

Mental Health/Disability Services Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2020

Wayne Manternach called the meeting to order at 10am.

Introductions; RGB Wayne Manternach, Ann McDonough, Ben Rogers, Duane Hildebrandt, Gary Bierschenck, Pat Heiden, Shirley Helmrichs, John Gahring, Don Shonka present as an alternate. Diane Brecht and Jenn Day Advisory Committee.

M/S/C: Ben Rogers, Duane Hildebrandt to approve the January regional governing board meeting minutes.

There was no conflict of interest acknowledged by board members regarding agenda items.

Public comment- None.

The Advisory Committee did not meet yet so there was nothing to report.

Julie Davison requested approval of claims in the amount of \$1,082,428.21 and fund balance projects in the amount of \$289,024.34 M/S/C: Ben Rogers, Ann McDonough to approve claims presented.

Deb Seymour Guard presented the 2nd Quarter county reimbursement requests from 3 counties: Buchanan \$66,000.30, Delaware \$73,412.48 and Linn \$201,695.02 M/S/C: Ben Rogers, Duane Hildebrandt to approve the quarter reimbursement requests.

Deb Seymour Guard presented the January Financial Report. Total revenue in the amount of \$10,262,905.00. Expenses in the amount of \$10,487,506.00 We are at 51% of budget. The cash balance as of 1/31/2020 in the amount of \$3,239,274.00. M/S/C: Ben Rogers, John Gahring to approve the financial report.

Mae Hingtgen presented the CEO update on Children's Behavioral Health. A survey was sent out and we got almost 500 respondents. Several stakeholder requests were counseling, therapy, services in schools and access to services due to waitlist. A sub-committee has been established for continued planning.

Mae Hingtgen presented the FY21 Budget and recommendations. Projecting to end this fiscal year with a 49% fund balance. The availability for fund balance projects will decrease for the next 2 years. Mae asked that the RGB consider the information today and bring decisions back to the next meeting. Mae made recommendations to allocate \$1 million to support Access Centers. Division of this was based on population. Johnson county is 40% of the population and Linn is 60% of the population. (\$400,000 to Johnson Guide Link Center, \$600,000 to Mental Health Access Center Linn County). This allows \$169,010 for start-up or support for other special projects. There would be specific criteria for disbursement of those funds. Concerns expressed that the shortage of funds to the Access Centers for start-up. Another concern was that underfunding could have long term consequences and that the CEO recommendation be more for the second year after they are up and running. It was noted that RGB is putting forward a million dollars and doesn't plan on letting Access Centers fail. M/S/C: Duane Hildebrandt, John Gahring to approve the CEO recommendation of \$400,000 to Johnson Guide Link Center, \$600,000 to Mental Health Access Center Linn County and allow \$169,010 for start-up or support for other special projects. Pat Heiden nay. Ben Rogers nay.

Gary Grant presented a legislative update: The Governor has proposed a plan for MH -first year infusion of \$80 million and a levy authority of \$12.50 per capita state wide. At the end of year 2 there will be \$95 million in the state wide system and a levy authority of \$12.50. This is all still in discussion. Sustainability is still an argument. Not much momentum for sales tax. Some sort of consequence for the state not maintaining some level of commitment then counties still have ability to change that levy. Felt Governor's office was receptive to some language changes. Concerned with the state's ability to now withhold some budget money if they don't agree with regions decisions. Need to explain other services besides CORE in a better manner to the governor. Gary Grant and Mae will forward emails or information to the RGB in the future when tracking bills and registering for or against. The RGB would then have opportunity to express their opinions on topics.

The agenda item to request approval for Benton County Fund Balance Projects was asked to be moved to a later month.

The agenda item to request approval for a Linn County Psychiatric nurse at the Linn County Correctional Facility for the remainder of FY20 was asked to move to the next RGB meeting.

Public comment- none.

Wayne Manternach adjourned the meeting at 11:32am.