

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center, Room 605
February 24, 2020

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:00PM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Smith, Willey were present. Whitaker arrived at 1:04PM and Hilgendorf was absent. Willey left the meeting at 3:00PM. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Becky Eskildsen, Julie Tischuk and Felicia Toppert. Lynn Bopes arrived at 1:04PM. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Todd Noack, Ed Askew, John Juhl, Beth Stoffers, Sara Owen, John Rushton, Jordan Sheese, Todd Lange, Tim Manning, Mary A. Petersen, Cheryl Plank, Scott Dahlke, Jill Westhoff, Bill Decker, Nancy Nauman, Terri Walters, Matt Enright

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

Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Willey for approval of minutes from the 1/27/2020 Governing Board of Directors Meeting and from the 2/10/2020 Governing Board Work Session. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey.

David Farmer presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances sheet ending 1/31/20 to the Governing Board. Farmer reviewed the current statement and let the board know that the Region has collected \$5,243,401.00 so far in revenue through the levies and miscellaneous fees and has had \$6,763,638.00 in expenditures. Farmer let the board know that Muscatine County has paid \$155,654.00 to the Region Fiscal Fund and he will be sending out invoices to each county soon requesting the 2nd installment of Distribution Funds to the Region. Farmer reviewed the Monthly Fund Flow Analysis. Farmer shared 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. David let the board know that ICAP Insurance will need to be renewed soon. The renewal is based on budgeted dollars and he won't be able to file the renewal until the FY21 budget is approved. He wanted the board to be aware that if the deadline to renew is missed there is a 28% penalty. Discussion was held. Moved by Irwin, seconded by Smith for approval of Regional Financial Reports. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey.

CEO Lori Elam discussed the FY21 Budget. Lori presented a multi-year budget sheet to the board that also gave detail of changes made from FY20 to FY21 in the notes section. Lori wanted the board to keep in mind that the numbers will look a little different from last year due to only budgeting for four counties versus five the previous year. The Board requested that Lori walk them through the budget line by line and discuss each chart of account. Following reviewing each line item and discussing each area, Chair Beck asked for providers to share their thoughts. Areas discussed with providers: 1) if more cuts are made to a service, the provider would not be able to continue operating at the reduced dollar amount, 2) would a provider be able to start back up later in the fiscal year with available dollars if it is initially cut from the budget, 3) the cuts already implemented have had a large impact on services being delivered and anymore cuts would start to eliminate services from the crisis system,

4) encouraging everyone to provide information to legislators so it is understood what will happen if the funding issue isn't resolved, and 5) be careful with cutting services and preserving administrative fees; it is not always cheaper to sacrifice services to people. After discussion, the Governing Board felt that it would be helpful to have the management team meet and revise the budget sheet to include a column with Muscatine's budget numbers for FY20 to compare five counties to four, review and discuss further with Robert Young Center the options presented of either continuing as the crisis service manager or becoming a provider of the crisis services, look at where administrative costs can be trimmed further, and include peer support drop-in services back into the budget. Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith to have a special work session to discuss the FY21 budget further. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey

Chair Beck let the board know that Supervisor Willey needed to leave the meeting and asked if there were items that could be deferred to the next Governing Board of Directors agenda. Areas moved from the agenda were: Discussion and Possible Action on Conflict of Interest Policy, Discussion regarding the 28E Agreement, Crisis Services Update from Robert Young Center, and updates from Advisory Committee Representatives.

Julie Tischuk presented to the board that the evergreen clause to renew the agreement is coming due with Carosh Compliance Solutions and needs a recommendation if we want to send a notice asking them to look at our current agreement. Julie explained the Region currently has a 30 day notice clause in the agreement to make changes otherwise the agreement will automatically renew. Julie suggested that the board send the letter and meet to then determine if there will be a change to the package level of assistance we are currently receiving. Julie shared that Roger Shindell, CEO of Carosh Compliance Solutions, recommends staying at 2020 HIPAA Select for \$11,000.00 and then transition to the HIPAA Basic level in 2021. Julie shared that the Region paid \$14,800.00 for the service last fiscal year. Julie let the board know that she will need to send the letter tomorrow in order to meet the 30 day notice requirement. Discussion was held. Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin to send a 30 day notice letter to Carosh Compliance Solutions letting them know that the Governing Board would like to review the current HIPAA Select Package agreement and determine if changes are needed. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey

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 asked the board to take action on this request. Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin to accept with regret Richard Whitaker's resignation as an Ex-Officio member of the Governing Board. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey

Other Items: None

Public Comment:

Ed Askew asked David Farmer about the ICAP Insurance renewal and if the Region is asked to take Muscatine County back after the renewal has been filed would there be a penalty for that. Ed also noted that Supervisor Mather was still listed on the website as a Governing Board member.

Todd Noack stated that Peer Support services are considered Core services. He would like for the board and the management team to make sure that peer support services are being considered correctly when budget planning. It is a valuable service that helps people in crisis.

Richard Whitaker let the board know that Peer Drop In, Crisis Stabilization Residential beds and ACT services are all helping to reduce the amount of people going to the EDs, jails and hospitals. All of these services help people in crisis and avert people away from more costly services.

Terri Walters has witnessed how peer support services affect lives and makes a difference.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:21PM

Dawn Smith, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region