

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region  
Governing Board of Directors Board Meeting  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Room 605

Meeting held in person or by phone/computer through Zoom  
June 19, 2023  
3:00-5:00pm

The Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Governing Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome and Barnhart were present. Nauman was absent. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer present. Management Team Present: Elam, Tischuk, Toppert, Bopes, Eskildsen and Gradert. Guests Present: Jen Craft, Lisa DuFour, Jill Westhoff, Mary Petersen, Wade Stierwalt, Todd Noack, Charla Hollowell, Nin Flagel, Cheri Sexton, Rich Whitaker, Sabrina Kozusek-Earl, Beth Stoffers, Burton Carriker, Liz Finerty, Alicia Gomez, Ashley Sorensen and other call-in guests not identified.

Moved by Willey, seconded by Irwin to approve the June 19, 2023 Governing Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart

Moved by Irwin, seconded by Roome to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Governing Board Meeting. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart

David Farmer, Fiscal Agent, presented the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances/Governmental Funds for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region for the period ending May 31, 2023. David shared that the Region Assets Total as of May 31, 2023, is \$7,471,214.23. David shared that the Budget Revenue Amount for the Region as of May 31, 2023, is \$11,388,296.00 and the Actual Revenue Amount received as of May 31, 2023, is \$10,179,081.77. David shared that the Fund Balance for the Region as of May 31, 2023, is \$6,264,523.55. David shared that as of May 31, 2023, Actual Expenditures for the Region is \$11,513,558.29. David shared that as of May 31, 2023, the Region Fund Balance Percentage is 42.93%. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Barnhart to approve the Regional Financial Reports for the period ending May 31, 2023 as presented. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart

Moved by Irwin, seconded by Sorensen to approve a 3% COLA for FY24 for CEO, Lori Elam. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart

Lori Elam, CEO, presented the CEO Report. The full report is included in the Governing Board Packet.

Lori Elam, CEO, shared that Iowa House File 471 passed during the 2023 legislative session and was signed into law on June 1, 2023. Lori shared this legislation includes changes to regional governance structure and voting requirements as well as the addition of Outpatient Competency Restoration (OCR) as a core service. Lori shared a handout of the HF 471 Implementation she received from the State of Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the Governing Board. Lori shared that she will present the proposed amendment to the 28E Agreement to the Governing Board at the July Governing Board Meeting. Lori shared the proposed amendment to the 28E Agreement is due to HHS by August 1, 2023. Lori shared that she will present the updated Annual Service and Budget Plan to the Governing Board at the July Governing Board Meeting. Lori shared the updated Annual Service and Budget Plan is due to HHS by September 30, 2023. Lori shared that she will present the updated Policy and Procedure Manual at the September Governing Board Meeting. Lori shared that the updated Policy and Procedure

Manual is due to HHS by September 30, 2023. Lori shared a handout with the Governing Board that discusses HHS engaging a Vendor to study Iowa's Health and Human Services Delivery System. Lori shared that this will give HHS the opportunity to streamline access to services that are listed at the bottom of the handout. Lori shared a handout of the HHS Iowa CCBHC Planning Grant with the Governing Board. Lori shared that in March 2023, Iowa was one of 15 States awarded a one-year, \$1 million planning grant to support the design and implementation of an Iowa-specific Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Program. Lori shared that CCBHC's must meet certification criteria and must provide or coordinate nine (9) core services that are listed on the handout. Lori shared that out of the 15 States that have been awarded the grant, only ten (10) will be selected to join the Demonstration in 2024. Discussion was held.

