

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Smith. Earnhardt, Mather, Smith, Willey, Hahn and Hilgendorf were present. Hamerlinck arrived at 3:24PM. Management Team present: Becky Eskildsen, Lynn Bopes, Mike Johannsen, Lori Elam and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Christine Gradert, Amy Halderman, Denise Beenk, Greg Burnett, John Ruston, Dawn Knutson, Jill Westhoff, Lisa Bohland

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Mather to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes-Earnhardt, Mather, Smith, Willey. Hamerlinck was absent.

Moved by Mather, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the minutes of the 3/20/17 Governing Board Meeting and 4/3/17 Governing Board Special Meeting. Ayes-Earnhardt, Mather, Smith, Willey. Hamerlinck was absent.

Mike Johannsen presented to the Governing Board the CEO Job Description and asked that the board approve it to then move through the hiring process to have a permanent CEO in place by July 1, 2017. Discussion was held. Moved by Mather, seconded by Willey to approve the CEO Job Description. Ayes- Earnhardt, Mather, Smith, Willey. Hamerlinck was absent.

Mike Johannsen asked that the Governing Board set a date to interview the CEO Candidate that has expressed interest in the position. Discussion was held and they set May 8, 2017 at 3:00PM at the Scott County Administrative Center for the CEO Interview date.

Becky Eskildsen gave an update to the Governing Board regarding the website development. Becky let the Board know Vortex Business Solutions Inc. presented at the recent Region Advisory Board meeting and they had several great suggestions and gave great feedback on how they viewed the website. Becky and her office have been working closely with Vortex Business Solutions staff to make sure everything is linked how we want it and that the site is easy to navigate. Becky let the board know that they are hoping for a May 1, 2017 roll out date and if the board has any comments regarding the website to let her know and they will work with staff on implementing them. Discussion was held.

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet through 3/31/17. David reviewed the expenses pointing out that \$189.35 was spent during the past month for public notices. The current balance is \$9,563,258.96. David let the board know that the next activity will be moving the 25% excess fund balance at the county to the Fiscal Agent Fund. Once David has the audited numbers, he will send out the statements requesting this money. David thought he would get the statements out in April for the FY16 draws. David is also keeping an eye on the Legislative bill regarding mental health levies and how that could affect Region funds. Discussion was held. Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Willey for approval of the financial reports. Ayes-Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Christine Gradert, Robert Young Center, updated the Board on Crisis Services. Christine reviewed February 2017 metrics with the board. Christine was asked to discuss where they are at with signing the Mercy Contract and she reported that they have agreed on the language of the contract and they are waiting for the ED Director to sign the contract and get it back to Robert Young Center to sign on their end. Once that takes place, they will start using their ED Coordinator and will connect with the Community Coordinator. For Year 2, Christine let us know the following: for the ACQ positions they have been meeting with the Mental Health Centers in the Region to hire for this position. The development of hiring Co-Occurring staff for the Region are being discussed with three substance abuse programs along with access to substance abuse services. The CIT training has been scheduled and several people from the Region are

attending. Each Coordinator of Disability Services has started working on putting together an Advisory Group to focus on Criminal Justice. The Prescriber Bridge Appointment is being looked at by Unity Point to contract with the Region to provide these appointments and there will be meetings in the future to put this together. A Trauma Informed Care Training is scheduled for the end of May and will be offered during several different shifts so people have a chance to attend. Carol Earnhardt asked about the Pilot Project and Christine and Jill Westhoff reported that the bill has gone to the Senate and they are waiting on a vote for this. Once the vote is in and it passes, it will go to the Governor to sign and go into effect 7/1/17. Jill Westhoff, Robert Young Center, presented the financial report. Jill let the Region know that they would be requesting money from the Region to continue the Crisis Services in Year 2. Jill thought they would be close to needing funds by June 1, 2017. Discussion was held.

Julie Tischuk updated the Governing Board regarding HIPAA. Julie reported that CAROSH Compliance Solutions is putting together the policy and procedures for the Region that the Governing Board will need to review and approve regarding the Security Risks that were identified in the Security Risk Remediation Plan. Julie explained that once she receives the policies that need to be reviewed, she will divide them into batches meet with the management team to edit them and then bring the policies to the Governing Board for approval.

Lori Elam gave a legislative update. Lori shared that there are two bills being looked at. SF504 and HS194. SF504 equalizes the Regions levies, establishes a \$114 million State wide cap and establishes new rate by looking at FY15 expenditures divided by Region Population. For the Region, the levy amount would \$30.78 for the five counties. The Revenue cap for the Region is \$9.2 Million. They did build in an inflation factor of 1% for the next four years. The Fund Balance the Region has would need to be spent down in the next 3 years. HS194 is similar. It does not have the inflation factor. It would have the same formula for per capita rates, the same cap for revenue and the Region would have three years to spend down the fund balance. The big piece of this bill is that the legislators recognized that the Region's fund balance does have dollars encumbered for Region services and they would not count that money into the fund balance that would need to be spent down. Lori said that there will be a study group implemented to see how either of these bills will work for the Regions and will be meeting in 2018. Discussion was held.

Mike Johannsen presented the CEO report to the Governing Board. Mike asked that they look at the last paragraph on the report and note that there has been a lot of effort put forth by several members of the Region meeting with legislators and speaking on behalf of the Region. Mike pointed out that Dawn Smith, Chair, was asked to speak on behalf of the Region and the question was raised about reimbursement for travel expenses in those situations. Discussion was held. Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Willey to approve the Region to reimburse Dawn Smith mileage for her speaking event on behalf of the Region. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Willey. Abstain from vote- Smith

Other Items: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.



Jack Willey, Secretary