

Eastern Iowa MH/DS  
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting  
Scott County Administration Building  
February 11, 2015

I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by CEO Bopes. Absent were Tieso, Ruchotzke and Willey. Committee reviewed agenda with no comments.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Moved by Hawley and seconded by Governing Board Vice Chair Kelly substituting for Chair Willey. All ayes.

III. Budget Information: CEO Bopes reviewed a document prepared by Scott County Coordinator of Disability Services (CDS) with proposed and current budgets outlined from FY 15 through FY 17. She reminded everyone of the \$47.28 benchmark for property taxes for FY 15 of which 3 counties within our Region had to lower the levy and two counties received money to increase the levy to the \$47.28. The monies received were referred to as "equalization monies". FY Fund Balance for 15 are projected to end the fiscal year with \$10 million however, any amount over 25% in each respective counties FB has been sent to the fiscal agent (Scott County) for future service delivery and implementation. FY 16 FB is projected to decrease by an additional \$4 million and FY 17 FB is projected to decrease by another \$5 million. Assumptions, per Bopes are: no equalization money and no State Payment Program (SPP) revenue for FY 16. She reminded the group to not just focus on fund balances. She also reminded members of the need to develop and sustain crisis services. CEO Bopes will be bringing core and core plus services to next scheduled meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee to refresh everyone's memories on what is needed to be funded per SF 2315 and the Regional Management Plan.

IV. Legislative Information: 1 bill of importance to the Regions is the court mental health advocates bill. These positions are currently approved by the judicial district but paid by counties. Proposal would be for counties to manage the court advocates position. Another bill gathering interest is to address the work force shortage.

VI. Updates:

- Waiting lists-CEO Bopes handed out information regarding Iowa code 351.399 and the DHS response. She reminded everyone this is a state wide waiting list and includes adults as well as children. She noted the response from DHS is Regions are expected to fund those individuals in need of ID Waiver services but not a requirement. She commented this will be a Governing Board decision. A question was posed about children on the waiting list and CEO Bopes reminded everyone that Regions, under SF 2315, have no funding authority for those under the age of 18.
- Measuring Outcomes-not much direction from DHS. She brought up 5 Star Visual which is some preliminary outcomes data that Regions and Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP) are working together for data collection.
- Crisis Services-The Regional Management team recently reviewed some pilot projects. For example, Clinton is attempting to deflect from inpatient mental health commitments and in Muscatine, they are partnering with the County Attorney's office for assistance and help with filing including suggestions and options. In Scott County, the Davenport police are trained in CIT with a roll out scheduled for March. Additionally, 23 hour observations are being discussed with the hospitals of Trinity and Genesis to perhaps include a Social Work component as a vital key

for continued coordination. Management is traveling to Des Moines mid February to review Polk County crisis residential program.

- Request For Proposal (RFP)-plans by DHS to release an RFP to oversee all Medicaid funded services. This managed care will be up and running shortly with a proposal to save \$50 million from the Medicaid budget. They will be a for profit organization.
- Life Long Links-CEO Bopes reminded the group of the call center for anyone to call if elderly and/or disabled. Representative Catherine Hahn has agreed to draft a letter voicing the committee's concerns. It will be made available at the next Advisory Committee meeting. Representative Hilgendorf will also be following up with a phone call to the number on the website of the Waterloo area to enquire about services for a disabled adult to elicit their response.

Other Items: off year assessments were a topic of discussion. Representative's Hahn and Hilgendorf shared personal stories with the difficulties of attempting to save money via the Medicaid system but yet provide needed services for their children. Representative York commented the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Assessment is presently utilized in over 30 states and has been proven to provide national standards.

Public: no comments

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Scott County administration building. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County