

Eastern Iowa MH/DS  
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting  
Scott County Administration Building  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by CEO Bopes. The Committee Members reviewed agenda with no comments.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/1/2015: Moved by Hawley and seconded by Shotwell. All ayes.

III. FY 16 Annual Services and Budget Plan were briefly reviewed. CEO Bopes noted this is a summary of services provided within our Region along with funding mechanisms. She commented this document is updated yearly and requires approval by the Governing Board. DHS officially approved the document on May 26, 2015 after suggested revisions were made.

IV. A Letter to DHS was discussed. CEO Bopes reminded everyone that this was a topic at the last Regional Advisory Meeting where concerns were raised about Life Long Link's familiarity, especially with children and the ID population. CEO Bopes informed the group she has "tweaked" the letter including sending it to the Administrator of the Mental Health Division, Richard Schultz, of the Department instead of Director Palmer. The members were asked about their interest in sending the letter and several individuals voiced their support. Hilgendorf made a motion to send the letter with a second by Hawley. All ayes. Motion to send the letter carried.

V. Mental Health Advocate, Rose McVay, is retiring August 28<sup>th</sup> of 2015. This position has been filled by Greg Burnette, who is currently an employee of Scott County in the position of Protective Payee. Training time with the current advocate has been set up beginning the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. He will have a case load of approximately 250 individuals and will travel within the 5 counties of the Region. CEO Bopes reminded the group of the law change that occurred July 1, 2015 to allow supervision and oversight by a Board of Supervisor's instead of the judicial system. She also noted the 28E which has been in effect for a number of years between the 5 counties within the Region will also remain in effect.

VI. Updates:

- As of July of 2015, 1196 individuals, including adults and children, were on the ID Waiver wait list. The ID Waiver wait list, which CEO Bopes reminded the group, had started as of October 1, 2014
- Managed Care RFP-this agency would take over the financial risk and management of all Medicaid dollars in the State of Iowa. No one is sure what impact managed care will have on the waiting list for waivers. August 17<sup>th</sup> is now the proposed date for the announcement and as many as 4 but no less than 2 companies will manage cares for Medicaid recipients. Public comment was held a couple of weeks prior and attended by staff from the Regional Advisory Group. DHS took comments but were evasive in regard to questions. DHS stated at the public hearing that once the MCO's have been chosen, there will be informational packets sent to "members' letting them know to which MCO they have been assigned. Information will also be provided as to what services will be offered.
- Since this last Regional Advisory Meeting in April, the management team has drafted a Letter of Intent. It was sent to many local providers of mental health services within the Region and requested feedback from each agency on their ability and willingness to provide the continuum

of care for crisis services development as outlined under SF 2315. After receiving information back from numerous entities, negotiations have begun between Unity Point/Robert Young Center, the Management Team and Governing Board. This agency will be assisting the Region in providing core crisis services along with the development of a community based residential center.

- Strategic Behavioral Health-this is a for-profit company based in Memphis, Tennessee with several hospitals located in other states. They have done a marketing study in Iowa to determine underserved areas and ascertained the Counties of Scott and Polk met their criteria, which is based upon populations. For every 100,000 individuals, best practice indicates an area should have at least 50 beds for mental health treatment. In our Region, we have a total of 31 available beds with a population of over 300,000. This private, for profit agency is proposing developing a 72 bed inpatient psychiatric hospital which will serve children, adults and the elderly with a location in either Davenport or Bettendorf.
- ISAC and TCM-with the new MCO's, the current system of Targeted Case Management, whether within a County or within DHS, will end. The RFP that was published demanded that each MCO have some form of community based case management. To that end, ISAC is trying to form an "umbrella organization" which an MCO could potentially contract with instead of with many different entities. Board Representative Willey noted he is hopeful ISAC and the MCO's will look at some of the options to keep these existing resources for proposals of case management. CEO Bopes reminded members that this impacts *all* Medicaid providers, except dentists.

Public-no comments

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th from 4-6 pm at the Scott County Administration Building. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County