

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Chair Kelly. Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, and Willey were present. Hilgendorf arrived at 3:03PM and Hamerlinck arrived at 3:13PM. Hahn was absent. Management Team Present: Becky Eskildsen, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam, and Julie Tischuk. Lynn Bopes was absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer Guests: Todd Noack, Bryan Main, Amy Haldeman, Jerome Phillips, Paul Phares, Sam Wolfe, Denise Beenk, Lisa Bohland, Jill Westhoff, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Diane Holst, Ken Croken.

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

Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith for approval of the minutes of the 9-19-16 Governing Board of Directors meeting. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet. The YTD cash balance is \$9,085,632.86. David reported that the fees for strategic planning have been paid. David has sent out emails to the county auditors asking for balance sheet information to compile into a quarterly report regarding the Region's finances. David hopes to have a report to present next month. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith for approval of the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Kelly, Smith, Willey. Absent- Hamerlinck

Paul Phares, from Robert Young Center, gave an update on Crisis Services. Paul reviewed the metric data regarding the crisis line, telehealth, mobile crisis, and staffing of care coordinators. From the metrics presented today, Paul highlighted to the board that that the Region's overall goal is to have 50% or greater community reconnections and deflect from hospitals. Paul reported that the Region currently is at 57% of reconnecting people to the community. Paul updated the board that Mercy Hospital – Clinton, Genesis Hospital System-DeWitt, and Jackson County Regional Health are live with telehealth services as of 9/23/16. All of the sites have been trained on how to use the service. Mobile Crisis has been deployed once in August and another time in September in Cedar County. Paul stated that Robert Young Center is in the process of updating the language of the contracts with the providers to increase accountability, follow the model of services established and to allow the providers to submit outcomes weekly to Robert Young Center. Paul stated that Robert Young Center received the letter from the Governing Board regarding their desire to move forward with crisis services and negotiations. He let the Governing Board know that the hospitals and community providers are now feeling comfortable to start hiring for the care coordinator positions. Discussion was held.

Jill Westhoff reviewed the financial report detailing expenses for September and the Year to Date totals. Discussion was held.

Lori Elam gave a legislative update. Lori handed out legislative talking points to the Governing Board. Lori let them know that they can use those discussion points when they are speaking individually with legislators in each county. Lori let the governing board know that she and others will be working on updating the spreadsheet they shared with legislators last year with FY18 data to continue the conversation regarding levy equality. Discussion was held.

Becky Eskildsen updated the board regarding the Region website development. Becky handed out draft information of how the Region can create their domain and theming for the website. Becky mentioned contacting local colleges to see if they would help with developing and maintaining the site as part of their program or sending out an RFP for professional services to design the website. Discussion was held and a consensus was reached by the Governing Board to have the management team and David Farmer put together an RFP using the Scott County RFP process to hire a professional agency to develop and maintain the Region website.

Mike Johannsen updated the governing board on the process of developing CEO options based on the strategic planning held in August. Mike let the governing board know that the management team has come up with 5 potential CEO options for them to consider. Mike explained that the management team is waiting for survey information sent out to other regions to come back on how they have implemented their CEO position. Once the information has been received, the management team will present to the Governing Board the possible CEO options, set up a work session to discuss each option and come to a conclusion that everyone agrees to on what the CEO position should look like for the Region. Discussion was held.

Becky Eskildsen updated the Governing Board on vocational services in the Region. Becky has sent out an invitation for November 16, 2016 to vocational providers, governing board members and case management supervisors in the Region to discuss new vocational rules, ideas for placing people in the community with significant barriers, and future planning of where the Region goes from here. Jack Willey suggested posting the meeting for all of the board members to attend if they are able to. Discussion was held.

Julie Tischuk and David Farmer presented to the board that the RFP for HIPAA Compliance has been posted on the Public Purchase site as well as sent to known providers that other Regions are working with in the State of Iowa on 10-12-16. David reported that there have been 88 vendors that have looked at the information so far and will be fielding questions the vendors may have for the next week. David and Julie shared the timeline established for the process to the governing board and let them know that a recommendation will be brought to the Governing Board at the November 21, 2016 meeting. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen presented the CEO report. Mike also let the governing board know that at his most recent CEO meeting with DHS, Director Palmer and other DHS representatives were present to discuss Children's Mental Health Services to the CEOs. Mike said that the director has asked the CEOs how the Regions can be a driving force for a statewide system of care including services for children. Director Palmer would like the Regions to be at the table of conversation in the development of these services. Discussion was held.

Other Items: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 3:44PM. The next meeting will be November 21, 2016 at 3:00PM at the Scott County Administration Building, Room 60



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Carol Earnhardt, Secretary  
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region