

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Board Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Room 605 or by phone/computer through Zoom  
January 24, 2022  
1:00-3:00pm

The MH/DS Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:09pm by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, McGovern, Nauman and Roome were present. Absent: Cobb. Management Team present: Bopes, Elam, Eskildsen, Gradert and Toppert. Tischuk was absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer. Guests present: Todd Noack, Steve Morenz, Wade Stierwalt, Nancy Mayfield, Charla Hollowell, Jen Craft, Kelly Herd, Rich Whitaker, Nicole Cisne-Durbin, Ross Teemant, Todd Lange, Megan Tabor, Shane Buer, Morgan Francis, and other call-in guests not identified.

Review the Agenda: It was suggested by CEO Elam that Agenda Item IX, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Life Connections Peer Support Services Project One-Time Funding Agreement, be removed from the agenda. Elam explained that concern has been expressed by several county attorneys about the use of public funds to be given as a gift or donation to an entity, and whether this was allowable under Iowa Code. A discussion was held. Governing Board members shared the same concern and felt it was important to seek clarification on distributing public funds and to have an agreement amongst all the county attorneys before moving forward. There was also discussion regarding the differences between the one-time funding request from Life Connections and the awards given to MCSA and Vera French. A concern is that Life Connections' stated use of the money is to purchase a property and did not directly identify deliverables. The request from the other agencies spoke to the money being an investment in the community by increasing the capacity of the agencies to serve more individuals and improve services. The Board supported the idea of contacting to Iowa State Auditor's Office for guidance. A motion was made by Willey and seconded by Smith to remove item #IX from the agenda and approve the agenda with that change.

Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Roome. Absent: Cobb

A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Smith, to approve the following slate of Governing Board Officer candidates for the calendar year 2022: Chair, Beck; Vice Chair, Irwin; Secretary, Smith

Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Roome. Absent: Cobb

Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin, to approve the minutes of the 12/20/21 Governing Board Meeting. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Roome. Absent-Cobb

Willey asked for clarification regarding the ability of any voting Board member having the authority to make or second a motion. Elam referred to the 28E and confirmed that any voting member could do so.

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the period ending 12/31/21. Farmer reported that current revenues are higher than previous years, due to the per capita rate as set by the state for FY22, \$37.00, is higher than the region's per capita rate, \$30.78, in previous years. Per capita spending is less than in previous years. The result

of increased revenue and decreased expenditures is a higher than desired projected ending fund balance on 6/30/22. This will continue to be monitored. Moved by Sorenson, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Regional Financial Reports as presented. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Roome. Absent-Cobb

Elam asked all Board members to sign and return the Conflict-of-Interest statement.

Elam and Eskildsen presented an amended contract for Mediapolis Care Facility, Inc. Eskildsen explained that the amendment was being requested due to changes at the facility. The number of beds was reduced to 16 in December 2021, and the facility is now able to bill Medicaid for Habilitation funding. The amendment is effective 1/1/2022. Moved by Irwin, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the amendment as presented. Ayes: Beck, Irwin, Smith, Sorenson, Willey, Roome. Absent: Cobb

Elam discussed with the Board a proposal being considered by the statewide CEO Collaborative to contract with Solution Point Plus to provide training of law enforcement and first responders throughout Iowa. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) would be offered in person for 9 classes, as well as offering a virtual option on a limited basis. Elam reminded the Board that the region has contracted with the same entity to evaluate the training needs of law enforcement and first responders within the region on April 21-23, 2022. From that visit they will recommend a plan to address training needs in the Eastern Iowa MHDS Region. The statewide contract would compliment whatever the region participates in and allow for more individuals to be trained. Brief discussion was held, and by consensus the Board authorized Elam to proceed with participation in the state contract being proposed. Beck felt a motion was not necessary.

Robert Young Center reviewed the crisis services for the month of December 2021. The Eastern Iowa MHDS Region Income Statement was reviewed. There was nothing unusual to report. The salaries and benefits continue to be lower than budgeted, due to staff vacancies, and invoices for Foundation 2 and Vera French Crisis Stabilization Residential were "trued up". Year-to date expenditures continue to be below budgeted expenses. The metrics packet was reviewed with the Board. It was noted that in February two more staff will begin riding along with the City of Clinton Police Department. This will increase the number of hours this service is available.

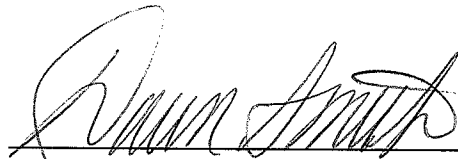
Christine Gradert provided an update on children's services. She continues to work with Frank Grijalva and his provider trainings, as well as with Aaron Roome in coordinating resources to help meet the social/emotional/behavioral needs of the students. She is trying to stay informed of the planning being done across the state, as there are many entities involved in trying to meet the needs of children and adolescents. She feels it is important that there be coordination and collaboration to avoid duplication and to assure that resources are used efficiently. Discussion was held.

Elam presented the CEO report; nothing in addition to report. Elam requested to schedule a special Board meeting to further discuss the Life Connections one-time funding request. Meeting scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Scott County Administration Building. Elam offered to contact Rob Sands, State Auditor's Office. She was encouraged by the Board to do so via email and phone.

Other items: Beck requested that the scheduling of the All Board of Supervisors meeting be kept on hold due to the current COVID situation, but to keep the item on the upcoming Governing Board meeting's agenda. Elam suggested that at the 2/4/22 special Board meeting a budget work session be scheduled and reminded the Board that the region's approved budget needs to be submitted to the State by 4/1/22.

Public comment: Rich Whitaker reviewed recent data on the Same Day Access being available at Vera French, outcome data on the success of TMS in treating major depression, and utilization of the Carol Center. He reported on the expansion of MST to the counties outside of Scott. Families from Cedar, Clinton, and Muscatine County are being served, one from each county. Todd Lange briefly discussed the Skills System Training that is being offered. Smith asked for an update on marketing with Metivier Media. Elam responded that Metivier will be scheduling appointments with each county Coordinator of Disability Services regarding marketing strategies in those counties. Metivier is also working on branding.

Smith moved, seconded by Roome, to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.



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Dawn Smith, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region