

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Board Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center  
May 17, 2021  
3:00-5:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Cobb and Roome were present. Absent was McGovern and Nauman. Management Team present: Elam, Bopes, Eskildsen, Toppert and Tischuk. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Todd Noack, Barbara Robinson-Lagarde, Cheryl Plank, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Mary A. Petersen, John Rohlf, Jen Craft, Jill Westhoff, Todd Lange, Kelly Herd, Denise Beenk, Cheri Sexton, Beth Stoffer, Rich Whitaker, Representative Mary Wolfe, and other call in guests not identified.

Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Irwin to approve and accept the agenda. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith Sorensen, Willey, Cobb, Roome.

Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes for the 4/19/21 Governing Board Meeting and the 5/3/21 Special Governing Board Meeting. Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Cobb, Roome.

Lori Elam, CEO, let the Governing Board know that she received a proclamation stating that May is Mental Health Month. The Regions and Counties have been asked to approve the proclamation and asked the board to sign the Region's proclamation today. The Governing Board asked Lori to read the proclamation prior to action on it. Moved by Willey, seconded by Sorensen to approve and authorize the Chair of the Governing Board to sign the proclamation. Willey also noted that MHDS in the last paragraph has a "j" inserted in it and would ask that be corrected prior to signing it. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith Sorensen, Willey, Cobb, Roome.

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance sheet and the Monthly Fund Flow Spreadsheet to the Governing Board. David reviewed these documents and let the Board know that the Region has collected \$12,088,464.00 in revenue and has \$8,527,236.00 in expenditures as of 4/30/21. The current total fund balance is \$6,390,237.00. David is projecting that the ending fund balance for this fiscal year will be around \$4.8 Million. He shared that with the accrual at the end of the fiscal year and RYC requesting payment in June, it will draw down the ending fund balance further and is hopeful that the fiscal fund will be right around 40%. Currently his projection is at 47.42%. David is watching this closely and will wait to see what the legislature does with fund balance requirements. David let the board know that they should have the liability insurance renewal from ICAP at the next meeting. He is estimating the renewal amount will be \$6,000-\$7,000.00 for the year and it should be very similar to last year's renewal. David updated the board regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars coming to the counties from the United States Treasury. He shared that MH Regions will not be receiving any money from this but could possibly partner with the counties using Region dollars toward projects that are specified in the language of the ARPA. David received guidance regarding this money and will be monitoring this closely in case the Region wants to collaborate with county projects in the Region. An example shared would be collaborating with housing

providers and establishing permanent stabilized housing options in the community. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin for approval of the Regional Financial Reports. Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Cobb, Roome.

Lori Elam, CEO, gave an update to the Governing Board regarding CARES Funds. Lori reminded the board that the last day to use the money will be 6/30/21. Lori gave an update on the applications from the 4<sup>th</sup> round. 4 agencies have spent all of the money awarded to them. 9 agencies have partially spent the money or she has not received any receipts to date from them. Lori sent out an email to 2 agencies asking them to turn in receipts by 6/1/21 in order to process the invoice and get the money to them on time. As of today, there is \$143,000.00 left of the \$2.8 Million dollars the Region started with. If all of the agencies spend their money, there will be \$10,203.00 left. Lori asked the board for direction on spending the remaining dollars and to keep in mind the total could be higher if the agencies don't spend all the money awarded. Lori shared that the Region could purchase more marketing materials for the crisis services, do more television advertising or send the remaining money back to the State. The board was in agreement to proceed with purchasing more marketing materials and ads to promote the crisis services available in the Region.

Lori Elam, CEO, gave a legislative update to the Governing Board. Lori shared that there has been an amendment to SF 619 and it appears to be a compromise to the Governor and Senate Bill. Lori outlined what is in the amendment. The State will buy out the mental health system in the next two years by phasing out the property tax levies at the county level. The Regions will all levy \$21.14 for FY22 and the State will fund \$15.86/capita. This will generate an additional \$2Million for Easter Iowa MHDS Region. In FY23 there will not be a mental health levy and the State will fund \$38.00/capita. FY24 the State will fund \$40.00/capita and in FY25 the State will fund \$42.00/capita. The fiscal years following this will increase by growth factor. The Fund Balance will be at 40% or less for FY22, 20% in FY23 and 5% by FY24. Regions will be expected to pool all dollars by the end of FY22. The State will establish performance contracts with each Region and if those are not met, the State will withhold no more than 15% of funding until a corrective action plan is met. An incentive pool of funds will be established for Region's to request money from to make sure they are at the funding level the State sets. Any money over the 40% fund balance will be sent to the incentive pool. All core and mandated services must be in place by 1/1/23. Representative Mary Wolfe spoke to the Board and indicated that there will most likely be a compromise of the bill from the Senate and at the end of the day this bill is intended to make mental health services more accessible and uniform to the public. Discussion was held.

Jill Westhoff, RYC, gave a crisis services financial update for the month of April 2021. Jill noted that Vera French's Crisis Stabilization Residential March invoice was \$26,948.05. Jill had originally booked the 1/12 estimated amount for April at \$36,500.00. Jill has now trued up the line item to reflect the actual invoice cost of \$26,948.05. Jill reviewed the rest of the line items and the board did not have any other questions. Jen Craft, RYC, gave a crisis services update to the Governing Board. Jen shared that Eagle View Behavioral Health data has now been added to the monthly scorecard. She has been working with Amy Groth at Eagle View Behavioral Health on collecting the data needed for the crisis system. The board asked if Eagle View Behavioral Health could break down their numbers further to show how many they are serving from the Region and how many served are out of Region. Jen let the board know that she will meet with Amy Groth to start gathering that information. Jen then spoke about the Law Enforcement Crisis Response pilot project. There were 16 calls in the month of April and 15/16 crisis calls were resolved. 1 person went to the hospital. The number may look low but the crisis staff are

spending their entire shift working with one person linking them to services that they are in need of. Jen and staff are hoping to start meetings with Muscatine Co. Law Enforcement to start the same service there soon. Jen reported that Mobile Crisis Outreach had 94 calls in the month of April and they are not seeing a decrease as the months go by. Jen noted there have been duplicated calls each month but in the month of April they noted more unduplicated calls. Discussion was held.

Lori Elam, CEO, presented the CEO Report to the Governing Board. She shared that she and the management team have been working with Todd Noack from Life Connections Peer Recovery Services on starting a peer support service in the community. She is hoping to bring a service contract to them soon. Lori highlighted the service and pointed out that it will start in Cedar, Jackson and Clinton Counties. Discussion was held.

Other Items: Ken Beck, Chair, asked if the Governing Board will want to meet Face to Face starting in June. Discussion was held and it was determined that the board is in consensus to start moving back to meeting in person. They are watching the situation closely and will check the positivity rate of COVID as the June meeting approaches to see if they should meet in person or not. A hybrid meeting of the board being in person with the option of the public to attend by Zoom may be attempted. Notification will be sent out to everyone once they make a decision. The next Governing Board of Directors Meeting will be June 21, 2021 at 3:00PM.

Public Comment – None

Moved by Sorensen and seconded by Irwin at 4:17PM to adjourn. Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Cobb, Roome.

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

Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region