

The June 23rd, 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 | DON SHONKA – ALTERNATE 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 (ABSENT) | MELISSA O'BRIEN CHILDREN'S EDUCATOR REP (ABSENT) | ANGELA ZIMPHER PARENT REP (ABSENT)

**M/S/C:** Rogers & Helmricks to approve the June Regional Governing Board agenda. Mae Hingtgen added Assistant Outpatient Project to be added to CEO Updates.

**M/S/C:** McDonough & Rogers to approve the previous meeting minutes of the Regional Governing Board.

No conflict of interest regarding agenda items.

Diane Brecht presented an Advisory Committee update about the Foundation2 presentation on the Law Enforcement Liaison position in the region and would like to have one in each county of the region. Results of the meeting frequency survey and the committee's vote to continue current frequency, time, and date. Terms of the committee were also reviewed, and appointments will be presented to the RGB in July.

Jan Heidemann provided updates to the 28E Agreement outlining recommended additions, changes, and areas to be deleted. Section 4.5 A (f) "support functions to a member county" should be included in the Region/County MOU. 4.6 a) and b) "shall serve indefinitely at the pleasure of the Governing Board" should remain the same per board consensus, including all other noted revisions. A final draft for board approval will be considered at the July meeting.

Julie Davison requested approval of May claims in the amount of \$2,463,706.43 with fund balance projects in the amount of \$719,065.76. There were 3 quarterly reimbursements.

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

Julie Davison presented the County Fund Balance Project Revisions:

- Change in Scope:
  - Buchanan County revisions from Buchanan County Sheriff's Department.
- Change in Provider:
  - Johnson County revisions from Abbe Center for Community Mental Health, GuideLink/Abbe Health, and Systems Unlimited to Johnson County Physical Plant.

**M/S/C:** Rogers & McDonough to approve the revisions for County Fund Balance Projects.

Deb Seymour-Guard presented the May Financial Report with revenues for regular operations at \$43,814 with a YTD total \$22,447,363 (122%). All 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. payments to the fiscal agent were received. Fund Balance Projects in the amount of \$427,952 with a YTD total \$2,584,157. The overall revenue for the month of May \$471,766 with a YTD total \$24,212,633 (131%). Regular operations expenses are \$1,800,204 with a YTD total \$16,311,287 (58%). Fund Balance Project expenses are \$658,568 with YTD total \$2,724,365 (43%). The month of May overall expenses were \$2,458,771 totaling \$21,038,724 (58%). As of 5/31/22 revenues less expenses in \$4,173,909. Fiscal agent cash balance is \$17,909,075. Deb shared updated figures as of the meeting date of regular operations cash expenditures of



\$3,133,646 with YTD \$19,453,626 (69%). Six million of that is for the Service Development and Expansion Projects with \$4,073,828 approved and \$3,583,501 paid (75%). Paid versus budgeted is 60%, with normal budgeted operations ending cash at 71%. Fund Balance Project completion is 68%.  
**M/S/C:** Rohwedder & Helmrichs to approve the May Financial Report.

Deb Seymour-Guard provided information about the Eide Bailly audit planning letter for year ending June 30, 2021. In summary it explains how the audit is conducted for Benton, Dubuque, Johnson, and Linn counties.

Deb Seymour-Guard presented the Eide Bailly audit contract for years ending June 30, 2022, through 2026. Presented was an option for a 3 year or 5-year contact with the cost and increased fees for each year provided.

**M/S/C:** Rogers & Gahring to approve the Eide Bailly contract for 5 years.

Gary Grant gave a summary of legislative actions highlighting workforce increase for direct support professionals, HHS Bill, Waitlist, Telehealth and importance of this option, ongoing appropriations for regions and Medicaid reimbursement rates, set at a federal level. As of today's date, the Governor has signed every legislative bill that was passed. The legislative sub-committee will begin meeting a bit earlier for next session and will reappoint RGB members to this committee at the July meeting.

Jody Bridgewater provided a Jail Diversion report updating information from evaluations and outcomes reviewed last year.

Ann Cameron Williams presented new contracts for Integrated Telehealth Partners and Challenge to Change. Mae Hingtgen provided information on contacts with Tanager Place for the startup of children's crisis services residential and continuation of marking though de Novo for FY23. Discussion on future contract processes were reviewed and will be considered at the July meeting.

**M/S/C:** Bierschenk & Helmrichs to approve the new contracts.

Mae Hingtgen reviewed the Mental Wellbeing Project information for mental health coaching. Statistics provided for number of sessions, sessions by age range, month sex, and county. Consideration to continue into FY23. Recommendation from the CEO is not to continue the project in FY23.

Mae Hingtgen provided updates on 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Priority Initiatives noting status of each priority also including a comparison with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter progress. IRSH proposals were due last month and only one was received from Systems Unlimited. Mae explained circumstances that led to the provider withdrawing their proposal and ECR will not be able to request any encumbrance for this, however the Tanager Place startup will be included in the encumbrance request. The Assistant Outpatient Project has been included in the budget for FY23 and has been added to the rate sheet for Abbe Health.

The RGB Board Chair opened discussion on the RGB meeting in August with the regularly scheduled date conflicting with the ISAC Annual Conference that much of staff will be attending. Consideration of a change in the meeting date to Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**M/S/C:** Rohwedder & Bierschenk to approve the RGB date change to Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment:

Leslie Carpenter thanked the region for support of the Assistant Outpatient Project.

Ben Rogers noted the responsibilities of the board are changing with the state taking over the funding, but proud of how they have come together as a region to make decisions and has benefited the citizens of the represented counties. Proud of this group and staff.

Duane Hildebrandt concurred with Ben's statements and included how fun it has been to work together.

Mae Hingtgen spoke about the training that took place at the coordinator's retreat and successes noted for her was the positive culture of the region.

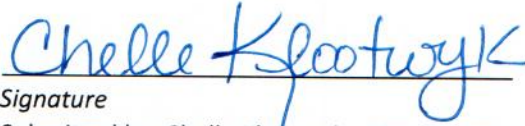
The meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Regional Governing Board.



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Board Chairman, Duane Hildebrandt



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Submitted by: Chelle Klootwyk, Administrative Assistant