



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

July 27, 2016 - 1:00 pm

Vail Community Center, Vail

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order – Chair, Rick Hecht

Closed session Chapter 21.5(1)(i) of the 2015 Code of Iowa - To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

At the request of CEO Dawn Mentzer, motion by Cecil Blum to go into closed session at 1:15 p.m., second by Scott Jacobs. Roll Call Vote: Paul Merten-aye, Rick Hecht-aye, Dennis Bush-aye, Cecil Blum-aye, Scott Jacobs - aye. Board Member Pam Haberl was present for the closed session but did not vote. Motion carried.

Governance Board Member Neil Bock was contacted by phone for the closed session and his input was provided.

Motion by Paul Merten to go out of closed session at 1:35 p.m., second by Dennis Bush. Roll Call Vote: Paul Merten-aye, Rick Hecht-aye, Dennis Bush-aye, Cecil Blum-aye, Scott Jacobs-aye. Motion carried.

Closed session ended at 1:35 pm, Governance Board reconvened

2) Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista – Paul Merten
Calhoun – Scott Jacobs
Carroll – Neil Bock
Cherokee – Dennis Bush

Crawford – Cecil Blum

Ida –

Sac – Rick Hecht

Advisory Board Representative: Pam Haberl

Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Rosie Stotts, Social Worker; Leisa Mayer, Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith, Coordinators

Guest: Melissa Drey, Ashley Miller, Morgan Saunders, Marty Danzer, Karla Manternach, Clay Adams, Deidra Brown, Lisa Meyer

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

Corrections to the June 2016 meeting minutes: Corrected the last vote on the DLA assessment funding to remove Scott Jacobs vote as he left early: the motion passed 3-1. #5 correct name to reflect second by Scott Jacobs.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, as corrected, by Paul Merten.

Second by Cecil Blum. Motion Carried – Neil Bock was not present for this vote.

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented with changes to add a proposal for the regional audit, New Hope Village contract and the strategic plan by Paul Merten. Second by Scott Jacobs

Motion Carried – Neil Bock was not present for this vote.

*Neil Bock arrived 1:42 pm

5) Old Business

a) FY'17 Contracts

I. Counseling Services, LLC

All rates are status quo, with the exception of med checks are increased to \$81.00.

Motion to approve the contract and the chair to sign the by Cecil Blum. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. Motion carried

b) FY17 Audit proposal from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC

Hunzelman, Putzier & Co., PLC submitted a proposal to conduct the FY'16 Regional Audit in an amount not to exceed \$5000. Dawn Mentzer recommends accepting the proposal from Hunzelman, Putzier.

Scott Jacobs made a motion to approve the proposal. Second by Paul Merten. Discussion: none. Motion carried.

Dawn will distribute copies of FY'15 audit to each county auditor.

c) Strategic Plan

The plan was based on Jeff Shott's report from the strategic planning session. Dawn Mentzer reviewed the document with the board. Neil Bock asked how often the plan is done. Dawn stated it is for 3 years and is not required by Code.

Motion to approve the strategic action plan by Neil Bock. Second by Paul Merten. Discussion: none. Motion carried.

d) New Hope Village Contract

Dawn Mentzer contacted Rhonda Mart concerning the increases that were discussed at the last meeting. New Hope is accepting the rates for transportation and prevocational that were approved last month by the board.

6) New Business

a) Transitional Service Presentation – Wesco – Clay Adams

Deidra Brown and Lisa Meyer reported that Wesco has been working on the completion of the remodeling and furnishings of the home. 4 referrals have been received as of today. Staff is being hired and trained. An open house has held last night and was very well received by the St. Ann's church and congregation. A tour of the home will follow the board meeting.

b) Quality Service Development and Assessment/Outcomes Project – Lisa Bringle

Lisa Bringle provided the board with an overview of the assessment/outcomes project she has been working on with providers. Outcomes is a part of regionalization, and the project is working on how to address this so providers do not have to report different outcomes to multiple agencies (MCO's, State, Regions etc.). Lisa and Justin Schieffer have been serving on a state committee, and have formed a workgroup with providers in our region that provides training on reporting outcomes in CSN. It has been extra work for the providers but they have stepped up and are working well on the project.

Providers are starting to report for the first quarter on medical, residential and community and employment outcomes. Outcomes show how consumers are doing, are they independent or receiving help from providers, family/friends and so forth. The first year is a baseline.

Dawn Mentzer commended Lisa on her work with this project. This is based on the Polk County model that has been in place for years as an incentive, if the providers meet the outcomes they receive a monetary incentive. The expectation is that regions will be paid for incentives with the providers.

c) Director Chuck Palmer's address to Regional CEO's

On the July 14, 2016 at the DHS/CEO meeting Director Palmer was on the agenda. Dawn Mentzer reviewed her notes from Director Palmer's update:

- Changing of business models for regions, align with ACO's.
- Talked about the inequity of funding and is in agreement that it must be addressed to sustain and move forward.
- Regions have gone far in a short time.
- Regional dashboards (was sent out last month) show how each region compares to the other. They will use the information and financial status of the regions for the legislature. He feels it demonstrates opportunity for larger economy of scale. There will always be a shifting in the number of regions.
- Children's system lacks oversight and the goal is by the end of the next legislative session there will be a core set of services for children and they are looking at options for governance of the system including pushing it out to the regions.

Rick Hecht reported on the resolutions committee and discussion about the inequity of system funding. Farm Bureau is still the stumbling block as they see a tax increase. Other options are 1% sales tax.

7) Next Meeting - 8/25/16 – 1:30 pm Sac Law Enforcement Center

Dawn Mentzer will be in communication with Rick Hecht and if there is not enough for a full agenda they will consider moving the meeting to September 28, 2016.

A motion to adjourn, with tour of Transitional Home to follow, by Dennis Bush at 2:35 pm. Second by Scott Jacobs. Motion Carried