

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room  
September 19, 2016

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:01PM by Chair Kelly. Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey, Hahn, and Hilgendorf were present. Hamerlinck arrived at 3:18PM. Management Team Present: Lynn Bopes, Becky Eskildsen, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam, and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer Guests: Bryan Main, Amy Halderman, Mary A. Petersen, Diane Holst, Sam Wolfe, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Denise Beenk, Jill Weshoff, Lisa Bohland, Christine Gradert

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

Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith for approval of the minutes of the 8/5/16 Robert Young Crisis System Tour, 8/15/16 Governing Board of Directors Meeting, and 8/31/16 Governing Board Planning Session. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet. The YTD cash balance is \$9,088,421.81. David discussed that he will present quarterly reports to the board of each county's balance sheet to see where we are as a Region with our finances. David will be in contact with each county's financial person to gather this information. David reported that Scott County is not at a deficit cash balance as of yet. David feels that Scott Co. will be able to get through January 2017 and then will see if there is a need discuss accessing funds from the Region after that time. Discussion was held. Moved by Smith, seconded by Willey for approval of the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

David Farmer presented and reviewed with the board a budget calendar for the Region. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen presented the Strategic Plan that Jeff Schott, University of Iowa Public Affairs, completed and recommended in the document that the Governing Board approve the plan and begin the action plan for accomplishing the on-going commitments and new priority projects that that the Governing Board identified in the work session. Jack Willey suggested having this on the agenda on a regular basis to keep the board aware of progress being made. Discussion was held. Moved by Hamerlinck, seconded by Earnhardt to approve the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Strategic Plan and begin working on the action steps to accomplish the goals established in the plan. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

Lori Elam gave a legislative update. Lori has been attending meetings to discuss the MH property tax levy proposal in preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session. Lori shared that they are going continue with the message from last year to remove the cap and allow the counties to levy up to \$47.28 to cover needed expenditures for the fiscal year. Lori reported that they will be starting to put together talking points to hand out to the legislators. Jack Willey suggested taking back the talking points to each individual county and talking one on one with the legislators in that county about this situation instead of having a large meeting with all of the legislators from the 5 counties present. Discussion was held.

Mary Petersen, from Robert Young Center, gave an update on Crisis Services. Mary reminded the board that the August Metrics would not be reviewed today but will be included in the information shared at next month's meeting. Mary shared with the board that she has attended three meetings in the past

few weeks with people from the State of Iowa that have expressed a strong interest in the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Crisis System and how it could be replicated in other areas of the State. Jill Westhoff reviewed the financial report detailing expenses for August and the Year to Date totals. Mike Johannsen let the Governing Board know that the contract with Robert Young Center was signed on January 14, 2016 and if they would like to open negotiations and service discussions with them for the next year, the board would have to send written notice within 90 days of the contract date. The board decided to open negotiations of the contract and were in consensus that they would like to continue with Robert Young Center. The board advised that a letter be sent to Robert Young Center stating the desire to move forward with the Regional Mental Health Crisis Services Agreement and open negotiations with them regarding components and fee structures within the agreement. Discussion was held.

Becky Eskildsen updated the board regarding the Region website development. Becky stated that the person from Clinton County assisting with the development of the Region website will present to the Management Team next month what she has been able to set up for a page. Becky pointed out that due to time constraints, the person isn't able to spend much more time working on the website. The board wondered if an RFP needs to be drafted to see what interest there may be in assisting with developing and maintaining the Region website. Discussion was held.

Becky Eskildsen updated the board on vocational services in the Region. Becky is in the process of putting together a meeting date/ invitations for vocational providers to meet with the Region and discuss the future of sheltered work for FY'18, new policies and procedures, and discuss with the providers what direction vocational services are moving and planning for those changes.

Julie Tischuk presented to the board that the management team continues to work on HIPAA compliance in the Region. After meeting and reviewing all that is required to be HIPAA compliant, it became a difficult task for the management team to complete on their own without professional technical assistance guiding the process. Julie requested authorization from the board to draft an RFP for HIPAA Technical Assistance to assist with making sure the Region is HIPAA compliant. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to authorize the Management Team to prepare an RFP for HIPAA Compliance Tech Assistance and to work with Scott County to advise in the RFP process. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Kelly, Smith, Willey.

Mike Johannsen presented the CEO report. Mike let the board know that the Annual Report will be due in the next few weeks. He stated that staff are working on gathering the information that goes into this report. He let the board know that the State of Iowa looks at these reports closely to share with the legislators and others on how the Regions are doing across the State. Discussion was held.

Other Items: Dawn Smith asked for an update from Mary Petersen, Robert Young Center, regarding the pilot project to access adult psychiatric beds in Illinois being worked on with the Illinois Legislature. Mary said that there is support from the governor and there is bi-partisan support for the five counties in the Region to participate in the pilot project. This will be brought before the Illinois Legislature in November and a vote will be taken. If all goes well it will start 1/1/17.

Public Comment: Diane Holst asked the board the upside to increasing sales tax option to help fund mental health services. Discussion was held.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42PM. The next meeting will be October 17, 2016 at 3:00PM at the Scott County Administration Building, First Floor Boardroom.

*Carol Earnhardt*

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Carol Earnhardt, Secretary  
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region