

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board Work Session
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1:30-3:30 PM

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, and Nauman were present. Willey and Hilgendorf arrived late. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Becky Eskildsen, Julie Tischuk and Felicia Toppert. Lynn Bopes was absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Beth Stoffer, Ed Askew, Mary A. Petersen, Tom Determann, Dan Srp, Cheryl Plank, Jim Hayes, Todd Lange and others by phone.

Chair Beck let the Governing Board know that there is only one item on the agenda today and did not feel that a motion to approve the agenda was needed.

Chair Beck started the meeting by sharing that Muscatine and Clinton County had submitted questions to the Governing Board regarding the Amended 28E Agreement and thought it would be helpful for CEO Elam to address the questions today that were sent out in the Governing Board packet. The following are the areas discussed today: 1) Distribution of Assets- pro rata population-based division of assets is unfair if contributed different amounts. If the Region isn't pooling money then the difference in contributions will continue. The Board determined that pooling money is a discussion for another day and this was left status quo. 2) Governing Board of Directors (a) being allowed three absences in a year and if they miss more meetings then the County Board of Supervisors will determine if that person will continue on the Governing Board (f) parent of a child serving on the Governing Board- does this person immediately become ineligible upon their child reaching the age of 18. The person would complete the term the child turns 18 and transition off of the Children's Advisory Committee. 3) Director Vacancies- Individual County Board Chair appoints a supervisor to serve on the Governing Board, 4) Voting Procedures-All the Directors who are eligible will vote. It will be a weighted vote where an elected director's vote is worth 3 and the non-elected director's vote is worth 1. 5) Board Officers- the Governing Board approves the Management Plan and does not grant powers to the chair to do so. 6) Powers of Governing Board (b) appoint and supervise a CEO upon the vote of Four Directors of the Governing Board. The Governing Board determined that the entire board will vote on removing a CEO for the position and needs to reach a supermajority. 7) Committees- determine the minimum number of members for the adult and children's advisory committees. The Children's Advisory Committee will have at least 9 members and at least 1 member from each county for the Adult Advisory Committee. 8) Methods for Dispute- new section, the board would like to draft a policy outlining a peer dispute process to try to avoid going to mediation and arbitration. (b) Member county withdrawal was removed from this section and moved to Section 5.4 9) Member Obligations, Requirements-(g) each member county will levy what is recommended by the Governing Board or as directed by DOM or DHS. The board came to a consensus that levy recommendations would be made based on budgeting for the fiscal year and presented to the County Board of Supervisors. If the transfer payments are not budgeted or paid then it will be considered a voluntary withdrawal from the Region. 10) Section 5.4 Member County Removal- the Governing Board will need a supermajority to pass a resolution removing a member county. 11) Selection Process for CEO- Compensation will be determined based on a split between regional duties

and county duties. The board shared that when the Region formed, the CEO position rotated each year and this language has been removed. 12) Section 6.1- Evaluation of CEO- the board wanted to make sure that the CEO contract has an evergreen clause included in the language to avoid needing action each year. 13) Section 6.2- The CEO will be responsible for duties including but not limited to the sole contact for the Region to DHS- the board determined that the CEO and the Governing Board Chair should represent the Region and be the single point of contacts for DHS. 13) Section 6.2 (d) add HIPAA to the list. 14) Section 7.0- Management and Expenditures of Funding- add wording into this section regarding selecting a fiscal agent and select compensation for the services in the member county. 14) Section 7.1-Process for Initial Funding to begin Operations- this was when the Region first began and this section can be deleted. 15) Section 8.0- The Governing Board is authorized to make non-substantive amendments to this agreement with a 2/3 vote of the Board Members present. This would include all voting members but not ex-officio members when voting. 16) There is no mention of a regularly scheduled all member county board meeting and the board would like to add to the agreement that an annual meeting taking place. 17) Discussion was held regarding the need to form committees to oversee the operations of the Region. The board determined they would like to schedule a strategic planning session.

Other Items: Nancy Nauman asked if CEO Elam could send out a copy of the Iowa MHDS Region Statewide Report for SFY 2016 to everyone. She thought it would be helpful to understand the history of the Regions forming.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned: 4:16 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dawn Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Dawn Smith, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region