

Eastern Iowa MH/DS  
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting  
Scott County Administration Building  
October 14, 2015

- I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by CEO Bopes.  
Members Present: Lynn Bopes; Becky Eskildsen; Oscar Hawley; Mike Johannsen; Holly Parmer; Melissa Peterson; Susie Ruchotzke; Chris Shotwell, Julie Tischuk; Lori Elam.  
Members Absent: Catherine Hahn; Joe York; Michele Becker; Lynn Hilgendorf; Luanna Gredell
- II. The Committee Members reviewed agenda with no comments.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/5/2015: Moved by Hawley and seconded by Shotwell. All ayes.
- IV. A Letter to DHS was discussed. At the Regional Advisory Meeting in August members voted and approved to send a basic letter to DHS to question "Life Long Links" as a point of contact for ID Waiver applications.  
CEO Bopes presented the group with a history and follow up since August:  
After CEO Bopes sent the letter, she received an immediate follow up phone call from the Department. Management Team will continue to update Advisory Board as to any new developments.
- V. Medicaid Managed Care update:  
TCM role- Still unsure about the intent of how the 4 companies are going to provide this role. Seems all 4 companies are not doing or saying how they will be providing this service. Possible future DHS meeting called to meet and discuss with MCO's the future of county based TCM.  
  
CEO Bopes updated the Board that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid Unit will be transitioning to Iowa Health Link, a Managed Care Organization program. Medicaid members will be enrolled in IA Health Link starting January 1, 2016. Under the DHS website, the link for "Medicaid Modernization Page" provides information re: kick-off meetings, membership education and enrollment, public meetings. Member Ruchotzke commented "families don't understand", and "may fall thru the cracks". She voiced concerns about the lack of TCMs to help with service coordination.  
  
Medicaid members have until December 17<sup>th</sup> to confirm assignment or make changes for coverage effective January 1, 2016. Then they will have a 90 day period to make a change (up to March 17<sup>th</sup>) although one can change their election after the date but it has to be with good cause.  
  
Questions were posed as to how this going to save dollars? " No good answer", replied CEO Bopes. Cost estimated saving to be 1 million dollars within first 6 months.  
  
Additional questions were raised about the transition from Magellan to MCOs, habilitation referrals and IHH stability. CEO Bopes commented to stay tuned.
- VI. Governing Board will meet on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Catherin Hahn and Lynne Hilgendorf serve as ex-officio on the Regional Governing Board. \*At 4:30 pm, plan is to meet with Legislatures to talk

about funding issues. Everyone is invited and everyone was reminded that these are open meetings with the Governing Board.

CDS Elam presented an overview of funding and issues to be addressed at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: In FY 14 & FY 15-The State appropriated equalization. If a county levy fell below \$47.28, counties received equalization funds. Two counties in the Region were eligible for these funds. FY 16 has no equalization included so has created inequality again across our Region as currently Scott County has a 19.42/per capita and levies decreased for other four counties because of Medicaid offset. Next legislative sessions hope is to get funding formula changed but this will mean a potential property tax increase. Leadership at ISAC gave a talk to educate "local" legislatures across the state. Federal changes may impact how we do services for sheltered work, for example. CDS Elam stated, "give us local control".

#### VII. Updates:

- A. The number of individuals on the ID Waiver Wait list increased to 1,392. A wide variety of waivers (7) have anywhere from 2,000-3,000 individuals waiting for waivers which is based upon application date since 11/2012 (requests for waiver slots). Data has supported about 50% of individuals actually qualify due to a variety of reasons. Duplicated count as many may be on several waiver wait lists.
- B. Crisis services-core services to have in place.
  - 1. 24 hour access response
  - 2. Evaluation-assessment & screening.Management team will need to enter into a contract with the Robert Young Center for phase 1. Services have to be available to all residents of the Region.
- C. Strategic Behavioral Health- Company plans to build a 72 bed inpatient psych unit in Scott County. Submitted info on October 28th-State Health Facilities Council will review to determine if they will issue a Certificate of Need to allow them to build. CDS Elam visited 1 of the SBH hospitals in Colorado. She was very impressed but also reminded us that Colorado has had a couple of horrific experiences that thrust mental health into the spotlight. The CON group will make their decision that day.

#### VIII. Other:

Scheduled Advisory Committee Meetings with room to be determined:

January 13, 2016	from 4-6 pm
April 13, 2016	from 4-6 pm
July 13, 2016	from 4-6 pm
October 12, 2016	from 4-6 pm

Public-no comments

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Scott County Administration Building. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County

\*Note new time change: The meeting with the legislators is now scheduled for **Monday, November 16, 2015 at 2:30pm** in the first floor Board Room in the Scott County Administration Building, 600 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport.

After this meeting, at 4:00pm, the Governing Board will hold its regular monthly meeting at the same location.