

I. Introductions:

Lori Elam, CEO, called the meeting to order at 1:05pm

Members Present: Christine Gradert - Children's Behavioral Health Services Coordinator via phone, Joan McGovern, Megan Tabor, Jack Willey, Aaron Roome, CDS Julie Tischuk, CDS Becky Eskildsen, CDS Lynn Bopes, Jennifer Ybarra - Region Administrative Assistant

Members Absent: CDS Felicia Toppert, Michael Terry, Jen Armstrong, Dr. Barbara Harre, Jackie Hunt, Lisa DuFour

II. Children's System Update:

- a. Christine Gradert discussed working with Family Resources Inc. to get the Children's Crisis Residential Service Program up and running. Family Resources Inc. renovated a wing at Annie Wittenmyer Campus for this. They have hired a supervisor and are looking to hire staff. Family Resources Inc. will be providing Crisis Community Based Services for adults and children and are looking to hire staff. The STEP-IN Program through Lutheran Services In Iowa is now available to all five counties in the region and taking referrals. Christine and Jen Craft will work on getting information out to care coordinators, law enforcement & emergency departments. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) thru Families, Inc. out of West Branch, IA is now taking referrals outside of juvenile court from all five counties and looking to hire more staff. Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) through Vera French is taking referrals outside of juvenile court from all five counties. Bethany for Children & Families is hiring for their Direct Family Intervention Program. At this time, this program is only offered in Scott County. Christine shared that there has been several Region sponsored Trauma Informed Care Trainings with multiple service provider agencies that serve children and families.
- b. Christine Gradert discussed working with AEA on prevention strategies for children, starting with kindergarten. The goal is to have all school districts in all five counties involved.
- c. Christine Gradert discussed using The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) with Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare children.
- d. Christine Gradert discussed meeting with Early Childhood Group to discuss an upcoming training called Rainbowdance Training working with the International Trauma Center (ITC) in October to train caregivers on trauma intervention. She is also working with ITC to set up Advance Practice Training for clinicians on how trauma affects the brain. There will be three training sessions, the first one will be in October, but a date has not been set. ITC is also hosting a Judicial Workshop for Probation Officers, Judges, Court Officers, Clinicians and agencies to discuss evidence-based practices for kids in Juvenile Court and adolescent brain development.
- e. Christine Gradert discussed Crisis Response in schools with Foundation 2. They are looking at additional models used across the state of Iowa and across the country. JFAST is what Foundation 2 uses.

- f. Megan Tabor asked about a timeline for staff at Family Resources Inc. to have beds available. Christine Gradert stated depending on the number of applications, the service should start in August, before school starts. Family Resources Inc. is working on hiring therapists and staff.
 - g. Lori Elam discussed the Children's Regional Application Packet that will be ready soon. This has been streamlined for children to make it easier for families to apply. The Region is now doing the authorization instead of the specific county.
- III. FY22 Expenditures/Encumbrance Application:**
- a. Lori discussed the FY22 Budget, upcoming FY23 Budget and the region's fund balance. Lori discussed the Encumbrance Application that she is currently working on due July 31, 2022 to DHS. Handouts were provided for discussion.
- IV. Pooling of Funds**
- a. Lori discussed the pooling of funds and how all the Region's dollars are pooled with Scott County who is the fiscal agent. All bills will still be processed in individual counties through CSN and the office manager in Scott County, will process them through the Scott County Financial System and checks will be issued to providers. This process started in June and has been running smoothly.
- V. Revised 28E Agreement**
- a. Lori discussed the revisions of the 28E Agreement and provided a handout to follow with discussion.
- VI. Other Items – Future Meeting Dates**
- a. Lori is going to send an email out to all committee members to see what time works best for everyone to attend. There were only three committee members in attendance at today's meeting. Lori stressed that the Committee can be flexible if the current time does not work.
 - b. Joan McGovern, Family Resources Inc., discussed doing Care Coordination with Davenport Schools and awaiting approval of the RYC Contract to start hiring Care Coordinators to work with DHS and Juvenile Court.
 - c. Megan Tabor asked if there was a referral process for STEP-IN and Christine Gradert advised that all referrals are going to Jennifer Williams, Program Supervisor, Lutheran Services in Iowa. Christine stated she will send out Jennifer's email to the team.
 - d. Aaron Roome advised that Davenport Schools is working on a proposal of collaborating with High Road to create a therapeutic school where Key Stone was.
 - e. The next Children's Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 1pm. Location TBD!

VII. **No Public Comment**

VIII. **Adjournment:**

Lori Elam, CEO, adjourned the meeting at 2:04pm



Jennifer Ybarra, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region