



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

March 29, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.

Sac Community Rec Center

Meeting Agenda

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 Bush

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida: Creston Schubert

Sac: Rick Hecht

Advisory Board Representatives: Pam Haberl

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

Guests: Melissa Drey, Ashley Miller, Cindy Wiemold, Sandy Pingel, Patrick Schmitz, Terry Johnson, Dianna Ossman, Jim Coats, Maggie Johnson

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

Neil Bock proposes the following changes:

Part 5) e) third sentence: Change (except twp) to (except two)

Part 5)f) second sentence: Replace " Each county is levying different amounts to reach the \$32.67 per capita (amount to levy to reach the contribution in combination with fund balances). "

with: " For FY18 Buena Vista County has a capped contribution rate of \$32.67. The other six counties will levy more than \$32.67 to achieve the \$32.67 per capita amount AND have carry over funds to fund first quarter FY19 payments. There is an equity concern in that counties will be levying different amounts for the same services. However, if all counties lower their levy rate, and Buena Vista County contributes less than \$32.67 the reduced lifetime contribution by Buena Vista County would never be recoverable and would need to be compensated for by other member counties."

Motion to approve the agenda with the above changes/additions by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: Cecil Blum asked that if by inserting the additions/changes are we deleting

anything else from the minutes? No, one sentence will be replaced and a spelling correction. Motion carried unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock. Changes/additions: none. Motion carried unanimously

5) Old Business

a) Plains Area Mental Health Center funding request – Withdrawn

b) Stepping Stones Update – Wesco

Lisa Meyer reports there have been 1549 bed days since opening, 6 persons are currently in the home, with 2 persons the waiting list and 1 pending admission. To date there have been 18 total admissions, 12 discharges and 37 referrals. 6 persons have obtained jobs or enrolled in vocational rehabilitation while in the program.

c) Turning Point Update – Ashley Miller

To this date 99 clients served with 14 readmissions. A good working relationship has been developed with Stepping Stones and 6 persons have transferred from Turning Point to Stepping Stones so far. Certificate of accreditation came yesterday and will be moving forward with MCO's to start billing insurance(s). New security cameras are installed. CSS Region, Central Iowa, Heart of Iowa and Sioux Rivers Regions have all contacted with referrals and they are directed to their region to approve funding. Dawn Mentzer asked for data on referrals from the region that were not appropriate, Ashley will gather that information. There are no clients today, but there are a few referrals that Ashley is working on admission.

Cecil Blum asked if the home has any more work that needs to be done. Ashley reports that the office has moved upstairs and the old space is a bedroom for those with mobility issues. Gutters will be replaced soon and the plumbing is fixed.

Neil Bock asked if accreditation will increase referrals and bring more in or assist with those that are served. Ashley is unsure if this will bring an increase or decrease. Paul Merten sees an increase from other regions if MCO's can be billed rather than the region (those unwilling to pay).

Patrick Schmitz reminded the board that it will take some time to negotiate contracts with the MCO's, the accreditation certificate is the first step.

Paul Merten – if our home is full, is it the CEO approval to send one of our persons to another Region's home? Dawn – yes it is her decision.

Neil Bock would like Ashley to contact the other Regions to let them know the progress with accreditation. Patrick is unsure if accreditation will make a difference, the issue is the other region not wanting to fund the service (especially if they have their own).

d) CEO Collaborative Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Job Description (Discussion only)

Dawn Mentzer presented the MOU and job description for the MHDS Regional Collaborative Program Administrator. This is in response to Director Palmers comments and pressing for a unified voice among the Regions. Dawn views this as a method to help direct the system, and

liaison between the state, legislature and regions. Dawn stated that this will require using Regional funds to pay for a position that the CEO was hired for versus services. Also, at a time when providers are hurting financially this may not be looked well upon. Dawn would like to see the CEOs collaborating more effectively through workgroups to develop and work on programs/services. Rick Hecht sees this is another level of bureaucracy. The administrator would be housed by ISAC but three of the CEOs (president, outgoing president and incoming president) would hire and direct the person. Would Regions lose our voice, as this person would be the “one voice” to DHS and the legislature? Dawn is uncertain whether all 14 regions will sign the MOU.

Neil Bock sees that this could be delegating our authority

Cecil Blum commented that the position is like a “Super CEO”, and looks like a lobbyist. As a paid position, this is just the start and it could grow to an unknown cost. If we have a Super CEO it lessens the need for Regional CEOs and could make it easier to merge regions.

Rick Hecht commented that regions all have different needs.

Dawn Mentzer told the Board that she was contacted by a legislature out of our region who got information from Gary Worthan to contact her about Crisis services. This connection was a result of our annual Legislative Forums, and shows that our legislative meetings are working.

e) Annual Provider Training Update

The annual training is scheduled for April 27, 2017 in Storm Lake with Ben Woodworth from IACP on “Managing Challenging Behaviors”. The presenter is free and Dawn was able to secure a room at Kings Pointe who provided a discount for the rental fee and they will provide the snacks. The training free to providers.

6) New Business

a) FY’18 ICAP Renewal

FY’18 Request for Liability Quote has to be submitted to ICAP 60 days prior to July 1, 2017.

Motion for the chair to sign a request for renewal notice with ICAP insurance by Cecil Bum.

Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Draft Permanent Supportive Housing Policy

Dawn Mentzer and regional staff drafted a policy for those transitioning into the community from jails, hospitals and so forth. The policy would provide rent up to \$500 per month, persons would have to apply for other benefits they may be eligible for and work with Vocational Rehabilitation. \$100 per month stipend for basic needs could be provided. There is \$7500 in next year’s budget. Dawn sees this service for persons who are waiting for SSI, or sitting in an RCF, Hospital or other program due to lack of funding for housing. The coordinators will be assigned to those in the program to assure they complying. Lisa Bringle reminded that to meet an evidence based practice that you cannot require a person to accept services. IAR’s can be used for those waiting for Social Security as a recoupment for funds expended.

Neil Bock does not want to see this as a substitute for employment.

Dennis Bush is concerned that this could attract those in the MHI who are not moving forward due to funding? Would they move into Cherokee for our funding?

Dawn will revisit address employment issues and work requirements. The board is to let Dawn know any other thoughts and ideas they have.

7) FY'18 Annual Service and Budget Plan

Dawn Mentzer provided a copy of the plan and it includes the approved budget. It is required that the plan be submitted to DHS by April 1, 2017.

Motion by Neil Bock to approve and submit the FY'18 Annual Service and Budget Plan to DHS.

Second by Paul Merten. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Schedule next meeting: April 26, 2017 2:00 p.m. Sac Community Rec Center

9) Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock. Motion Carried unanimously

Minutes recorded by Louise Galbraith