

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Board Meeting
Scott County Administrative Center
Room 605 or by phone/computer through Zoom
October 7, 2021
1:00-4:00pm

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:09pm by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorensen, Willey were present. Cobb, McGovern and Nauman were absent. Roome arrived at 2:05PM. Management Team present: Elam, Eskildsen, Toppert, Gradert and Tischuk. Bopes arrived late. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests present: Todd Noack, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Jen Craft, Beth Stoffer, Ross Teemant, Jill Westhoff, Todd Lange, Denise Beenk, Amy Groth, Jacob Schell and other call in guests not identified.

Chair Beck waived the review of the agenda due to only have one agenda item.

Lori Elam, CEO, reviewed with the Governing Board that today's meeting is discussion regarding a FY22 Budget Amendment Proposal. She let them know that today's meeting is designed to review the proposed services to better understand how they will add to the current crisis system and meet State expectations of core and additional core services that need to be implemented for adults and children. Lori let the board know that the ideas and discussion from today's meeting will then be brought to the Governing Board of Directors Meeting on October 18, 2021 for a vote. Lori wanted the board to have a chance to ask any questions and have a discussion of what is being proposed for this fiscal year. Lori pointed out to the board that the mandated services that need to implement by 1/1/22 are included in the proposal and are able to be funded with the addition of SF619 State Funding to the property tax dollars in the fiscal agent fund.

Jen Craft, Robert Young Center, presented a power point to the board regarding the FY22 Budget Amendment Proposal for the Eastern Iowa Region Crisis System. Jen reviewed the current approved budget with the board and then moved to discussing additional services that would be beneficial to the Region crisis system, meet the mandated service requirement for three of the services, and implements more services geared for children. The services that Jen spoke about and how they would assist the crisis system are: Crisis Stabilization Community Based Services (CSCBS)- Adult and Children, Crisis Stabilization Residential-Children, Care Coordinators-Homeless Outreach-Adult, Peer Recovery Specialists-"Short Stop", Jail Based Care Coordinators, Children's Department of Human Services (DHS) Liaison, Care Coordinators-Children's Juvenile Court Services (JCS) Liaison, Care Coordinators-Children's Early Childhood (EC) Liaison, Care Coordinators-Youth Complex Care Families, Quality Management Clerk, Care Coordination Lead, Training-Adults, Training-Youth, Crisis Responder-The Co-Responder Model (also known as Enforcement Liaison), Wellness Center-City of Clinton, Peer Drop In Center-Davenport and Bridge Appointments. With the addition of these services to the already approved budget and realistically prorating the expenditures to 6 months the cost of the proposed services would be \$3,367,041.02. This amount would be added to the already approved budget of \$3,715,700.00. Areas of Discussion: the board wanted to make sure that the services would also be available in all of the counties in the region, is there enough FTEs to cover all of the counties and provide the services being proposed, where does Eagle View Behavioral Health fit into the proposed services with what they

offer, is the transportation barrier removed for accessing services in the rural counties, are community resources being educated on the Region's crisis system and marketing what the Region has to offer, and would there be a benefit of hiring a media specialist to target social media outlets and reach more people.

Lori Elam, CEO, then presented the proposed FY22 Management Team service recommendations regarding the services that Jen Craft spoke of and additional services that don't fall under the crisis contract with RYC but are beneficial to the Region. Lori started by reviewing the services that Jen Craft from RYC presented. Lori let the board know that the management team went through each proposed service and made some adjustments based on what needs to be done right away and what can be moved to FY23 considering how long it will take to hire staff and implement the service. Lori pointed out that three months of the fiscal year are complete and that doesn't leave a lot of time to get every service up and running. Lori shared the updated list of RYC proposed services for FY22. Those services are: implementing the 3 mandated services (crisis stabilization community based-adult, crisis stabilization community based children, crisis stabilization residential-children) by January, Peer Recovery Specialist – "short stops", Care Coordinators in jails, Homeless Outreach Care Coordinators-Adults, Crisis Responder-Co-Responder Model/Law Enforcement Liaison, Children's Care Coordinators, Quality Management Clerk/New Lead Coordinator, Vera French Peer Drop in Center, Wellness Center-Canton, Bridge Appointments, Training for Adults, and Training for Children. The total cost for these services is \$3,068,627.00. Lori then discussed services that don't fall under the crisis services contract but would fit into the continuum of care for adults and children in the Region. Lori noted that some of the proposed expenditures include one-time startup costs and all of the services are prorated for 6 months of cost due to the timing of services starting. Lori discussed the following services with the board: IPS SE services that RYC and Vera French would provide, Multi Systemic Therapy, Intensive Residential Services (mandated by the State of Iowa), Intensive in Home Family therapy for younger children, Attorney designated for Region matters, Intensive Family Centered Services Program-2 new sites- Davenport and Muscatine, Training with Jesse Trevino and Joe Smarro Solution Point+ (Crisis Cops-CIT-wellness), stipends for providers for training, and contracting with cab company for a total of \$797,000.00. Lori let the board know that with RYC's proposed services and the management teams recommended services the grand total is \$3,865,627.00. Areas of discussion: 1) Lori let the board know that the areas on the sheet that have zeros in the expense column indicate that the service will be explored and could be implemented yet this fiscal year or it may be moved to FY23 to implement 2) several of the coordinator positions were reduced to 1 FTE due to trying to hire coordinators in the already approved budget to fill vacancies and new positions 3) staff vacancies and hiring is a challenge right now 4) the wellness center in Clinton has been put on hold and the team would like to explore options of implementing wellness center programs in the smaller counties of the Region 5) the services being proposed are Core Services and the Region is meeting the services in those categories 6) some of the services may not be implemented due to provider willingness to implement the service but MOUs will be developed with surrounding Regions to meet the requirements of having access to the services in the Region 7) the board feels having an attorney specific to the Region would be imperative to assist with 28E agreements, contracts with the State, and other legal advice the Region may need 8) the 3 day training consultation from SolutionPoint+ will help determine training for the stakeholders in the Region and would it be possible to enter into a multiyear contract be signed with SouttionPoint+ and 9) exploring a cab company contract to assist with transportation in the Region would be helpful to access

all of the available services. The Governing Board will vote on the FY22 Budget Amendment proposal at the October Governing Board Meeting.

Public Comment: Todd Noack from Life Connections Peer Recovery Services shared with the Governing Board that Genesis Health System has given Rhonda's House notice that they will have to vacate their current home by May 2022. Todd is starting a capital campaign to find a new location for the peer respite house. Todd pointed out that State of Iowa Officials gave support to the Region contributing funding to help him find a new home at a recent meeting. Todd let the board know that other Regions have expanded services by funding brick and mortar projects and this would be similar. He said that the Governor and DHS have given Regions the blessing to assist with projects such as Rhonda's House. Todd also shared that his program is Evidence Based Practice and it is a core service. He hopes the Region considers funding for a new location for Rhonda's House.

Chair Beck announced adjournment of the meeting at 3:43PM.

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

Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region