

Eastern Iowa MH/DS
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Scott County Administration Building
April 12, 2017

- I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by CDS Eskildsen.
Members Present: Governing Board Representative Jack Willey; CEO Johannsen; CDS Bopes; CDS Tischuk, CDS Eskildsen, Catherine Hahn; Christine Shotwell; Holly Parmer and Michele Becker
- II. The Advisory Board Members reviewed agenda.
Nothing was added.
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2017
All approved. No corrections noted.
- IV. Presentation by Vortex of the Eastern Iowa Regional Website
CEO of Vortex, Jonathon Sabin introduced himself and Team Vortex. The Team went thru the presentation and several members of the Regional Advisory Board had input such as introducing a language compatibility feature, having a Chat Site and increasing Social Media access. May 1, 2017 is the anticipated roll out date.
- V. Todd Noack-Life Connections Peer Support Presentation
Todd Noack provided information to the group on behalf of Life Connections. Along with Mr. Noack was Betty King. They spoke in favor of developing a Regional Peer Support Committee such as can be found in the East Central Region. He also introduced the idea of a warm line, which is a crisis line manned by Peer Support staff.
- VI. Update on Crisis Services:
CEO Johannsen provided an update to the Regional Crisis Services System. He noted we are beginning to see utilization in crisis services and deflections from the ED as we implement the program.
- VII. Legislative Update:
CDS Elam was not in attendance at the date of the meeting but was at the State Capital lobbying hard in the effort to have a bill in place to address the funding inequity. CEO Johannsen stated having a sizable fund balance in each of the Regions is working against us.
- VIII. CEO update/Update on 28E:
CEO Johannsen reported on the status of the permanent and dedicated CEO position. Our Regional Governing Board has taken action to recommend we modify the current 28E and to date, all 28E's have been signed by local County Board of Supervisors. Interest in the position was expressed internally through a letter. The next step is to begin the interviewing process and negotiations.
- IX. Annual Service and Budget Plan update:
The FY 18 Annual Service and Budget Plan is still sitting at DHS. Have not heard back, per CEO Johannsen.

X. Other Items:

Member Hahn spoke out about what our Region is doing in response to the ID Waiver population. She feels the MCO's are paying a large amount of money to house individuals out of state and unwilling to pay local agencies to keep individuals in their home and in their community. CEO Johannsen responded by asking us to remember to use the ballot box. Board Member Willey noted we need a bipartisan mechanism to support the most vulnerable population. Member Hilgendorf commented the state is not in a very generous place right now.

XI. Public Comment:

No comments.

XII. Next Meeting:

Meeting dates and times are: July 12th, 2017 and October 11th, 2017. Times are from 4pm-6pm at the Scott County Administration Building with room location yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County


Jack Willey