

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Special Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center
Electronic-Zoom
August 24, 2020
8:15-8:45AM

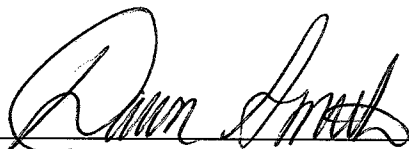
The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:18AM by Chair Beck. Beck, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Nauman and Hilgendorf were present. Supervisor Irwin arrived late and David Farmer was absent. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Julie Tischuk, Lynn Bopes, Felicia Toppert and Becky Eskildsen. Guests: Angela Gallagher, Richard Whitaker, Beth Stoffer, Representative Cindy Winckler, Representative Mary Wolfe, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Kelly Herd, Jen Tamayo, Wade Sierwalt and other present by phone.

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

CEO Lori Elam spoke with the Governing Board regarding the CARES Act dollars that the Region recently received. Lori referred to the letter sent to the Region from DHS stating that the Region received \$2,859,080.00 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund under the CARES Act. Lori shared that the money has been received by the Fiscal Agent. Lori reviewed that once the money is formally accepted, the Region then agrees to comply with the requirements of the CARES ACT and other applicable state and federal law. Lori shared that the CARES Act funds require that the payments only be used to cover expenses that were necessary and incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are not accounted for in the regional budgets of FY 20 and FY22, and are used toward expenses incurred during the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The Region will retain all of the records that support or document the costs claimed and will send that information to DHS, DOM, the Office of the Governor, and the Auditor Office of the State if requested. Lori pointed out to the board that if any of the funds are deferred or disallowed after an audit is conducted, the funds will be paid back to the Department by the Region along with penalties that may result from the audit. Any money that is not spent by December 30, 2020 will need to be returned to DHS by January 3, 2021. Lori let the board know that the Management TEAM will be putting together an information letter sharing this information, an RFP process, and an application that will available to providers to apply for the money. Lori also shared that if the money is not accepted by the Region, the funds will need to be returned to DHS in 30 days. Lori gave examples of what the money could be used for and let the board know that the CEOs of the Regions have been reviewing federal guidelines on how it can be spent and are making sure that the Regions are following the regulations. Discussion was held. Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin to accept the Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars under the CARES Act in the amount of \$2,859,080.00. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned:


Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region