

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center, Room 605  
March 26, 2018

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:06PM by Chair Hamerlinck. Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey, and Hilgendorf were present. Hahn was absent. Management Team present: Becky Eskildsen, Lori Elam, Lynn Bopes, Kathie Anderson-Noel and Julie Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Todd Noack, Emily Harvey, Wes Frenell, Angela Gallagher, Tom Determann, Tania Deal, Missy Gowey, Denise Beenk, Jill Westhoff, Mary A. Petersen, Lisa Bohland, Laurie Ryan, Waylyn McCulloh, Dennis Duke, Ed Tibbetts, Barb Robinson-Legarde, Richard Whitaker

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

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Mather for approval of the minutes of the 2/26/18 Governing Board of Directors meeting. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

David Farmer reviewed the Budget Performance Report and Balance Sheet through 2/28/ 2018. David reported that the YTD expenses for the Region is \$817,319.97. That amount includes public notices, professional services, and service contract payments. The current balance is \$9,095,907.27. David let the board know that three out of the five counties are waiting for their audits to be completed. David received the ICAP renewal form and the quote is just under \$6,000.00. David shared that is the same amount as the previous year. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Earnhardt to approve and place on file the financial reports. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Lori Elam gave the board a legislative update. Lori reviewed HF2456 legislation with the Governing Board. Lori shared that with this bill Core Plus services will now become Core services. Areas to be added to Region services are: ACT Teams, Access Centers, IRSH homes, subacute beds and Comprehensive facility and community based services. Lori pointed out that the subacute bed cap was lifted, a state wide crisis line will be developed, a review of the commitment process will take place for Ch. 229 and Ch. 125, a legislative interim committee will convene to look at fiscal viability, a review of the ACT Team reimbursement rate will take place, and it eliminates SF504 reducing levies because of excess dollars. Discussion was held.

Dennis Duke, Mary A. Petersen, and Jill Westhoff from Robert Young Center presented the Eastern Iowa Crisis System Year Three Contract Proposal. Areas discussed were: all of year one and two components continue, the addition of a warm line, expansion of mobile crisis 24/7 to all five counties, workforce development, bridge appointment expansion, year one service sustainability, SE provider and service mapping, peer support drop-in center in three counties, crisis stabilization residential services in three counties, sequential intercept mapping and the financials for year three. Discussion was held. The board will consider the proposal and take possible action at the next meeting.

Lori Elam discussed with the board one time funding applications and whether or not to take action today in light of HF2456. Lori reviewed that the management team has narrowed the applications to 15 applications for consideration. Lori reviewed the handout regarding the dollar amount and how that amount will tie into the FY19 budget and whether or not there is money available from the Region to move forward with the applications. The board felt that they would like to know more detail about each application selected and to know more about the FY 19 budget prior to acting on the One Time Applications. Lori pointed out that Year Three of the crisis services proposal will address some of the applications and are currently part of the cost being considered. Chair Hamerlinck suggested moving on to items #8 and #10 on the agenda regarding the budget and asked if they need to comeback to item #7. The board felt they did not need to comeback and would like to wait closer to the end of the fiscal year to have time to make a decision regarding awarding the applications. All were in agreement of discussing the applications at a later date.

Lori Elam gave an update on the FY19 budget to the board. Lori handed out the preliminary budget dated 3/26/18 for FY 19. Lori explained to them what the expenses were in each area. Lori did let the board know that there is a discrepancy in the budget given to them today and she will be working following the meeting to make sure everything reconciles to match the total expenses listed on the handout. Lori and David Farmer then presented a power point presentation of the FY19 budget giving a comparison if HF2456 is signed into law and if 100% of the budget is spent or if 70-80% is spent and what the ending fund balance will look like June 30, 2019. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Mathers to approve the budget at no more than \$15,100,000.00 and to meet in May 2018 to make a decision of whether or not to appropriate dollars for the One Time Funding applications that is included in the budget total. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Chair Hamerlinck then moved to item #10 on the agenda to discuss/approve the FY 19 Annual Service and Budget Plan due to the State of Iowa by April 1, 2018. Lori reviewed the plan with the board and discussed that the budget portion of the plan will be updated once she finds the discrepancy in the budget numbers. Discussion was held. Moved by Mather, seconded by Willey to approve the plan subject to the inclusion of the budget being no more than \$15,100,000.00 and the One Time Funding Application funding column staying in the budget as approved earlier. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Mary Petersen and Jill Westhoff from Robert Young Center presented crisis services update to the board. Jill reported the income statement for the month of February 2018. Mary presented metrics for the crisis services. Areas discussed: the ACQ for Scott County has started and Clinton will soon be starting, the Co-Occurring Staff are in the process of being hired, CIT has taken place several times and will be offered annually, Bridge Appointments will be starting and have identified the host sites, Peer Support will be getting started and RYC is reviewing One Time Funding Apps for this service, and they have posted for the Manager Position of the Crisis Services and have received 6 applications. Laurie Ryan from Genesis Hospital reported their new referral process and gave the statistics for the February and March of how many referrals were made, how many were admitted, how many didn't meet criteria for admission, number of adult beds not available, number of referral packets not provided and needing further information and how many were not medical stable.

Lori Elam discussed signing MOUs of each MCO with the Region. Lori shared that the MOUs will allow collaboration with the CEOs of the Regions and the MCOs in the State. The MOUs are designed to share information with each other and also share training opportunities. Lori asked the board to give her the authority to sign and send the MOUs to each MCO for a signature and then hold the signed copies at the Region. Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Smith to approve Lori Elam, CEO, to sign the MOUs for the MCOs to collaborate with the Regions. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Lori Elam presented the CEO report to the board. Lori highlighted a few areas from the report: she met with Vera French ACT Team to discuss services, attended training on Conflict Management, participated on a conference call with Des Moines DHS staff regarding legislation, met with Missy Gowey and Jim Victor from Genesis Philanthropy, and Lori and the management team met with Todd Noack and toured the Life Connections Peer Recovery Center in DeWitt, Ia.

Other Items- David Farmer asked that action be taken on item #8 on the Agenda regarding continuing with ICAP insurance. David asked that the board authorize him to sign the renewal agreement with ICAP. Chair Hamerlinck recalled agenda item #8 to address the additional request to include the renewal fees of the ICAP insurance for FY19. Discussion was held. Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Smith to approve David Farmer to sign the renewal agreement with ICAP to continue their insurance agreement with the Region. Ayes- Earnhardt, Hamerlinck, Mather, Smith, Willey. Chair Hamerlinck re-closed agenda item #8 and returned to agenda item #13.

Public Comment- Rich Whitaker from Vera French announced that the grand opening of the pharmacy on site at Vera French will be 3/27/18 at 12:00PM. The IHH program remains available through 12/31/18 and is being re-evaluated by the MCOs. Rich spoke of the media stating that mental illness is a major factor of mass violence and that is not true. He stated that this type of false information sets back progress being made for those diagnosed with mental illness.

Mary A. Peterson from RYC announced that they will be opening a clinic in Muscatine, Ia. that will have two Nurse Practitioners, telehealth, group/individual therapy and IHH services. An open house will be 4/5/18.

Todd Noack from Life Connections shared that they have been assisting with WRAP Facilitator Training and has met recently with technical assistance folks regarding Doors To Well Being training.

The Governing Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 5:27PM



Nathan Mather, Secretary  
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