



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

February 2, 2017

11:00 am

Sac City Rec Center

Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Patrick Schmitz, Chair

Those present: Dawn Mentzer, Patrick Schmitz, Terry Johnson, Cindy Wiemold, Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayer, Joleen Schmit and Nancy Sievert, Rosie Stotts, Dianna Ossman, Lisa Meyer, Ben Shuberg, Louise Galbraith, Maggie Johnson, Pat Laursen

2. FY'18 Regional Budget

The projected budget for FY18 has been approved by the Governance Board. Block grant amounts are included in the projected budget and will be negotiated with the provider contracts. FY'18 budget set at \$3,439,362 with \$3.1 million in revenue plus reserves. The rate for county contributions to the region is set at \$32.67 per capita.

Mobile crisis response will be a high cost item next fiscal year and reserves may be needed to develop additional core plus services. Based on the condition of the State budget and conversations with legislators, Dawn does not foresee the legislature addressing the levy rates this year other than a few minor changes which could include the extension of our current levy authority that is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year.

3. Wesco Transitional Services Project Update

Lisa Meyer – SSI continues to be an issue with the length of time for approval and wages are not enough to support independence. Lisa shared a possible resolution to take part of the block grant for a special needs fund (\$5000) to help individuals with rent and basic needs

until they are approved for SSI. Dawn says that if the budget allows she is fine with this. Dawn has housing and basic needs on the Governance Board agenda for February. Using an Interim Assistance Reimbursement, the region can look at assisting for a period of time with a reimbursement once the individual is approved for SSI. DHS views this as a form of Permanent Supportive Housing which is an Evidenced Based Practice.

Lisa reported that one person moved out on January 14, 2017 into her own apartment and acquired a job as a teller at a bank. Two discharged last Friday. One person is working with supported employment and wants to move into a Habilitation Home (is pending SSI). One person is moving this coming Friday to Sioux City. There are currently five openings, but there are people with co-occurring diagnosis that need the service. Manning Recovery Center has offered to do training for Stepping Stones staff. Classes on budgeting and different skills training have been started for persons residing at Stepping Stones. Sioux Rivers region came and toured the program.

Dawn would like to have Lisa update the Governance Board at their next meeting.

4. Turning Point Update

Ashley Miller – yesterday was one year since the official opening. 87 persons have been served, a contract with Northwest Care Connections region has been in place since October 2016, marketing efforts and coordinating services continues. Collaboration concerning placements with Stepping Stones is working well. Turning Point is also starting SSI and other benefit applications and passing it to Stepping Stones. Security (additional cameras inside and outside) and IT systems are being updated, there have been some plumbing issues that are currently being fixed. Training for staff is ongoing and everyone is kept up to date with continuing education. Accreditation – policy and procedures have been approved and now waiting for accreditation certificate to contract with MCO's.

5. Supported Employment Grant Update

Pat Laursen, reporting for ISI and Howard Center. Since July 1, 2017, ISI and HCI have completed 17 work readiness assessments, 11 job shadows and 6 Discovery Assessments. Nine individuals have found community jobs and 3 work crews have begun. They employ 1 full time development manager, 1 full time job coach and 2 part-time coaches. They are starting to work with schools for transitioning into adult services/employment. Dawn asked about the Ace program funds that were paid for the hiring of a Curriculum Developer and infrastructure. Maggie said they are looking for a Vocational Coordinator instead of a Curriculum Developer but have not hired the position yet.

Ben Shuberg reported for Cherokee work services, they are hiring an employment development manager/job coach as the previous person left. Information will be gathered and given to Dawn with current statistics. Since July 1 there have been 5 placements, the rest of the stats will be given to Dawn.

Terry Johnson reported for Genesis Development. 5 people were in the ace program, there have been 8 new employment opportunities, no one has lost a job in the last 6 months. 5 full time and 3 part time job coaches with others that assist.

Dawn discussed that the state is wanting outcomes. Sioux Rivers Region has a report with good information on outcomes (Iowa APSE) and asked if the providers can provide the information, not just those in the grant but New Hope and Wesco as well. Dawn will send the report out for providers to look at. The next supported employment round-table will be in March and it can be discussed then.

6. Behavioral Support Services Task Force Report

Cindy Wiemold reported that three people have volunteered for the task force, but she is looking for others to join in. Cindy is looking to schedule a meeting in February. This task force is to look at having a Behavioral Support Specialist in the region that providers can access and/or other options – what is the demand or need. This was one of the top three goals identified in the strategic plan.

7. Annual provider training

Ben Woodworth will be providing SAFE training on April 27, 2017 a 2.5 hour training in the morning and repeated in the afternoon. The training will be on proactive treatment when working with challenging individuals. Dawn asked for location ideas and Kings Point was identified, Dawn will check on the location and set the times.

8. DHS Report to Legislature – Discuss strategies for meeting EBP and Core Plus Service Implementation

Dawn reviewed the DHS report that was submitted to the legislature on November 15, 2016. In summary, the state would like to see more progress in development of services (core plus and EBP's). Housing and transportation and wrap around services were stressed. Difficult to place individuals are to be addressed (one person on the state list is from our region). There is a strong pressure from DHS to move forward with the development of services and Regional CEO's are required to complete a monthly report on progress of services and anticipated implementation dates.

9. Core Service Access Standards Report

Access Standards are also required to be report by the Regional CEO's on a quarterly basis. Dawn needs to be contacting the providers routinely to provide accurate information to the State. Dawn will look at developing a reporting form to make it easier for providers to report on the services they provide.

10. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 11 am at the Sac City Rec. Center