

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Chair Kelly. Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey, Hahn, and Hilgendorf were present. Management Team Present: Becky Eskildsen, Lynn Bopes, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam, and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer Guests: Todd Noack, Christine Gradert, Jackie Anhalt, Diane Holst, Tom Sunderbruch, Lisa Bohland, Denise Beenk, Mary A. Petersen, Jill Westhoff, Dennis Duke, Jerome Phillips, John Rushton, Jim Hancock, Margaret Kuhl, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, and Sam Wolfe

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

Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith for approval of the minutes of the 10-17-16 Governing Board of Directors meeting. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet. The YTD cash balance is \$9,584,887.74. David reported that the Region has received the \$500,000.00 from the DHS Memorandum of Understanding and is reflected in the YTD cash balance. David reported that there was an \$83.00 strategic planning expense that he paid out and there were no other expenditures. David is working with the auditors to compile each county's financial data into a quarterly report. David hopes to have a report to present next month. David also reminded the board that he is expecting a request of audit from Baker Tilly to start the auditing process for the Region. Discussion was held. Moved by Smith, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

Lori Elam gave a legislative update. Lori reminded the Governing Board that they should start setting up meetings in each county with their legislators to talk about the legislative talking points regarding the levy equality and the caps currently in place being removed. Lori said that she would send out the talking points to the Governing Board members to share locally. Lori let the governing board know that she and others are in the process of updating the spreadsheet they shared with legislators last year with FY18 data to continue the conversation regarding levy equality. Lori referenced the recent DHS MH & DS Redesign Progress Report and how some of the information is not accurate that the legislators have received. Lori and others plan to meet with the legislators and review the correct information with them. Discussion was held.

Becky Eskildsen and David Farmer updated the board regarding the Region website development. They reported that the RFP went out for bids on November 18, 2016. So far 12 vendors have posted questions regarding the RFP. They plan to issue a response to the questions next week. David noted that the RFP has gone out and 100 vendors have looked at it. He is concerned about sorting through a large number of bids. They will have more information about how many bids they received at the next Governing Board meeting. Discussion was held.

Julie Tischuk and David Farmer presented to the board that the management team has reviewed 3 RFPs that were submitted to provide HIPAA technical assistance to the Region. Each vendor was scored using a process David developed by the management team. David compiled the information to determine which vendor would be the best match for the Region. After reviewing the experience the vendors had working with regions, the cost for the service, and references, the management team recommended

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CAROSH Compliance Solutions as the HIPAA technical assistance for the Region. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to accept the management team's recommendation for CAROSH Compliance Solutions to provide technical assistance and to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with CAROSH Compliance Solutions. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

Becky Eskildsen gave an update on the Annual Report FY2016. Becky reported that she will be sending in the report to DHS on 11/30/2016 for review and acceptance. Becky let the Governing Board know that once it has been reviewed and approved by DHS she will then bring it to the Governing Board for their approval. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen gave an update regarding the Hillcrest Family Services Sub-Acute Bed Application that has been submitted to DHS for approval. Mike let the board know that the Region was notified about this application due to being within 60 miles of the provider and requiring comment from our Region about the use of bed availability. Mike pointed out that there are 14 beds available and 7 of the beds are in our Region. 5 beds are being requested and fall in a different region. Mike reported that the Region doesn't have any comment to this due to no change taking place with our bed total. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen let the Governing Board know that Robert Young Center will be asking for a letter of support to the Illinois Legislature regarding the pilot project that is being worked on. Dennis Duke from Robert Young Center spoke that in the January Illinois Legislative session this will be brought forward for approval. Illinois Senator Neil Anderson, DHS and the Governor's office have all indicated they are in support of this project moving forward. Robert Young Center will be asking DHS, the Governor's office, and the Region to send letters of support. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen asked that the Governing Board approve the Regional Advisory Committee Members before them. Mike explained that there were members that had expired terms and each county advisory committee has recommended a member to fill those terms. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to accept the Regional Advisory Committee Members nominations. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

Mike Johannsen updated the governing board on the process of selecting a CEO for the Region. Mike let the governing board know that the management team has received information back regarding the survey that was sent out to other Regions regarding their CEO position and is compiling the information to present to the board along with noting the recommendations that DHS has made regarding the CEO structure/role in the Regions that was listed in their DHS MH & DS Redesign Progress Report. Based on the information and discussions the management team has had, they are recommending that the board consider Option C. Mike asked the Governing Board if they would like to meet as a committee and have a workgroup session on how to proceed to selecting a CEO and discuss the options further or would they like to set up a sub-committee and have two board members work on this with the management team. Discussion was held and a consensus was reached that the entire board would like to meet with the management team and hold a workgroup session to develop the CEO position. December 6, 2016 at 2:00pm was selected as the meeting day.

Dennis Duke, Mary A. Petersen and Jill Westhoff from Robert Young Center presented the Eastern Iowa Region Crisis Management System Year TWO Contract Proposal to the Governing Board. Areas covered during the presentation were: Year one overview, enhanced metrics, year two proposed components and the Crisis System costs with year two detailed costs and year one detailed financials through October 2016. Discussion was held.

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Mike Johannsen asked for action from the Governing Board regarding the Crisis Management System Contract Year Two Proposal that Robert Young Center presented to them today. Jack Willey stated that he has appreciated Robert Young's experience, the relationship with the management team and governing board, the great service that they provide and has been impressed with their rapport and honesty with the governing board on making sure that the dollars have been watched closely and any unspent dollars have been returned to the Region. Moved by Willey, seconded by Kelly to enter into contract discussion/agreement for Year Two of the Crisis Management System. Discussion was held. Ayes-Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

Mike Johannsen presented the CEO report. Mike wanted to highlight that the DHS MH & DS Redesign Progress Report is about the States vision for the next year. He said that from that report legislation and initiatives come out of their recommendations and visions. Mike pointed out that one area in the report is the CEO role and how that should be structured in the Regions. Mike said that the CEO position has a key role to connect with other Regions and also with the State. The State wants to see a more unified role of the CEO in each Region and use one plan to operate each Region. They would like to see the Regions unify and be a representative at the table for future planning and would like to see each Region have a consistent vision of what their role is. Mike said that there will be a two day retreat for the CEOs in each Region to attend and begin working on this through strategic planning. Discussion was held.

Other Items: Mike let the Governing Board know that the January and February meeting dates fall on Holidays and they will need to consider a different date for those two meeting dates. Discussion was held. Jack Willey asked that a synopsis of the vocational meeting recently held be put together for the Governing Board members.

Public Comment: Todd Noack updated the Governing Board regarding the opening of Life Connections Peer Recovery Center in DeWitt, Ia. and the type of service this offers. Jim Hancock asked Genesis Hospital and Robert Young Center to be leaders on having bed availability for persons in the Region to access for mental health services due to Strategic Behavioral Health not having approval at this time to add to the services in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM. The next meeting will be December 19, 2016 at 3:00PM at the Scott County Administration Building, Boardroom.



Carol Earnhardt, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region