

I. Introductions:

Lori Elam, CEO, called the meeting to order at 1:08pm

Members Present: Jack Willey, Susie Ruchotzke, Michael Terry, Melissa Peterson, Lisa DuFour and Nancy Nauman. Lynn Hilgendorf arrived at 1:24pm. Absent: Richard Whitaker, Luana Gredell, Aaron Roome, Jen Armstrong, Elizabeth Finerty and Holly Parmer. Management Team Present: Lori Elam, Julie Tischuk, Lynn Bopes, Becky Eskildsen and Felicia Toppert. Absent: Christine Gradert – Coordinator of Children's Behavioral Health Services. Guest Present: Mikka Mills – Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Children's Lead.

II. Discussions:

- a. Lori Elam, CEO, shared that there are four (4) open positions on the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Children's Advisory Committee. Lori asked the members of the Advisory Committee for recommendations. The four (4) open positions are as follows:
 - i. An individual, who is a parent of a child who utilizes children's behavioral health services or an actively involved relative of such child.
 - ii. An individual representing Children's Behavioral Health Service Providers.
 - iii. A Pediatrician
 - iv. An individual representing Child Care Providers.
- b. Lori Elam, CEO, shared that she and the Management Team have been working with Team WTI on designing a new logo for the Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region. Lori provided a copy of the three (3) logos to the Advisory Committee. Discussion was held and Lori will provide feedback to Team WTI as to the changes the Advisory Committee would like to see on the logos.
- c. Lori Elam, CEO, reported the Children's Care Coordinator Activities for the month of September 2023 as Christine Gradert, Coordinator of Children's Behavioral Health Services, was absent.
- d. Lori Elam, CEO, presented a copy of the FY24 One-Time Funding Opportunities Spreadsheet to the Advisory Committee. Lori shared the Fourth Amended Intergovernmental (28E) Agreement for Eastern Iowa Mental Health-Disability Services Region states the Region will provide one-time funding opportunities to Providers, three (3) times per year (October, January and May) as long as the financial status of the Region is strong. Lori shared that she and Fiscal Agent David Farmer created the spreadsheet to show FY17 through Unaudited FY23 Percentage of Budgets Expended. Lori shared that after discussion with Fiscal Agent David Farmer and Management Team, the Region should wait until January 2024 to offer one-time funding opportunities instead of October 2023, as they would like to have six (6) months of expenditures on hand to have a better idea of the financial status of the Region. Discussion was held.

- e. Lori Elam, CEO, presented a copy of the updated Fourth Amended Intergovernmental (28E) Agreement for Eastern Iowa Mental Health-Disability Services Region to the Advisory Committee and reviewed the changes that were made to the document.
- f. Lori Elam, CEO, provided the Advisory Committee a copy of the HHS Public Notice: Service Delivery Alignment Assessment Project Memo that was posted on June 28, 2023. Lori shared that the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is working with Health Management Associates (HMA) to study the delivery of health and human service programs in Iowa. Lori shared that the HHS Systems Alignment Report is due to be available end of October 2023. Discussion was held.
- g. Lori Elam, CEO, shared effective November 1, 2023, the State Mental Health Institutions (MHI's) will be changing. Lori shared that Cherokee Mental Health Institute will no longer accept children or adolescents but will be accepting forensic cases for adults with competency issues that are unable to stand trial and adults that are not guilty by reason of insanity. Lori shared that there will be 36 adult beds, 24 acute and 12 forensic. Lori shared that Independence Mental Health Institute will accept court ordered and specialty behavioral health children and adolescents. Lori shared that there will be 36 youth beds available and the number of adult beds will drop from 40 to 20. Discussion was held.

III. Other

- a. The next Children's and Adult Advisory Committee Meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2024 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm at the Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Board Room, 600 West 4th Street, Davenport, IA.

IV. Public Comment

- a. No public comment at this time.

V. Adjournment

- a. Lori adjourned the meeting at 2:34pm



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