

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, First Floor Boardroom
December 18, 2017

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Chair Smith. Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Smith, Willey, and Hahn were present. Hilgendorf was absent. Mather arrived at 3:17PM. Management Team present: Becky Eskildsen, Lynn Bopes, Lori Elam, Kathie Anderson-Noel and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Austin Gross, Todd Noack, Angela Gallagher, Waylyn McCulloh, Nick Markovich, Lisa Bohland, Greg Burnett, Jill Westhoff, Richard K. Whitaker, Jerome Phillips, Barbara Robinson-Legarde, Dan Srp, Robin Nims, Tom Determann, John D. DeTaeve

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

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Hamerlinck for approval of the minutes of the 11/14/17 Governing Board Work Session. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Smith, Willey. Absent-Mather

Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt for approval of the minutes of the 11/20/17 Governing Board of Directors meeting. Ayes-Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Smith, Willey. Absent-Mather

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet through November 2017. David reported \$715,000.00 in expenses for the month. Robert Young Center requested their first installment of \$715,000.00 as part of their contract agreement. The current balance is \$9, 097,085.91. David reviewed a handout given to the board regarding the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for FYE 17. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to approve and place on file the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Smith, Willey. Absent-Mather

Lori Elam presented to the board an update regarding the Bylaws. Lori reported that the subcommittee of Jack Willey and Carol Earnhardt have met on two occasions to review other Region's Bylaws and put together a document for the Governing Board to review. Jack and Carol felt that the Bylaws could then be acted on at the January 2018 meeting. They asked for any feedback so far. Shawn Hamerlinck asked that under Article III, Section 1. Duties, (a) Specific, regarding Votes on all Regional Business, be changed from "only by the designated/appointed county supervisor" to who is representing their county at the meeting. The Governing Board felt that this change should be submitted as an amendment to the proposed ByLaws and will be discussed at the January 29, 2018 meeting. The Governing Board asked that the amendment be submitted by 12/28/17 to Lori and she will distribute that amendment to the Governing Board by 12/29/17 to have adequate time to consider it.

Nick Markovich, from Robert Young Center, updated the board on the metrics and crisis services. Nick let the board know that CIT Training will be offered January 15-19th in Clinton, Ia. He pointed out that there is still time to sign up. Nick recapped the positions of Mobile Assessment Clinician, Co-Occurring Staff, and Care Coordinators and where they are at with hiring. Nick shared that the contract for ASAC

Other Items: Lori Elam asked for clarification regarding the Regional Investment Funds Application that recently was sent out to all providers. Lori brought to the boards attention that at the last meeting they did not want provide funds for capital expenditures. Lori said that after talking with providers, would the board consider capital expenditures that involved purchasing equipment, technology, etc. to help expand vocational services and have an agreement in place with the provider that if the project doesn't work after a period of time that the equipment, etc. would be sold and the money come back to the Region. The board was in agreement that they were willing to take a look at those type of situations.

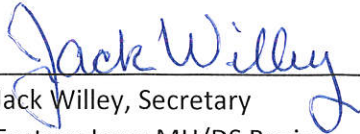
Shawn Hamerlinck asked if Scott County has decided what they plan to levy at for the coming year. David Farmer commented as Director of Budget and Administrative Services for Scott County not as the Region Fiscal Manager. He let Shawn know that they are not done with their budget process and will not have that information until that time.

Jack Willey brought up for discussion the levy situation and what other counties are deciding during their budget process. Jack asked Lori Elam, CEO, what she has been hearing as she travels to the county Board of Supervisors meetings. Lori responded by letting everyone know that she is not discussing financials with the Board of Supervisors and is focusing on the services that the Region offers. Jack mentioned that he has heard discussion of having an outside entity become the fiscal agent for the Region and wondered if the board should discuss that further. Carol Earnhardt pointed out that David Farmer, Fiscal Agent for the Region, has volunteered his time to date and the board should look at reimbursing him for all that he does for the Region. Discussion was held regarding the levy situation for FY19 and the fiscal agent position.

Public Comment: Todd Noack, Life Connections Peer Recovery Services, announced that he was awarded a grant from Amerigroup MCO to assist him in offering one or more eight week WRAP Seminars. He let everyone know that there are 17 spots left out of 25 that can participate in this training opportunity. Todd also let everyone know that January 1, 2018 they will be able to bill Medicaid and Medicare for services they offer.

Richard Whitaker from Vera French let the board that the IHH services are in jeopardy of being pulled from the current IHH agencies to move within United Health Care MCO where they will have their own ACOs follow only those that are accessing habilitation services through Medicaid. Richard reported that this will affect approximately 1,000 at risk people of not having any one assisting them with their mental health needs.

Lori Elam reminded everyone that the January meeting will be held on 1/29/18 at 3:00PM in room 605 and the February meeting will be 2/26/18 at 1:00PM. Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.


Jack Willey, Secretary
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