

Eastern Iowa MH/DS
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14, 2019

I. Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by CDS Bopes as CEO Elam not present at the beginning of the meeting due to other obligations.

Members Present: CDS Eskildsen; CDS Tischuk; CDS Anderson-Noel, CDS Elam, CDS Bopes, Lynne Hilgendorf, Melissa Peterson, Rich Whitaker, Kyle Avis, Susie Ruchotzke, Holly Parmer, and Jack Willey-Gov Board Representative

Members Absent: Gredell

Three vacancies-Scott, Muscatine and Cedar

Guests: None

Quorum not established

II. Review Agenda:

Agenda item added to include action to designate a provider to service as ex-officio on the Governing Board due to recent resignation of Hahn. Action to amend the agenda was taken later in the meeting once a quorum was present.

Willey asked if anyone interested from this group. Interest received from Avis as well as Peterson.

III. Approval Minutes of meeting tabled as no quorum:

IV. Presentation from Skyline on Micro-Greens and Cotton Patch Store:

Hilgendorf provided an update as Skyline Center, Inc in Clinton was one of the recipients of the EI Region's grant applications, more formally known as the one time funding application. The greens/gardening project has resulted in employment opportunities for some individuals. She also added that most Supported Employment Program positions focus on cleaning or janitorial type jobs and gardening is a nice change. Hilgendorf also updated the Advisory Board members on the Cotton Patch Store. Skyline Center also had submitted a request for one time funding from the EI Region to develop a retail concept. She handed out samples of different cotton patches and stated the patches are usually involved with gun cleaning but music departments are also expressing interest as could be used to clean instruments. Again, per Hilgendorf, this is another avenue to build employment skills for individuals with disabilities. Board Representative Willey recommended they be marketed at Nail Salons.

V. Quorum Available at 1:40 pm to address approval of minutes along with amended agenda item:

A motion was made by Hilgendorf to amend the agenda to include nominations for an individual from the Advisory Board to serve as an ex-officio on the Regional Governing Board. Seconded by Ruchotzke. All ayes. A motion was made by Peterson for Avis to serve as the ex-officio to fill in for the term vacated by Hahn, which will end on 6/30/2019. A second by Whitaker. All ayes. Whitaker also made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 22, 2018 with second by Peterson. All ayes.

VI. Update on Region's Financials:

CEO Elam arrived at 1:45 pm and presented the Region's financial report to the Board. She reviewed the past year levy's and updated everyone on SF 504. She noted, in response to SF 504, the EI Region had increased expenditures and decreased revenue. She also discussed HF 2456 and the addition of other costly services. She remarked "it has been a challenge" and stated Fiscal Agent Farmer has recommended the levy for the EI Region be \$30.78, which is the levy cap for this Region. CEO Elam also provided a quick overview of the levy cap in the EI Region and stated it was based on expenditures in FY 15. She also remarked the Children's Mental Health system is being pushed to Region's to manage.

VII. Update on Crisis Services:

CEO Elam presented an overview of the Regional Crisis Services System managed by the Robert Young Center. Member Whitaker then updated the members on two new services that will soon be available to members of the EI Region: Peer Support Drop In Centers and Crisis Residential Stabilization Services.

He noted the Crisis Residential is another alternative to the Emergency Department. It is not, however, a place for individuals in crisis primarily because of homelessness. The 5 bedroom home will be staffed 24/7. Currently they are in the remodeling phase. He reminded everyone the house is "staff secured" and not locked from the inside. Instead, staff will use persuasion to convince individuals to not leave. Hilgendorf asked about individuals that present under the influence and individuals with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability. Whitaker noted it will be on a case by case basis as individuals need to be able to respond and follow simple commands. He also updated the members on the Peer Support Drop In Center located at 808 N Harrison. Whitaker noted you do not have to be a client of Vera French to use the Center. Current hours are 8-4 pm Monday through Friday with plans to expand available hours on Saturdays.

VIII. Other Items:

None

IX. Public Comment:

None

X. Next meeting:

Scheduled for Monday, April 15th from 1-3 pm at the Scott County Administration Building, Room 605.

XI. Adjournment:

2:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County