Robert Young Center reviewed the crisis services for the month of April 2023. Jen Craft, RYC, reported her activities and reviewed the financials for May 2023. Jen discussed the Eastern Iowa Region Crisis System Monthly Scorecard Packet for May 2023 to review page 4, Eastern Iowa: Total Crisis Evaluations and Eastern Iowa: Telehealth Crisis Evaluations, pages 8-9 which include Eastern Iowa: Co-Responder Model-Family Resources, Inc., Eastern Iowa: Co-Responder – Referrals Sent to Community Care Coordinators, Eastern Iowa: Pilot Project Crisis Response and Eastern Iowa: Pilot Project – Referrals Sent to Community Care Coordinators. Jen shared that the Pilot Program will end June 30, 2023. Jen discussed page 12 of the Monthly Scorecard, Eastern Iowa: Mobile Crisis Calls. Lori Elam, CEO, shared that she and Jennifer Ybarra, Administrative Assistant to the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region, handed out Eastern Iowa Mobile Crisis Information at the Red Cross Resource Fair for the people affected by the Davenport building collapse. Lori also shared that two (2) care coordinators walked down to the building collapse area to hand out Mobile Crisis Information and talk to citizens about the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region resources that are available. Jill Westhoff, RYC, reviewed the financials for May 2023. Christine Gradert, Coordinator of Children's Behavioral Health Services, reported her activities for May 2023.

Mary Petersen, RYC, shared that Robert Young Center would like to hire a Data Analytics Contracted Employee for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Crisis System. Mary shared that RYC would contract with a university to hire someone preferably with a PhD. or a PhD. Candidate with an expertise in Epidemiology. Mary shared that the roll of the employee would be to analyze the EI MH/DS Region Crisis Data collected and turn it into outcomes, starting with FY23. The purpose of this position will help determine the impact of the dollars spent on crisis services in the Region and help influence how the Region will measure outcomes according to State Guidelines. Mary shared that due to vacancies from other subcontracted agencies no additional funding is being requested for this position under the FY24 RYC Crisis Services Contract. Discussion was held. Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Irwin for Agenda Item 8d, to approve the position of a Data Analytics Contracted Employee under RYC for FY24. Ayes-Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart.

Mary Petersen, RYC, shared that after discussion with the Management Team, Robert Young Center would like to hire a Subcontract Coordinator (Contract Manager) for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Crisis System. Mary shared that pre-pandemic there was a much smaller crisis system with fewer agencies and the focus was adults only. Mary shared that during the pandemic, many required services were added which included children's services and there became a disconnect between RYC and agencies regarding clarification of contract terms. Mary shared that the Subcontract Coordinator will meet with providers on a regular, ongoing basis to help them understand their role in the crisis system

and understand the terms of their contract. Mary shared that due to vacancies from other subcontracted agencies no additional funding is being requested for this position under the FY24 RYC Crisis Services Contract. Discussion was held. Moved by Willey, seconded by Sorensen for Agenda Item 8e, to approve the position of a Subcontract Coordinator (Contract Manager) under RYC for FY24. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart.

Mary shared that RYC is requesting a letter of support from the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region for Robert Young Center's application to become a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) in the State of Iowa, specifically for Muscatine County. Discussion was held. Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Irwin for approval for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region to provide a Letter of Support for Robert Young Center's application to become a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) in the State of Iowa, specifically for Muscatine County. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Roome, Barnhart.

Other:

- a. Next month's Governing Board Meeting will be Monday, July 17, 2023 in Room 605 at the Scott County Administrative Center at 3:00pm.

Public Comment: Todd Noack, Executive Director of Life Connections Peer Recovery Services shared that the first WRAP Seminar has been completed successfully and next week the WRAP Facilitator training will take place at Life Connection's new location in Clinton, IA. Todd shared that the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Amerigroup is providing funding to Life Connections for the next three (3) years to provide WRAP Facilitator training throughout the State of Iowa, improvements to the Wellness Recovery Center and the Virtual Recovery Center, update the bathrooms at the Respite House, and increase parking space at the Respite House. Todd shared that on July 11, 2023, from 1pm-4pm, Amerigroup is going to be at the new Life Connection's location to do a check presentation. Todd shared that he will send an invite to the Governing Board. Rich Whitaker, CEO of Vera French, shared that in May 2023, Vera French saw 226 people for Same Day Access. Rich shared that the Crisis Stabilization Residential Home in Scott County was at 66% capacity for the month of May, serving 21 people. Rich shared that Vera French hired a manager, Beth Stoffers, to oversee the Crisis Stabilization Residential Home.

Moved by Sorensen, seconded by Barnhart to adjourn meeting at 4:45pm.

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Jack Willey, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region