



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

January 6, 2015

3:00 pm

Sac City, Iowa

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
Cherokee: Dennis Busch
Crawford:
Ida:
Sac: Rick Hecht
Advisory Board Representatives: Pat Laursen, Pam Haberl
Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Coordinators Leisa Mayer, Louise Galbraith, Lisa Bringle
Guests: Melissa Drey, Plains Area Mental Health Center
- 3. Elect 2015 Chair. Vice Chair**

Neil Bock nominated Rick Hecht as chair and Paul Merten as vice chair. Second by Dennis Busch. Carried.
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting by Neil Bock. Second by Scott Jacobs. Carried
- 5. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Dennis Busch. Second by Paul Merten. Carried.
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. None
- 7. New Business**
 - a. ID Waiver Waiting List – Implication for Regions

Dawn Mentzer updated the Board about the waiting list for ID Waiver and implications that it could have on the Regional budget. Anyone in need of ID Waiver services will be put on a waiting list. As people are in need of services, and on a waiting list, Regions will have to fund services that are on the core list – including daily rates at 100% for group homes and other services. Dawn has contacted case managers and asked that they consider needs vs. wants, not to “cushion” budgets, etc. We do not know what impact this will have on the Region.

Discussion of the cost shift that can drain the budget, and starting new services and if we would be able to sustain them.

Rick Hecht we need to determine with the CEO how to plan for this, do we want to move forward with a crisis home at this point?

b. FY 2016 Budget Discussion

Dawn Mentzer provided copies of the proposed budget. The budget includes: 3% increase to cover provider rate increases; \$300,000 for crisis stabilization home; 2% increase for staff salaries for cost of living. Dawn also prepared a Regional staffing chart including Lisa Bringle covering Cherokee and Buena Vista, Louise Galbraith covering Crawford and Ida, with oversight provided to Rosie Stotts (Carroll Social worker) in Carroll. Leisa Mayer covering Calhoun and Sac. Louise and Leisa need to be involved in Jail diversion, and Lisa is willing to begin working with providers in the Region on evidence based practice implementation.

With all changes, the requested increase is only \$64,000. RCF care and outpatient treatment has lowered dramatically, so including Cherokee County and Crisis Stabilization the overall increase is very minimal. \$1.6 million estimated carry over balance for this year, could be lower depending on what referrals come for ID waiver.

Levy discussion: Three levy rates were considered: \$38.00 per capita, \$35.00 per capita and at \$32.55 per capita. Counties still will have the choice of how to cover their share, levy, fund balance or a combination.

How soon do we have to make a commitment to the crisis home? Dawn would like a decision soon and set a goal for a start date for providers who are interested in working on the project.

Neil Bock - \$32.55 would keep the reserves lower, if ID waiver does make an impact crisis stabilization can be put on hold.

Dennis Busch - \$35.00 would give a cushion and could help support the crisis project
Scott –

Paul Merten – the more we put in reserve the more the state will look at it.

Rick Hecht - would lean toward \$35.00

Motion to set the FY2016 rate at \$35.00 per capita by Dennis Busch, second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: none. Aye – Scott Jacobs, Rick Hecht, Dennis Busch. Nay– Paul Merten, Neil Bock. Carried.

Rick Hecht and Paul Merten brought concerns from Cecil Blum: mileage rates and salaries. The IRS mileage rate went up in January it is an annual rate.

Dawn Mentzer is planning on going to counties in February to discuss levy and fund balances.

Rick Hecht – looking to approve the FY16 budget at the February Board meeting.

c. Other

None

8. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

February 18, 2015 2:00 pm Sac County West Annex

9. Motion to adjourn by Neil Bock. Second by Paul Merten. Adjourned.