

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Special Governing Board of Directors Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center
Electronic-Zoom
September 25, 2020
8:00-8:30 AM

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Chair Beck. Beck, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, and Hilgendorf were present. Supervisor Irwin arrived late. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Julie Tischuk, Felicia Toppert and Becky Eskildsen. Lynn Bopes was absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Denise Beenk, James Wilfer, Amy Groth, Charla Hollowell, Richard Whitaker, Wade Stierwalt, Representative Mary Wolfe, Jamie Nowlin, Waylyn McCulloh, Fabiola Mani-Orellana, Kelly Herd and others present by phone.

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

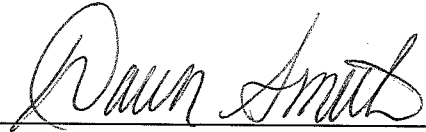
CEO Lori Elam shared with the Governing Board that she reached out to the 3 providers regarding their applications and let them know the board was asking for more information in order to be considered. Lori went through each application and reviewed with the board what clarifications they had requested and the responses back from the providers. Areas discussed: IPADs were left off of Attachment "A" but was listed in Attachment "B"- the provider meant for the IPADS to be listed on Attachment "A" as well, making sure the amounts requested matched the totals being requested, Hazard pay and whether or not the board feels that CARES ACT Funds should be granted for that, how is hazard pay defined, with staff shortages does hazard pay help to keep direct staff working in the homes with vulnerable people, granting hazard pay to just front line workers and no one else, and who is responsible for paying back money if audited and found not to be in compliance with the guidelines. Moved by Willey to approve the three RFP Resubmissions for CARES Funds with noted changes discussed today. There was no second and the motion failed. Moved by Irwin, seconded by Smith to approve the three RFP Resubmissions for CARES Funds without hazard pay requests being included. Ayes-Irwin, Smith, Sorensen Nays-Beck, Willey. Those applications approved without hazard pay requests included were: New Choices, Inc., Skyline Center Inc., and Pathway Living Center.

CEO Lori Elam brought to the Boards attention to an upcoming training entitled "Supporting the Mental Health of Farmers" to be held November 6, 2020. Lori shared that she has heard from board of supervisors that they would like to see CARES ACT funds be put toward outreach to assist with the mental health of farmers. Lori felt this would be a great opportunity for people to attend this training and learn ways that they can provide assistance in their practice. Discussion was held. Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin to approve the use of CARES ACT Funds for anyone in the Region to attend the Farmer Mental Health Training offered November 6, 2020. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey.

Other: None

Public Comment: None

Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned: 8:51 AM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region