

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board and County Board of Supervisors Meeting
Webex
May 22, 2020
10:00-11:30 AM

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen were present. Willey, Hilgendorf, and Nauman were absent. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Becky Eskildsen, Julie Tischuk, Lynn Bopes and Felicia Toppert. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Representatives from the 5 member county Boards of Supervisors and others calling in to the meeting.

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 welcomed the Governing Board Members and the representatives from the five County Board of Supervisors. Chair Beck outlined how the meeting will be conducted to include all five member counties into the discussion.

CEO Lori Elam gave an update regarding the Region's crisis services. She let everyone know that with COVID-19 the services are continuing to be provided. She pointed out that the delivery of the services has been adjusted to keep staff and individuals safe and currently most of the contact with people is through video or phone conferencing. Lori shared that the Region has seen a decrease in the usage of crisis services due to everyone staying home and not accessing EDs or other services in the community. Lori shared that the Region is expecting an increase in service usage as everything begins to open back up and people feel safe to leave their homes again. Discussion was held.

CEO Lori Elam reviewed HF690 regarding Children's Mental Health System with the Governing Board and guests. She let the board know that this is for children that are diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance and what the Regions are responsible for. Those areas are: ensuring access to Children's behavioral Health services, fund services for children not covered by Medicaid or other third-party payer and who meet certain requirements, adding new voting members to the Governing Board Structure and the Governing Board will add a regional Children's Advisory Committee to assist with development and implementation of the children's system. The region will provide at least 4 opportunities of training during the year and will designate a Coordinator of Disability Services for the children's behavioral health services. Discussion was held on the status of the Region implementing the system by 7/1/20.

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, gave a financial update on where the Region stands with revenue collected and expenditures to date. David reviewed the per capita for revenue for this fiscal year and compared it to past fiscal years. David encouraged the board of supervisors from the member counties to continue talking with their legislators and DHS that the levy cap for the Region does not work and is causing budgeting issues and cuts to services as a result. Discussion was held.

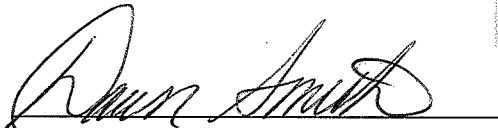
CEO Lori Elam presented the Amended 28E Agreement to the board with updated changes included following the board work session. Lori walked through the 28E agreement and pointed out each area that was changed. CEO Elam let everyone know that the main reason for amending the agreement was

to include the Children's Mental Health System language into it. She also pointed out that language was updated to reflect how the Region is currently operating and some language was removed due to being obsolete. Chair Beck opened discussion from each county regarding the changes.

Other Items: Chair Beck opened discussion from each county if they have other items. Jackson County noted the amount of work that goes into operating the Region and they feel that Jack Willey does a great job of representing Jackson County well. Supervisor Irwin spoke for Clinton County and noted that this Region is the only one that doesn't pool funds and feels that this needs to be discussed further how this Region can be more aligned with the other Regions and with what DHS intended for Regions to do when they were formed. Clinton County felt that the changes made to the amended 28E agreement discussed today were good improvements. Muscatine County feels that work sessions are helpful to resolve issues and asked for an update on how the property tax payment delays are affecting the Region fiscal fund. Scott County feels that this meeting and the Amended 28E Agreement are a good step forward for the Region and thanked David Farmer for the financial updates, monitoring and work he does for the Region.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55 AM

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

Dawn Smith, Secretary
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region