

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Electronic -Zoom  
September 21, 2020  
3:00-5:00 PM

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Hilgendorf and Nauman were present. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Becky Eskildsen, Lynn Bopes, Julie Tischuk and Felicia Toppert. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Cheryl Plank, Sara Owen, Jen Tamayo, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Jaci Hunt, Melissa Peterson, Lisa Kepford, Todd Noack, Beth Stoffer, Fabiola Mani-Orellana, Jill Westhoff, Novia Anderson, Wade Stierwalt, Jen Cobb, Todd Lange, Mary A. Petersen and other call in guests not identified.

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

Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Irwin for approval of the minutes for 8/17/2020 Governing Board of Directors Meeting and the Special Governing Board Meeting held on 8/24/20. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey.

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances sheet and the Monthly Fund Flow Spreadsheet ending August 31, 2020 to the Governing Board. David reviewed the current statement and let the board know that the Region has collected \$547,817.00 in revenue so far through levies and miscellaneous fees and has had \$1,067,010.00 in expenditures. David shared that the current fund balance is: \$2,100,275.00. David reviewed the Monthly Fund Flow sheet with the board and let them know that the CARES ACT Funds will be added to the financials next month as the money starts to be awarded and dispersed. David was notified by ICAP Insurance that a rebate will be issued based on the 5 year claim history. David shared it will be around \$4,000.00 and they should see it next month. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin for approval of the Regional Financial Reports. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey.

Lori Elam, CEO, updated the Governing Board regarding CARES ACT Funds and the RFP process. Lori shared that 17 applications were received requesting approximately 1.2 million dollars. The Governing Board met prior to this meeting to review, discuss, and take formal action on the applications. Five applications were asked to be clarified and resubmitted to the board prior to the special meeting. Of those, 3 need additional clarification that the board will look at yet this week once they are returned. Lori is hopeful to get contracts out soon to those providers awarded money and also hopes to start a second round of applications that will be due the first part of October. The money must be spent by 12/30/20 and returned to the State by 1/3/21. The timelines are very tight to review the applications, bring them to the Governing Board Meeting on October 19, 2020 for discussion and action and disperse money to the providers to spend by the end of the year. Discussion was held.

Supervisor Jim Irwin gave a Committee update to the Governing Board. The Finance Committee discussed the current fiscal situation of how the finances are set up in the Region. Supervisor Irwin would like to go toward pooling dollars but felt that he was the minority in the conversation at this time. CEO Lori Elam put together a spreadsheet that was shared by follow up email with the committee listing the 14 Regions in the State and if those Regions pool their money and what their current fund balance is. Lori said that will be discussed more in depth at the next meeting. Supervisor Irwin shared the Contracts/Rate Setting Committee looked at several different issues with setting rates with providers. They focused on Medication Management service at the meeting and the differences that currently exist between the providers. The committee is looking at how the services can be more aligned and are consistent rates across all of the providers. CEO Elam shared that Lynn Bopes and Felicia Toppert developed a spreadsheet showing services, codes and the current rates to have a better conversation how to determine the best approach to contracting and rate setting. Supervisor Willey suggested setting meeting dates in the next month and report back to the Governing Board. Discussion was held.

Mary Petersen, RYC shared a crisis contract update to the board. Mary shared that there are 5 contracts they negotiated for FY21. Mary presented the contracts today to the board. The contracts presented were: Life Connections Peer Recovery Services and Life Connections Rhonda's House, Foundation 2, Vera French Community Mental Health Center and Muscatine Center for Social Action. Discussion was held. Jill Westhoff, RYC, presented the Region Income Statement through August 31, 2020. Jill reviewed each line item with the board and discussion was held. Jen Tamayo, RYC, reviewed crisis services metrics with the board. Jen shared the following: there continues to be an increase in crisis evaluations and feels that more people are feeling comfortable leaving their homes, mobile crisis direct services were suspended in one county last month due to increased cases of COVID in that area. Foundation 2 uses the Harvard Map to determine "hot spots" and when they need to switch to virtual mobile crisis until the area is no longer having a high case count, there were zero out of Region committals last month, Jen and her team are meeting with each county's Clerk Of Court and Law Enforcement agency to discuss the committal process, crisis services available to divert to and accessing hospitals and services within the Region, peer services are continuing with virtual sessions and in person meetings which has decreased the amount of people using virtual services and Crisis Stabilization Residential did have a decrease in referrals last month but there was a week when the Derecho hit that they were without power. Discussion was held.

Lori Elam, CEO, presented two FY21 Provider Service Agreements regarding rates for services to the Governing Board. Lori asked that the following provider's rate contract be approved. They are: Hillcrest Family Services-Maquoketa Office and Imagine the Possibilities, Inc. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin to approve and sign the FY21 Provider Service Agreements. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey.

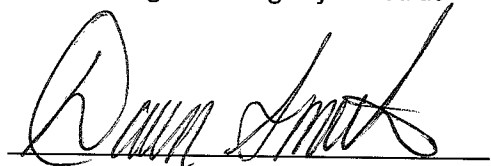
Todd Noack, Life Connections Peer Recovery Services, and Todd Lange, Recovery & Resiliency Coordinator from Amerigroup Iowa, Inc., presented to the Governing Board regarding Peer Support Services. They gave an overview of what peer support services are and how the services began, what services are available in the Region and how community peer support is available to help by providing lived experience support and choices on how to move towards recovery. Discussion was held.

Lori Elam, CEO, presented the CEO Report to the Governing Board. Areas highlighted: participated in the ISAC Board of Supervisors Legislative issues meeting, met with ISU Extension on using CARES ACT Funding to support the Ag Community, continues to work on the DHS Warehouse reporting along with the management TEAM, and assisted in training Eagle View Staff on using the Region's service application and release forms. Discussion was held.

Other Items- the next Governing Board of Director's meeting will be October 19, 2020.

Public Comment: Angela Ganzer-Bovitz shared that Genesis Behavioral Health recently added a new psychiatrist to their team. She reviewed the staff they currently have in the department and shared that they are also adding PRN providers as well.

Moved by Irwin, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Governing Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.

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

Dawn Smith, Secretary  
Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region