

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Special Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center
Electronic-Zoom
September 21, 2020
1:00-3:00 PM

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Hilgendorf and Nauman were present. David Farmer arrived late. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Julie Tischuk, Lynn Bopes, Felicia Toppert and Becky Eskildsen. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Wade Sierwalt, Representative Mary Wolfe, Scott Dahlke and others present by phone.

No action was taken on the agenda due to only one agenda item for the meeting.

Chair Beck started the meeting by letting the Governing Board know that they should have all of the CARES Act RFP applications to refer to during today's meeting. Chair Beck stated that the best way to proceed is to have CEO Lori Elam highlight each application and if the board has questions, they can be discussed at the end. Chair Beck pointed out that they have a short amount of time to get through the applications and everyone should have reviewed them prior to the meeting.

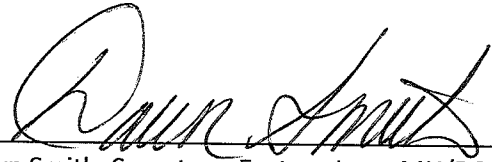
CEO Lori Elam gave an overview of how the management team reviewed the 17 applications that were submitted. The team followed the guidelines outlined by DHS, referred to the United States Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions, and kept in mind the following questions: 1) Can the RFP be tied to the Region's plan for MHDS services, 2) Is it addressing a vulnerability due to COVID, 3) Is it something already in the Region's budget and 4) Is it something that has been or going to be reimbursed from another source. Lori reviewed each application with the board letting them know what the management team recommends. Areas discussed were: the definition of hazard pay, bonus pay vs. hazard pay, loss of revenue, making sure the totals work out for what is being requested, making sure if items were mentioned in Attachment A but weren't on Attachment B and should they be there, making sure the providers are not double dipping by using other provider CAREs Act funding as well as the Region's funding, and not funding any capital improvements. Moved by Irwin, seconded by Willey to approve 13 RFP applications based on the recommendation of the management team and request further clarification for 3 RFP applications before they will be approved. One RFP application will not be accepted. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey. Those applications approved are: Hillcrest #1, Hillcrest #2, Compassion Counseling, Cornerstone Wellness, Humility Homes & Services, Handicapped Development Center, Life Connections, Bridgeview CMHC, Nami GMV, Optimae Life Services, Abbe Community Mental Health Center, Domestic Violence Intervention Program and Eagle View Behavioral Health. The three applications needing further explanation are: New Choices, Inc., Skyline Center, Inc., Pathway Living Center, Inc. The application not accepted: Muscatine Center for Social Action.

Other: The Governing Board pointed out there is still money available and wondered about a 2nd round of RFP applications. CEO Lori Elam said that those providers that may have other expenses incurred related to COVID-19 can certainly apply again and there may be other providers that didn't submit an

application in the first round that may want to now. Lori shared that she would work on setting timelines for the second round and get that information out soon. Discussion was held on how to reach as many providers as possible to apply for the funds.

Public Comment: Scott Dalke, from Muscatine Center for Social Action, asked if telehealth would be considered for the second round of applications. CEO Lori Elam shared that it would be considered. Representative Mary Wolfe commented that the Region is doing good work approving the CAREs Act Funds for providers and had a lot to work through in getting money to providers in a short time frame. CEO Lori Elam shared that the Region would like to look at marketing crisis services using some of the CAREs Act funding. She plans to get information and bring it to the Governing Board.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned: 2:44 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