



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Buena Vista * Calhoun * Carroll * Crawford * Ida * Sac

December 19, 2014

9:00 am

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Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chair, Rick Hecht

2. Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun: Scott Jacobs

Carroll: Neil Bock

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida:

Sac: Rick Hecht

Advisory Board Representatives: Pat Laursen,

Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Coordinators Leisa Mayer and Louise Galbraith

Guests: Dennis Busch, Lisa Bringle, Patrick Schmitz, Maggie Johnson, Clay Adams

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting by Cecil Blum. Second by Neil Bock. Carried

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Paul Merten. Second by Neil Bock. Carried.

5. Old Business

a. Ida County Transportation Update

Dawn Mentzer – the van is not being utilized. A few case managers gave consumers choice of providers, and they chose alternate means, so the new bus is not being used.

Dawn spoke to the case managers and feels this is being resolved.

Maggie Johnson reports that the van will be used for Ida Grove transports to Battle Creek. They are currently running three vans, there is no funding for this.

Motion to provide transportation funding to Ida Services through the calendar year by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Yea, Scott Jacobs, Cecil Blum, Neil Bock, Rick Hecht; Nay, Paul Merten. Carried 4-1.

6. New Business

a. Cherokee County Work Services Contract

Dawn Mentzer and Lisa Bringle met with Cherokee Work Services and worked out a contract for Rolling Hills Region.

Motion to approve and the Chair to sign the contract with Cherokee County Work Services by Paul Merten, second by Scott Jacobs. Carried

b. Contract for Coordinator Lisa Bringle

Dawn Mentzer adjusted the coordinator contract currently used by the Region for Lisa Bringle, Cherokee County. Since it is mid-year, Dawn is recommending reimbursing current salary and benefits at 50% to Cherokee for Lisa and negotiate a percentage for next year with the other coordinators at budget time.

Motion to offer the contract for Coordinator, Lisa Bringle, Cherokee County, subject to approval by Cherokee County, by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Carried

c. Plains Area Mental Health Center – Carroll Office

Dawn Mentzer updated the Board that PAMHC, Carroll office, is moving from the Carroll County building to a new location. Patrick Schmitz addressed the Board and sent a letter stating that PAMHC is committed to services in Carroll, and feels that the lease agreement and service contract are separate documents. Neil Bock informed the board that PAMHC had not signed the lease contract with Carroll County, and PAMHC has fulfilled the monetary contribution for rent. Patrick Schmitz stated the new building has more space and is not asking the Region for more funding for rent.

d. FY 16 Levy Discussion

Dawn Mentzer updated the Board that equalization dollars are ending and our levy rates will be varied within the Region. Dawn will be discussing this during the legislative meeting today. Rick Hecht reminded the board that an agreed upon levy rate by the Board can be set and made from levy and or reserve balances to equalize the levy rates. This will work as long as counties have fund balances. Dawn reminded the board that the offset is continuing. Dawn is currently working on FY16 budget, and when it is completed she will be better able to give the Board a recommendation for next year's levy rates. Dawn would like to have a budget discussion at the January board meeting. Dawn would also like to meet with individual boards in February rather than January, when the budget is put together and there is more information to provide to the Counties.

e. **Other**

Dawn Mentzer received a request from the mental health advocate for student loan forgiveness. Dawn is not comfortable signing the form, as it states she is a full time employee and she is not. The board is in agreement not to sign the document. Paul Merten requested that the fiscal agent is aware so they will not sign it if it is presented to them.

7. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

January 6, 2015, 3:00 pm, Sac County West Annex

Motion to adjourn by Cecil Blum second by Neil Bock. Adjourned.