

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, Board Room
February 27, 2017

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Smith. Earnhardt, Smith, Willey, Hahn and Hilgendorf were present. Hamerlinck and Mather were absent. Management Team present: Becky Eskildsen, Lynn Bopes, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: John Rushton, Jill Westhoff, Barbara Robinson Lagarde, Sam Wolfe, Mary Peterson, Denise Beenk, Dawn Knutson, Greg Burnett, Christine Gradert, Amy Halderman, Mitch Tollerud.

Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the minutes of the 1/30/17 Governing Board Meeting, the 1/30/17 Governing Board CEO Work Session, and 1/30/17 Governing Board HIPAA Training. Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

Moved by Willey and seconded by Earnhardt to nominate Hamerlinck as Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2017. Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Smith to nominate Willey as Secretary for Calendar Year 2017. Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet through 1/31/17. He reported revenue of \$500,000, which was the money appropriated to Scott County during the 2016 Legislative Session. He also reported that no further payment was made to Robert Young Center through January 14, 2017, which is the end of year one of the agreement. David reviewed the summary of the proposed FY18 consolidated budget, which is a compilation of the 5 county budgets and the region's budget. If there are no changes legislated this session allowing counties to raise the levy cap it is projected that in FY18 some of the region's fund balance will be needed to meet expenditures.

~~Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the financial reports.~~

Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

Jonathan Sabin, Vortex Business Solutions, presented a report on the progress of building the region's website. He showed the Board a draft of the Home Page and Site Map. He indicated that his company looks for simplicity in a design that minimizes confusion to people attempting to navigate the site, and then use a drill down approach to get to the details. They strive for a design that is state of the art, mobile compliant and easily updateable by the region. A discussion was held, and feedback from the Board was encouraged. The consensus of the Board was that they want the site to be user friendly, not available to post comments and have a calming effect.

Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to designate the following TCM providers for the Region: Cedar County TCM, Clinton County TCM, Jackson County TCM, Muscatine County TCM and Scott County DHS TCM. Ayes-Earnhardt, Smith, Willey.

Mary Peterson updated the Board on Crisis Services. She reported that the Care Coordinator component included in year one of the agreement is almost fully implemented. Mercy Health Systems (Clinton) has requested substantial changes in the contract which are currently in review with corporate attorneys. In an attempt to avoid delays in getting contracts signed in the future a letter is being drafted to accompany contracts, encouraging providers to only request changes that change the terms of the contract and to process the contracts in a timely manner. Mary reported on the successful Sequential Intercept Training and follow-up planning, held Feb 9 & 10. She also discussed her attendance at a recent meeting of the Quad City Health Initiative, and the request made at that meeting for a presenter to attend an upcoming city leader's meeting to discuss behavioral health and crisis services. Mary reported that the Illinois bill to allow adults under an Iowa mental health commitment to be admitted to an Illinois hospital is scheduled for a hearing on the Illinois floor on March 1st.

Lori Elam gave a legislative update. She reviewed several bills. HF343 is the bill to continue to track and keep pushing. This would remove the frozen levy cap and allow counties to adjust their levy up to a maximum of \$47.28 in order to meet their expenses. She also discussed HSB126, introduced by DHS, which would make changes to the MH/DS system. This bill is likely to have several amendments.

Willey needed to leave the meeting at 4:15pm due to another meeting; there was no longer a quorum.

The discussion of 28E Agreement changes will begin next month. Board members were asked to be thinking of changes they feel are necessary.

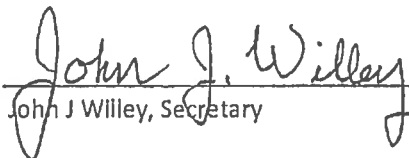
A process for the CEO appointment was proposed by Mike; this will be discussed in detail next month.

In addition to the CEO Report included in the Board packet, Mike provided an update on the progress being made with Carosh Compliance Solution regarding HIPAA. He handed out two DHS documents, dated 2/22/17, that discuss Iowa's Mental Health System working with individuals with Complex Needs. He discussed the likelihood that local decisions will be affected by the federal government's actions regarding things such as Medicaid expansion and possible block granting of Medicaid dollars. DHS Director Palmer has discussed this with the CEO Affiliate. Hahn raised the question of the region's role for those on waiver services whose funding is being reduced or those who are on waiver waiting lists. There is concern that at some point the Board might be challenged to make a policy to address these issues. Safety is a concern that will likely need to be taken into consideration.

Other Items: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.


John J Willey, Secretary