

The February 24th, 2022, Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Governing Board meeting was brought to order at 1:00 pm. The meeting was located at Kirkwood – Linn County Regional Center, 1770 Boyson Rd., Hiawatha, IA 52233 and by Zoom.

Board Members: *GARY BIRSCHENK BENTON CO | DUANE HILDEBRANDT BREMER CO | GARY GISSEL BUCHANAN CO | SHIRLEY HELMRICHS DELAWARE CO | ANN McDONOUGH DUBUQUE CO | JOHN GAHRING IOWA CO | PAT HEIDEN JOHNSON CO | NED ROHWEDDER JONES CO | BEN ROGERS LINN CO | DIANE BRECHT ADULT PROVIDER REP | JENN DAY ADULT & FAMILY PEER REP | AMY GRASK CHILDREN'S PROVIDER REP | MELISSA O'BRIEN CHILDREN'S EDUCATOR REP (ABSENT) | ANGELA ZIMPHER PARENT REP (ABSENT)*

M/S/C: Rogers & Gahring to approve the February Regional Governing Board agenda.

M/S/C: Gahring & Rogers to approve the January minutes of the Regional Governing Board meeting with workforce issues to be added as addressed by the Access Center Review.

Jan Heidemann presented the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Disclosure Statement with revisions and recommendations made by the Operations Committee, including a formal Disclosure Statement that was developed. The Disclosure Statement is signed annually and if other conflicts come up throughout the year it would be noted at the beginning of the board meetings.

M/S/C: Gahring & Helmricks to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Disclosure Statement.

No conflict of interest regarding agenda items.

Diane Brecht presented an Advisory Committee report noting there were 3 resignations this month on the committee. There are 2 new applicants being recommended to serve on the ECR Advisory Committee, Lowell Yoder with the University of Iowa as a Johnson County provider representative.

M/S/C: Gahring & Heiden to approve Lowell Yoder as the Johnson County provider representative.

Janae Schmitt with Hillcrest Family Services as a Dubuque County provider representative.

M/S/C: Gahring & Helmricks to approve Janae Schmitt as the Dubuque County provider representative.

Diane also noted that the communication the region is doing is fine work and the Advisory Committee is very supportive of these efforts. The committee also supports the FY22 ASBP Amendment.

Julie Davison requested approval of January claims in the amount of \$841,791.45, with fund balance projects in the amount of \$130,838.06. There were no quarterly reimbursements.

M/S/C: Rogers & Gahring to approve the January claims presented.

Deb Seymour-Guard requested approval of the January Financial Report with revenues for regular operations at \$2,206,268 with a YTD total at \$16,590,888 (90%). Fund Balance Projects are \$91,140 with a YTD total at \$1,520,018. The overall revenue budget is 18,451,633 with total revenues of \$17,292,019 (94%). Interest on investments and refunded prior year expenses are ahead of projections (9%). Regular operations expenses are \$733,258 with a YTD total of \$7,554,123 (34%). Fund Balance Project expenses are \$106,121 with a YTD total \$392,989 (75%). TYD expenses are \$8,950,184 (39%).

M/S/C: Gahring & Rohwedder to approve the January Financial Report.

Deb Seymour-Guard presented the County Reimbursement Requests.

- Linn County 1st Quarter \$113,587.98
- Jones County 2nd Quarter \$60,996.50
- Linn County 2nd Quarter \$144,897.74

M/S/C: Gahring & Rogers to approve the county reimbursements.

Mae Hingtgen presented the FY22 ASBP Amendment. The Annual Service & Budget plan is approved on an annual basis. This year due to the additions to the budget and all the fund balance projects that have been approved, an amendment is needed. The amendment includes the text and a chart of the budget. The amendment amounts primarily reflect the service expansion and development budget. There isn't anything in the amendment that the RGB has not previously approved. The total budget amendment is \$11,595,078 and included is an updated FY22 Annual Service and Budget Plan. The ECR will submit this plan to the Department of Human Services. No local or state dollars will be returned to the state at this time if we continue with the plans laid out. The anticipated FY22 ending balance is 6.7 million.

M/S/C: Gahring & Heiden approve the FY22 ASBP Amendment.

Ann Cameron Williams presented new contracts for Dubuque Rescue Mission, Opening Doors, and Shelter House. All will be offering step down beds and fee for services.

M/S/C: Helmrichs & Gahring approve the new contracts.

County Fund Balance Projects were presented from each of the following counties:

- Benton County presented by Mona Onken in the total amount of \$98,084.93
- Buchanan County presented by Julie Davison in the total amount of \$77,532
- Delaware County presented by Peggy Petlon in the total amount of \$86,030
 - Amendments to previously approved amounts in the amount of -\$93,882.

M/S/C: Rogers & Gahring approve the payments and adjustments for County Fund Balance Projects.

Mae Hingtgen reviewed state guidance regarding ARPA funds and the allowability of these funds. The legal option of ISAC supports the previous decision of the Regional Governing Board not to approve any spending of ARPA funds related to MHDS at the regional level. As a professional courtesy any funds spent by the counties related to MHDS, would be brought to the attention of the board. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Management enforcement is that all county MHDS services funding must go through the region. It was further noted that the money would also go through the region on county MHDS services. The CEO recommendation is to not make any changes until there is a final decision made by the Department of Management. The Board Chair expressed that the Regional Governing Board would like to make a final decision on the spending of the ARPA Funds.

M/S/C: Gahring & Helmrichs to approve that the MH/DS of the East Central Region's stance at this time is to not get involved in the local county spending of the ARPA dollars.

Mae Hingtgen provided CEO updates on the Service Development and Expansion plans as they are being fulfilled. A graph presented showed visually the commitment by the region to the provider network.

Public Comment:

Diane Brecht thanks the region for the fund balance assistance provided over the last few months. It has been very helpful, and they are able to get things and do things that they would otherwise not have been able to without the funding.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Regional Governing Board.


Signature

Board Chairman, Duane Hildebrandt


Signature

Submitted by: Chelle Klotwyk, Administrative Assistant