. We should know the outcome by next months' meeting.

- **KDADS IDD Modernization:**

- **MFEI:**

- There are three subgroups focused on the MFEI who are getting closer to providing recommendations on options for implementation, and we will have to wait to see what surfaces as actual decisions surrounding this issue.

- **Conflict of Interest (TCM & CDDO):**

- The TCM COI subgroup is currently drafting recommendations, and there will most likely be opposition to these recommendations, which will ultimately force KS to choose one of the three current options proposed by PCG/KDADS.
 - CDDO COI discussions have had presentations to help correct misinformation around subcontracting and other issues relating to CDDO COI, but nothing looks to be settled regarding this issue any time soon.

- **Unbundling Day Services:**

- Day Service subgroups continue to meet and move forward but have a lot of work ahead of them.

- Moving forward, a matrix/spreadsheet will be established with all three groups to consider and grade all recommendations to be considered by the main three IDD modernization issues.

- **HMTCM:**

- We have hired Jaci Schrag as our new HMTCM Director. She will begin employment on 05/19/2025 – welcome aboard Jaci! **Update:** Kevin confirmed that we finalized the lease on Suite 206 for the additional office space. Craig asked if there will be a separate checking account. Kevin replied that we will track TCM income and expenses separately.
 - We have initiated the beginning phases of the application to KDADS/KDHE for the HMTCM program. We will also be working through all other pieces of the affiliation process, just like any new provider of TCM services would also need to do. There are several other steps that will need to happen prior to the next phase of the actual HMTCM operations – more information will follow.
 - We have applied for the Conflict-Free Grant through KDADS. The total amount requested for this grant relating to initiating the HMTCM agency is \$26,745.00. The grant application closes at the end of April. A reminder that these are ARPA funds, and we should not get too excited about this type of funding source, due to the possibility of recoupment by the Federal Government prior to awarding the funds (as has happened in many other states). Either way, below is a summary of the grant:
 - The Conflict-Free Kansas Grant helps Community Service Providers (CSPs), Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs), and agencies providing Targeted Case Management



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(TCM) comply with the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) [Final Settings Rule](#) and other federal regulations, including regulations around [conflicts of interest](#).

- The grant will help grantees transition to providing only TCM, I/DD services, or the CDDO functions (i.e., intake, assessment, options counseling and quality assurance). TCM agencies would exclusively provide targeted case management services, while CSPs would deliver only direct I/DD waiver services.
- Applicants must propose to use grant funds in a manner that promotes community integration and person-centered practices and is consistent with the [HCBS Settings Final Rule](#).
- *This grant operates exclusively on a reimbursement basis and does not include any prospective payments. Awarded applicants must incur and pay for expenses first and then submit for reimbursement according to the established schedule.*

Service Provider Capacity:

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

Action on Service Management and Director's Report. *Kimberlee 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.

Adjourn: the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Nancy Plenert

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 19
4:00 p.m., HMCDDO Board Room; Newton, KS**
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