

Eastern Iowa MH/DS
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Scott County Administration Building
January 13, 2016

- I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by CEO Bopes.
Members Present: Lynn Bopes; Becky Eskildsen; Oscar Hawley; Mike Johannsen; Holly Parmer; Melissa Peterson; Susie Ruchotzke; Julie Tischuk; Lori Elam, Catherine Hahn; Joe York; Lynn Hilgendorf; and Luanna Gredell.
Members Absent: Jack Willey, Michele Becker and Chris Shotwell
- II. The Advisory Board Members reviewed agenda with no comments.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/14/2015. No formal action taken.
- IV. Managed Care Update:
CEO Bopes informed members the Department has extended the deadline for 2 months as providers are still negotiating rates and contracts. Member Hilgendorf stated no one seems to have much of an idea about the specialty services such as pharmacy, hospital etc. She also pointed out her situation where she had to switch her daughter, via a phone call, from WellCare of Iowa to another provider. Hilgendorf expressed concerns about the lack of questions/security when she made the call. Member Hahn stated to the group that Disability Rights are looking at recommending the ID Waiver population be “carved” out of Managed Care. TCMs are still not hearing anything back, either.
- V. Review of FY 15 Annual Report:
CEO Bopes reminded the group that we are statutorily required to submit a plan to DHS every December. DHS took a look at the last report submitted and scrutinized the financial section, per Bopes. But, close to final version and once the Governing Board has approved, it will be sent out again. She also introduced Mike Johannsen as the new CEO commencing with the Governing Board meeting scheduled for January 25, 2016.
- VI. Review of FY 17 Budget Process:
CEO Bopes noted we are working diligently on blending 5 County budgets together. Each individual county still has to provide a budget that needs to be certified by the DOM on or before March 15th. No changes in terms of services, per Bopes. We are still able to provide financial assistance for RCF and Sheltered Workshop under “additional core services”. In our Regional Budget for FY 17 we have also added money for administrative costs and for other services such as crisis services, and training. Trainings, in particular, will focus on Evidence Based Practices including fidelity scales set by the federal government. Member Hilgendorf remarked that IACP is working with providers on a system called “5 Star Quality” with Gayla Harkin.
- VII. Updates:
Crisis Services:
The Robert Young Center contract has been officially signed by the Governing Board and now will be executed. Phase I is set to roll out and will include: Telephone Crisis Services through Foundation II and Evaluations, which includes assessments and screening. Goals are to divert from inpatient

hospitalizations and mental health commitments through linkage with services. Foundation II's phone number will be provided to all residents of each county.

Legislative Issues:

Per CDS Elam, legislative session started in January. ISAC is continuing to move forward with educational efforts to allow counties the ability to increase levies. She also noted some movement is occurring about the language for 812's (competent to stand trial) and hopefully the bill will be sent through and should pass quickly.

VIII. Other Items:

None

IX: Public Comment:

None

X: Next Meeting:

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 4 pm at the Scott County Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County