

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Special Governing Board of Directors Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center  
May 3, 2021  
3:00PM  
ZOOM Meeting

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Cobb, McGovern, Nauman and Roome were present. Chair Beck left the meeting at 3:44PM and Aaron Roome left the meeting at 3:44PM. Vice Chair Irwin took over the meeting. Management Team present: Lori Elam, Lynn Bopes, Julie Tischuk, and Felicia Toppert. Absent: Becky Eskildsen. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests: Beth Stoffer, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Jill Westhoff, Jen Tamayo, Kelly Herd, Mary Thee, Amy Groth, Scott Dahlke, John Rohlf, Cheryl Plank, Mary A. Petersen, Waylyn McCulloh, and others present by phone.

Chair Beck waived reviewing the agenda due to one topic of discussion.

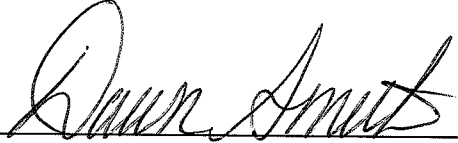
Lori Elam, CEO, gave an update to the Governing Board regarding the RFP process for the hiring of a Children's Coordinator of Behavioral Health Services. Lori shared that the RFP email went out to 64 different providers on April 1, 2021. 22 of those emails went to local providers. The RFP was due April 20, 2021. The RFP received one response from an outpatient and holistic provider in Utah for a bid of \$477,000.00. Lori asked the board for direction on the next steps in the process of hiring a coordinator. She let the board know that the Region does not need to have the coordinator in place by 7/1/2021 but would like to start the process of determining county of record, drafting a job description that will mirror the county of record's policy on salary and benefits, and drafting a MOU between the Region and county of record for the position. Areas of discussion: 1) the Region may benefit having oversight and development of the position instead of an agency, 2) needing to wait until the legislative session is over to determine if there will be funding for the position, 3) look at Scott County to be the county of record to keep it consistent with the CEO working closely with the position, 4) discuss the role of the Children's Coordinator and how they will interact with providers and communities in the Region, 5) local providers have indicated they do not have the staff to pull from existing roles to fill this position and find replacement staff with a workforce shortage, 6) send out a second RFP and make more providers aware to see if there would be a better response, 7) would RYC's Children's MH System proposal from 2019 meet the positions requirements, 8) is this a position that one person covering 5 counties can do on their own, 9) the need to gather more information from other regions regarding their job description, county of record vs. region employee, number of children coordinators employed, etc. and set up a work session to discuss further, 10) following the work session a final decision will be made on how to proceed at the next Governing Board of Directors Meeting. Moved by Willey, seconded by Sorensen to table the motion of approving the process for hiring a Children's Coordinator until a work session takes place. Ayes-Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Cobb. Absent: Beck and Roome. Motion passed by majority.

Vice Chair Irwin let the Governing Board know that discussion of the agenda item number IV. - Approving the job description and MOU for the Children's Coordinator position, should also be tabled

until more information is gathered and brought to the upcoming work session. Moved by Willey, seconded by Smith to table agenda item IV. – Approving the job description and MOU for the Children’s Coordinator position, until this can be discussed further at the work session. Ayes-Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Cobb. Absent: Beck and Roome. Motion passed by majority.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Smith, seconded by Sorensen at 4:07PM to adjourn the meeting. Ayes- Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey, Cobb. Absent: Beck, Roome.

  
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Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region