

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

Minutes

The May 28, 2019 Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Governing Board meeting was brought to order at 1:30pm by zoom conference.

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

M/S/C: Duane Hildebrandt, John Gahring to approve the April RGB meeting minutes with the corrections of Iowa County 3rd quarter reimbursement of \$19,835.06 and fund balance project expenses of \$1,371,506.70.

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

Public comment- Todd Lange noted Peer Support has been creative in reaching out to people during the COVID epidemic and that inspiring, good work is being done by peer support in the region.

Diane Brecht noted the Advisory Committee update. They asked Peer Support to do an overview of what they do for the RGB in the future. She noted the committee was happy with the Management Plan presented and that it focused on services and people versus funding.

Julie Davison requested approval of April claims in the amount of \$1,807,826.99 and fund balance projects in the amount of \$226,025.36. There was an Abbe center claim request over a year old in the amount of \$2100. M/S/C: Ann McDonough, Ben Rogers to approve all claims presented.

Deb Seymour Guard requested FY20 3rd quarter ECR reimbursements for Delaware County \$81,289.41, Johnson County \$197,476.81, Jones County \$60,651.49, and Linn County \$143,193.59. M/S/C: Duane Hildebrandt, Ben Rogers to approve reimbursement requests.

Deb Seymour Guard requested approval of the financial report. Regular operations revs are at 76% of budget. Fund balance project projections are at 20%. The overall Revenue Budget is at 61%. Regular operations budget expended as of 4/30/20 in the amount of \$14,255,622 which is 76% of the budget and in line with revenues. Fund balance projects expended as of 4/30/20 in the amount of \$1,608,923 which is 23% of the budget. m/S/C: Ben Rogers, John Gahring to approve the financial report.

Debi and Clair, from the agency, It's Brain Health Iowa provided a presentation for the governing board. Their mission is to help change the language surrounding mentally ill to brain health or brain disease, in order to take away the stigma, educate the public, and create a positive, healthy environment like anyone else with an illness.

Mae Hingtgen discussed the 28E agreement and went over revisions. It was suggested to add that the 3 new voting representatives should be from different counties and stated in the 28E. Sample language was offered by the Jones county Attorney and it was agreed to add it to the agreement. It was also suggested that new directors be residents of different counties, possibly from 3 different sized counties. None of the suggestions were agreed upon. Also clearly define what “financial matters” means and add non-elected members cannot vote on financial matters. The code says who may vote not what they can vote on. There is no other board with non-elected officials that can vote on levy. Mae will make the language changes and get the document to the RGB members. The Dubuque County attorney’s suggestion of language regarding voting on financial matters was accepted as an addition. Mae asked the RGB to present it to their own county BOS before the next meeting.

M/S/C: Duane Hildebrandt, John Gahring to add corrections and submit as written.

Mae Hingtgen reviewed and highlighted changes in the Management Plan. Main changes were adding cost shares for people who are over resources, our mission statement, adding children’s services and children’s advisory committee, designation of a children’s coordinator, intake changes, and exception to policy updates. Ann suggested that services we are providing for children are based on this regions’ desire to do so but are also based on budgets and State revenue. The Board was reminded that this document is a very broad, overall document that is not reviewed every year. The RGB asked Mae change the word “shall to may” with board consideration of availability and source of funds. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough, Pat Heiden to approve the Management Plan with the changes to be added.

Mae went over the priority initiatives, strategic plan, including new branding, and asked for approval. **M/S/C:** Duane Hildebrandt, Gary Gissel for approval of the suggested priority list including flexibility based on available time, at the discretion and recommendation of the CEO.

Jody Jansen reviewed contracting- Abbe CMHC (training); CommUnity (training) Cruise and Neil; LLC; Finley Hospital Dubuque; Foundation 2 (training); Four Oaks (new provider); Jail Diversion 1st Judicial District; Jail Diversion 6th Judicial District; Alex Jones; Linn Countuy Sheriff (new provider); Peggy Loveless; MercyOne CedarRapids; Midwest Ketafusion; Tom Morrissey; National Resilience Institute; Tanager Place (new provider). **M/S/C:** Pat Heiden, Gary Gissel to approve the contracts presented.

Jody Jansen reviewed Contract Rate Setting and the Negotiations Summary for FY21; approved rates for Fy21 compared to FY20. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough, Pat Heiden to approve the rate setting.

Mae Hingtgen reviewed IME guidance for HCBS retainer fees. No action.

Mae Hingtgen provided the CEO update which included discussion on ECR Branding, Strategic Plan, Children’s Advisory Committee, Law Enforcement Liaison Expansion, Crisis Line Transition and Website updates. No action.

Jody Jansen requested a Dubuque County fund balance special project. Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Collaboration Grant for FY21: Continuation of the FY20 project into FY21. The foundation strengthens collaboration among steakholders, providers and law enforcement by developing a

shared mental health agenda through the Collective Impact Model. Approved by DBQ Co BOS on Feb 12, 2020 and budgeted through the finance director. \$91,896 amount requested. **M/S/C:** Duane Hildebrandt, Ann McDonough to approve the request for use of fund balance noted.

Jody Jansen request a Dubuque County Fund balance project with Hillcrest Family Service Psych Model in the Dubuque County jail. This would take the burden off of deputies to include conducting assessments, administering medications, and providing crisis intervention. Previously discussed by BOS on 3/9/20 and 5/26/20. Funding amount request in the amount of \$19,865. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough, Pat Heiden to approve the request noted in the amount of \$19,865 for the fund balance project.

Mona Krugger requested approval for a Benton county spend down. Requesting approval to spend \$300,000 of MH spend down dollars on the rural access point and related components, the co-responder model (law enforcement liaison), training for the upcoming fiscal year. Benton BOS already approved requests. Rural Access Point and its related cost: \$157,000, Training: \$68,000, Law Enforcement Liaison: \$75,000. **M/S/C:** Ann McDonough, Gary Gissel to approve the request.

Adjourn 4:05pm