

## Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Governing Board June 2020

### Minutes

The June 25, 2020 Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Governing Board meeting was brought to order at 1:30pm. The meeting was located at 12007 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Monticello, Iowa and by Zoom Online Meeting.

**Board Members:** *WAYNE MANTERNACH JONES CO | ANN McDONOUGH DUBUQUE CO | BEN ROGERS LINN CO | DUANE HILDEBRANDT BREMER CO | GARY BIERSCHENK BENTON CO | GARY GISSEL (ABSENT) BUCHANAN CO | PAT HEIDEN JOHNSON CO | SHIRLEY HELMRICHS DELAWARE CO | JOHN GAHRING IOWA CO | DIANE BRECHT AND JENN DAY DELAWARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

**M/S/C:** Duane Hildebrandt, Pat Heiden to approve the May 2020 regional governing board meeting minutes.

There was no conflict of interest noted in regards to the agenda.

Public comment: Charlie Becker welcomed everyone to Camp Courageous. He expressed they were happy to have the region utilize their facilities any time.

Diane Brecht presented the Advisory Committee report. She wanted to let everyone know they want more info on ID Waiver waitlist and length of time it takes to get services. She will work with Mae to help make connections at the state level to come talk about this process so the Advisory Committee can advocate. Diane noted that the Advisory liked the Region's Strategic Priorities and the transparency around with the process. Diane requested to approve Carrie Merrick (Deb Lang is retiring) as a Dubuque Provider representative for the Advisory. Carrie Merrick will resign as the Jones representative. **MSC:** Ann McDonough, Duane Hildebrandt to appoint Carrie Merrick to the Dubuque provider rep for the Advisory committee.

Julie Davison requested approval of claims in the amount of \$1,594,980.12 **M/S/C:** Ben Rogers and John Gahring to approve all claims presented.

Deb Seymour Guard requested approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fiscal agent payment to Johnson County in the amount of \$13,791.53. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough and Ben Rogers to approve the fiscal agent payment.

Deb Seymour Guard presented the Regional May Financial Report. At the end of May our revenues were at 100% for regular operations. Fund balance projects revenues were at 23%. The percent of budget for regular operations was at 81%. The fund balance projects percent of budget was at 34%. Deb plans to report by the August RGB meeting on fund balance and project updates. **M/S/C:** Pat Heiden and John Gahring to approve the financial report.

Jody Jansen presented the Integrated Telehealth Partners agreement renewal, jail and emergency room rates for tele-psychiatry. She noted decreased usage in ER's due to COVID. Jay Ricke noted the new rate is a 35% decrease/cost savings to the region. The rate of \$4.50 is reduced to \$2.90 per appointment. He also noted they are able to bill Medicaid now. **M/S/C:** John Gahring and Duane Hildebrandt to approve the agreement renewal with ITP.

Jody Jansen presented the rate setting and negotiations summary for FY21. She requested approval for Foundation 2, Hillcrest CMHC, MercyOne Dubuque and University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics rates. **M/S/C:** Ben Rogers and Pat Heiden to approve the rates for the four providers presented.

Jan Heidemann requested Renewal of the Iowa State Association of Counties HIPAA program renewal for the amount \$1750.00 to provide trainings to staff. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough and Gary Bierschenk to approve the ISAC HIPAA Program renewal.

Jan Heidemann presented the mandatory HIPAA training to the regional governing board members.

Jan Heidemann requested approval to appointment Jody Bridgewater as the HIPAA Privacy Officer for the region. **M/S/C:** Ben Rogers and Gary Bierschenk to appoint Jodi Bridgewater as the privacy officer.

Mae Hingtgen presented the 28E agreement and went over draft changes from last month that were added. Individual counties had their attorneys look at it. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough and Gary Bierschenk to approve the 28E agreement with the updated changes.

Mae Hingtgen requested approval of appointment of The Children's Advisory Board Committee members including a RGB board member. Iowa code specifies members be recruited for the committee. A Educator and Parent representative to the Regional Governing Board will have voting rights on everything but financial matters. Ann McDonough volunteered to be the RGB member designated to the Children's committee and board. **M/S/C:** Gary Gissel and Ben Rogers to appoint Ann McDonough to the children's committee and board. **M/S/C:** Duane Hildebrandt and Pat Heiden to approve the entire board as presented with 2 year terms.

Mae Hingtgen presented the CEO Update and noted she had 62 applicants for the administrative assistant position. She selected a candidate and anticipates a start date of mid-July. Mae presented the Priority Initiatives Documents and prioritized the 14 initiatives into tiers. Every quarter Mae plans to update on the priorities. Mae noted the Management plan was submitted and revisions added. Ben expressed concerns about in person Region Governing Board meetings and encouraged following public health suggestions. Ann McDonough noted there is tremendous pressure to have face to face meetings but felt everyone needs to determine their own situation. Pat Heiden noted she prefers zoom meetings especially since the dramatic uptake in COVID and feels ZOOM meetings should always be an option regardless and establish expectations of people who do attend in person. Wayne Manternach said he would like both options available but understands personal preferences as well. Mae Hingtgen note the spike occurred after the meeting was scheduled.

Julie Davison requested the use of \$50,000 for ongoing Buchanan County Fund Balance projects - jail nurse and psychiatric meds in the jail for an amount of \$55,000. **M/S/C:** Gary Bierschenk and Ben Rogers requested the use of funds for the Buchanan county fund balance projects as presented.

Gary Grant discussed legislative updates and said he would send RGB members the comprehensive session update with copies of bills that passed. He noted that this is the first time in history that session has been suspended. He said the penny sales tax agenda item was killed and was not sure if it was on the table for next year yet. May depend on outcomes of the elections. He noted DHS oversight regulations that were put in a budget amendment that have to do with mediation of disputes between counties and regions. Gary noted the continued lack of mental health funding.

Mae Hingtgen and Deb Seymour Guard presented the contractor for website redesign and requested approval of Fusion. They are most cost effective and out of Buchanan County. They are ADA compliant. M/S/C: Ann McDonough and John Gahring to accept the proposal of Fusion Forward to become the regions website designer.

Public comment- none

The meeting adjourned at 2:54pm.