

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, Room 605
January 27, 2020

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:02pm by Chair Willey. Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey and Whitaker were present. Hilgendorf was absent. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Felicia Toppert and Lynn Bopes. Eskildsen and Tischuk were absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Beth Stoffers, Jen Tamayo, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Melissa Peterson, John Rushton, Wade Stierwalt, Carol Foster, Ryan Bobst, Waylyn McCulloh, Jill Westhoff, Tim Manning, Matt Enright.

Chair Willey opened the meeting by reviewing some activity pertaining to the Board since the Special Governing Board of Directors meeting on December 20, 2019: 1) Following a review of the 28E Agreement by the county attorney of each respective member county, it was decided by consensus that the Region will not go into mediation, 2) Muscatine County will remain a member county of the Region through 6/30/20, 3) Jeff Sorensen will be the Muscatine County representative to the Governing Board through 6/30/20, 4) Nathan Mather will represent Muscatine County on the Governing Board for today's meeting due to a conflict with Jeff Sorensen's schedule today.

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

Election for Chair: Irwin nominated Beck; nominations were closed. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Election for Vice Chair: Mather nominated Irwin; nominations were closed. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Election for Secretary: Beck nominated Smith; nominations were closed. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Irwin for approval of minutes from the 12/16/19 Governing Board of Directors Meeting. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey. Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin for approval of minutes from the 12/20/19 Special Governing Board of Directors Meeting. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey.

Newly elected Chair Beck took over the meeting.

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, presented the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance sheet ending 12/31/19. Farmer reviewed the current statement and let the Board know that the Region has collected \$5,122,397.00 in revenue through the levies and miscellaneous fees; this figure does not include transfers from regional members. As of 12/31/19 the Region has had \$5,770,969.00 in expenditures. Farmer made the Board aware that he has been notified by Muscatine County that their transfer to the region's fiscal agent fund will be coming; it was submitted for payment last week and should be received no later than next week. Farmer reviewed the Monthly Fund Flow Analysis. He

noted that the anticipated transfer from Muscatine County is not included in this spreadsheet. He also indicated that Scott County remains committed to transferring a total of \$885,000 to the fiscal agent fund in FY20, but it might not be paid in full until a budget amendment is made in May 2020. He reported that at this time Cedar and Jackson County are still considering at levying 100% in FY21. Farmer reported that he is working with external auditors on the FY19 Audit. Following today's meeting Farmer will speak to all Board members individually regarding any conflicts of interest that might exist between individual Board members and entities within the Region. Moved by Irwin, seconded by Smith for approval of Regional Financial Reports. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Mather, Smith, Willey.

CEO Lori Elam discussed the FY21 Budget. Elam reminded the Board that the FY21 Annual Service and Budget Plan is due to DHS on 4/1/20. Elam feels it will be beneficial to have a Board work session to discuss the budget, and she identified several items related to the budget discussion: the budget will look different than in previous years, as funding for some services has been eliminated and for other services there is a reduction in funding; the fund balance needs to begin to be built up; the region would prefer not to hold back development of services. She projected \$8.4 million in revenue among 4 counties, with \$7.9 million coming from property taxes. The children's mental health system is mandated to begin 7/1/20. By 7/1/21 the Intensive Residential Services and Access Centers are to be available in all regions. Elam also reviewed the Governor's proposal for mental health. It is early in the legislative session so it is too soon to know what will happen, but it is viewed as a positive step for the Governor to have included it in her budget proposal. Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith for the Governing Board to meet on Monday, Feb 10 at 1pm for a budget work session, and on Monday, Feb 24 at 1pm for the February Governing Board meeting. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Willey. Abstain- Mather

CEO Elam informed the Board that Julie Tischuk is working with Carosh to develop a proposed list of services and related costs that the region would continue to contract with Carosh for HIPAA. She will present a letter for the Board's consideration at the February meeting.

Jill Westhoff, Robert Young Center, reviewed the December 31, 2019 Income Statement with the Board. Westhoff reminded the Board that although the Bridge Appointments and the Crisis Response phone expense have ended 12/31/19 there will be one more invoice on the January 31, 2020 Income Statement for services rendered in December 2019. Mary A Peterson, Robert Young Center, presented the metrics to the Board. Peterson noted a trend in out of region placements for commitments involving ages 17 and younger; this happens when there are no beds available in the region. Peterson reminded the Board that although the crisis system was designed for adult it does serve children. Jen Tamayo, Robert Young Center, continues to meet monthly with Vera French's Crisis Stabilization staff and Rhonda's House staff to assist with coordination of services.

CEO Elam presented her report to the Board. She also informed the Board that the FY19 Warehouse Reports have been accepted by DHS.

CEO Elam informed the Board that Rich Whitaker has requested to step down from the Governing Board, but would like to remain on the Regional Advisory Board. Elam will include this as an action item on the Board's agenda in February.

Advisory Committee Representative Whitaker stated providers are encouraged by the Governor's proposal, and feels there is a positive vibe at the Capital for needing to address mental health funding. He also expressed concern over the workforce shortage and that some Medicaid rates have not been updated for five years. Providers statewide are requesting a 10% increase in Medicaid rates.

Other Items: None

Public Comment:

Matt Enright asked how the Governor's Proposal would impact the Eastern Iowa Region and SEIL Region.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:59pm.

Dawn Smith, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region