

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom
March 23, 2015

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:59PM by Chair Willey. Deerberg, Earnhardt, Kelly, Willey and Hilgendorf were present; Hamerlinck and Hahn absent. Guests: Annie Armknecht, Barb Robinson and Lisa Bohland.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Deerberg to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

Moved by Kelly, seconded by Deerberg for approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Governing Board of Directors Meeting. All ayes.

Elam reviewed the financial reports. There were no transactions in February. Moved by Deerberg, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the financial reports. All ayes.

Bopes presented the FY16 Annual Service and Budget Plan to the Governing Board. Moved by Kelly, seconded by Earnhardt to approve the Plan as presented. All Ayes. The Plan is updated each year and is due to DHS by April 1st.

Bopes discussed the HCBS Waiver Waiting List Protocol that is being developed by the Management Team. The Region intends to follow the Exception to Policy from the Region's Management Plan.

Bopes gave an update on the RFP for Managed Care for Medicaid. Bopes shared that comments regarding the RFP were sent to DHS on behalf of the Region Governing Board.

Elam gave a legislative update. Discussion was held. Without state funding from equalization and the State Payment Program the fund balance for the Region will reduce significantly by FY17. A proposal has been developed that would allow local control for determining the mental health levy needed in order to meet expenses within counties or regions. Elam is hopeful that legislators will give consideration to this proposal.

CEO Report: Bopes reviewed the report. The Management Team toured Polk County and Robert Young/Trinity to learn about the crisis services that they offer. Letters will be going out to the CMHC's and hospitals inquiring about their interest in providing crisis services.

Other Items: an update on the webpage for the Region was asked for. Elam reported that in April the Region should be able to start looking at developing a page that everyone can link to. Concern was expressed about the impact of the closing of the MHIs at Mt Pleasant and Clarinda. Discussion was held.

Kelly declared meeting adjourned at 4:39PM

Carol Earnhardt, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region