

Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region
Governing Board of Directors Budget Work Session
Scott County Administrative Center
First Floor Board Room
March 7, 2024
3:30-5:30pm

The Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region Governing Board of Directors Budget Work Session was called to order at 3:33pm by Chair Beck. Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Barnhart, Nauman, DuFour, Hilgendorf via Zoom and Hinds were present. Absent: Roome. Fiscal Agent: David Farmer absent. Management Team Present: Elam, L. Bopes, J. Bopes, Eskildsen and Gradert. Absent: Tischuk. Guests Present: Sheriff Brent Kilburg, Steve Snider, J.T. Thomson, James Tenney, Lizzie Moore, Zak White, Ann Kerker, David Dellitt, Mary Petersen, Danielle Atha, Rich Whitaker, Todd Noack, Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Patti Robinson, Wade Stierwalt, Alicia Gomez, Sarah Blinkinsop, Emily Gordon, Mikka Mills, Amy Gold, Bridgette Prince, Carmen Galvin, Keyandra H., Tee LeShoure, Mike Fidgeon and other call-in guests not identified.

Lori Elam, CEO, presented the FY25 Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region FY25 Budget Proposal, which included an FY24-FY25 Funding Analysis. Lori reminded the Board that there is a 5% target fund balance for FY24. The consensus of the Governing Board is for Management Team and Mary Petersen, Chief Operations Officer with UnityPoint Health – Robert Young Center to revisit the budget and add more dollars to services the Region has been directed to provide. Lori shared that the FY25 Budget is due to HHS on April 1, 2024. Discussion was held.

Public Comment: Captain Pat Cullen, Clinton Police Department shared concerns regarding regional funding for the co-responder model. Capt. Cullen shared that Clinton PD has worked hard for the co-responder model and does not want to lose the program. Assistant Chief of Police Jason (JT) Thomson, Maquoketa Police Department shared concerns regarding regional funding for the co-responder model. Assistant Chief Thomson shared how successful the co-responder model has been in Maquoketa and does not want to lose the program. Assistant Chief of Police Steve Snider, Muscatine Police Department shared concerns regarding regional funding for the co-responder model. Assistant Chief Snider shared how beneficial the co-responder model has been in Muscatine and does not want to lose the program. School Resource Officer (SRO) James Tenney, Maquoketa Police Department shared the success of the co-responder model with staff and students at Maquoketa schools and does not want to lose the program. Sheriff Brent Kilburg, Jackson County Sheriff's Office shared that the co-responder model is the most effective program that Jackson County has had and plays a vital role in the community. Sergeant and Drug Addiction Response Team (DART) Supervisor Dean Ottens, Clinton Police Department shared the importance of the co-responder model in Clinton and does not want to lose the program. Bre Remaly, Co-Responder for Jackson County shared the importance of her role as a co-responder. Todd Noack, Executive Director of Life Connections Peer Recovery Services, shared the importance of the Peer Recovery Center and Respite House. Angela Ganzer-Bovitz, Director of Genesis' Behavioral Health shared concerns regarding the Advanced Practice Provider (APP) positions in the Genesis East Emergency Department and is requesting \$250,000.00 to keep one full-time APP on staff Monday through Friday and have weekend coverage from inpatient staff.

Moved by Irwin, seconded by Sorensen to adjourn meeting at 5:25pm. Ayes- Beck, Irwin, Sorensen, Willey, Barnhart, Nauman, DuFour, Hilgendorf via Zoom, Hinds. Absent- Roome.



Jack Willey, Secretary, Eastern Iowa MH/DS Region