

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, Rm 605
October 12, 2015

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Chair Willey. Earnhardt, Kelly, Willey and Hilgendorf were present. Smith entered at 3:03PM. Hamerlinck and Hahn were absent. Management Team Present: Lynn Bopes, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam, Becky Eskildsen, and Julie Tischuk. Guests: Jill Westhoff, Dennis Duke, Denise Beenk, Anne Armknecht, Diane Holst, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde

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

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Governing Board of Directors Meeting. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck, Smith

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet. The Region YTD cash balance is \$2,556,302.00. David asked that the county auditors start submitting needed reports to him for the region audit. Discussion was held regarding Scott County's budget for FY 16 and FY17 and fund balance issues. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Smith for approval of the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent-Hamerlinck

Willey and Kelly updated the Governing Board of the committee meeting with Robert Young Center regarding the consultation claim submitted at the September 21, 2015 meeting, and also discussed their tour of the facilities. Discussion was held whether or not to pay part, all or none of Robert Young Center's claim for developing a plan to implement crisis services. Moved by Kelly to pay the bill as submitted by Robert Young Center. There was no second; motion died. Willey asked if any amount should be paid toward the claim. Moved by Smith, seconded by Kelly to split the original fee of \$20,800.00 by 50% to \$10,400.00 with the hope we can move forward with this plan and have better ideas of the costs involved. Ayes- Kelly, Smith, Willey. Nays- Earnhardt. Absent- Hamerlinck

Elam presented the amended FY 16 Provider Contract/Rates for Vera French CMHC. Discussion was held regarding a gap in funding for the PATH Program through Vera French CMHC due to less block grant dollars. Moved by Earnhardt, Seconded by Smith to approve the amended FY16 contract/rates agreement. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

Bopes presented the Robert Young Center Proposal for Phase 1 regarding crisis services to the Governing Board and asked for direction of how to proceed with implementing crisis services in the Region. Discussion was held. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Earnhardt to approve Phase 1 and not to exceed \$3,184,087.00 and to allow the management team and Robert Young Center to implement it successfully. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent – Hamerlinck

Bopes presented the Letter of Intent submitted to the Governing Board by Robert Young Center. Discussion was held. The Board elected to not act on the Letter of Intent and will discuss a contract with Robert Young Center at the November 16, 2015 meeting.

Elam gave a legislative update. Elam met with 5 key legislators on 9/30/15 to discuss levy issues/funding issues and how this affects the regions meeting their expenditures starting in FY 17. Elam and others will be meeting with the regions and legislators across the State to inform them of the inequity of the mental health property tax levies across the state and the challenges regions face developing new services without the assurance of sustainable funding. Legislators representing the counties in the region will be invited to a meeting with the Governing Board at 4:30pm on Monday, November 16. The mental health levy and the need for sustainable funding, as well as a possible solution, will be discussed.

Bopes presented the CEO Report. Bopes pointed out that she has attended meetings for the Child Mental Health and Well Being Workgroup and noted that crisis services being discussed for children mirror the adult system.

Other Items: Bopes presented that four MCOs have been identified by the State of Iowa for Medicaid Modernization. The State of Iowa and the MCOs signed contracts on Friday, October 9, 2015 and this process is on a fast timeline to have it implemented by January 1, 2016.

Public Comment: Dennis Duke thanked the Governing Board for their vote of confidence in working with the Region and is looking forward to implementing crisis services in the Region. Anne Armknecht let the Governing Board know how appreciative she is that they will be able to continue providing the PATH Program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26PM. The next meeting will be November 16, 2015 at 3:00PM at the Scott County Administration Building, First Floor Boardroom.



Carol Earnhardt, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region