

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Special Governing Board of Directors Board Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center
June 25, 2021
9:00AM
ZOOM Meeting

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 9:03AM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Willey, Nauman, Cobb and Roome were present. Sorensen and McGovern were absent. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Lynn Bopes, Becky Eskildsen, Julie Tischuk, and Felicia Toppert. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Cheri Sexton, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, John Rolf, Jill Westhoff, Christine Gradert, Jen Craft, Mary Petersen, and others present by phone.

Chair Beck waived reviewing the agenda since there is only one item today.

Lori Elam, CEO, Mary A. Petersen, RYC, and Christine Gradert, RYC, presented to the board the Ninth Amendment to Region Mental Health Crisis Services Agreement and a power point presentation regarding the Children's Mental Health Crisis System of Care. Lori explained that the Ninth Amendment services agreement is the revised Eighth Service agreement that now includes the Children's Crisis System Development line item for \$200,000.00. Mary explained that this number is merely a placeholder and most likely the invoices will come in lower than budgeted. With this being a new system like with the adult system they have budgeted a little high for incidentals and the invoices submitted will be actual costs. Mary asked that if this is approved, the board sign the Eighth Amendment first and the sign the Ninth Amendment second. Mary asked that they be date filled in the order approved. Lori pointed out that this agreement does not include the 3 new services (crisis stabilization residential for children, crisis stabilization community based residential for adult and for children). Mary Petersen reviewed with the board the implementation of the adult crisis system and the process that went into achieving that task. She pointed out that the children's system will be a similar process as it was for the adult system and will take existing agencies and connect them with each other to provide the outcomes that are desired. RYC will weave the children's system into the already existing adult system. Mary introduced Christine Gradert as the Children's Coordinator to develop and manage the system as it grows. Christine has an extensive background in children's services and will be a great leader for the Region. Christine began by outlining the development of the children's system by having dedicated leadership in place, investment of big-picture outcomes for children by all constituents, marketing, strategic planning, data and quality improvement, county, community and family collaboration. Christine shared that once the children's system is built, the system of care must continuously adapt to changing and fluctuating resources in the environment and community. An example would be COVID. Since the COVID pandemic began, there has been an uptick of children mental health needs and kids as young as 4yrs old have been affected. The system will need to adapt to those children in crisis and assist as much as we can. Christine stated that the system will be principle-guided. Those principles are: interagency collaboration, individualized strengths-based care, cultural competence, child and family involvement, community-based services and accountability. Christine identified some of the key partners that will be part of the children's system and let everyone know that this will take planning, developing and continually monitoring outcome data to make sure that the

system is meeting the needs of children in the Region. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith to approve the proposed amendment of adding the Children's Coordinator of Behavioral Health Services Position to the RYC Crisis Contract. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Willey, Cobb, Roome. Absent-Sorensen

Public Comment: None.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Irwin at 9:55AM to adjourn the meeting. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Smith, Willey, Cobb, Roome. Absent: Sorensen

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

Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region