



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

August 22, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

Sac City Community Center

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.

2) Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun:

Carroll: Neil Bock

Cherokee: Dennis Bush

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida:

Sac: Rick Hecht

Advisory Board Representative: Pam Haberl, Pat Laursen

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

Guests: Clay Adams, Lisa Meyer, Deidra Brown, Kim Kelleher, Doug Wilson, Rhonda Mart, Terry Johnson, Tammy Carlson, Ashley Miller, Melissa Drey, Bonnie Kester, Jay Ricke, Doug Wilson, LeAnTaylor

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Discussions/corrections: None. Motion Carried Unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock.

Discussion/changes/additions: None. Motion carried unanimously

5) New Business

a) New Hope Village FY'18 Funding Request

Rhonda Mart presented a proposal for \$130,427 one-time expense/request, indirect Medicaid expenses. These are difficult to recover expenses unless it is through grants or fund raising. They are working to diversify services and provide services to a larger geographical area.

Proposal #1 – technology for overnight support at NOSS homes that will be expanding from one home to four homes. Within a year this cost can be billed to the MCO's.

Proposal #2 – add a 5th bedroom to several homes to allow more persons on the waiting list to be served and ease staffing needs.

Proposal #3 – Van to help transport two individuals with wheelchairs rather than one, as well as mobile individuals. This is a full-size van that will be converted for two wheelchairs.

Proposal #4 – mobile technology for purchase of 11 tablets for job coaches.

Proposal #5 – Supported employment development and certifications.

Dawn Mentzer met with Rhonda Mart and LeAnn Taylor, and she supports the proposal. We are funding NOSS with another Carroll provider and it has been proven successful. This will spend into the reserves, which we are currently utilizing.

Cecil Blum asked if there is a substitute for the van that is less expensive? Rhonda and New Hope are looking to have vehicles for the homes that do not look like a vehicle for disabled persons. The van will be assigned to a home, and utilized during the day for other programs.

Neil Bock is familiar with NOSS homes and the success, however, going from one home to 4 is a big jump. Rhonda Mart responded that one home is done, and now in the process of opening 2 more and the last will be down the road so it is not a big jump, they have been working for a year with individuals.

Dennis Bush is in agreement with most of proposal but questions the van and the cost.

Dennis and Cecil asked if the vote could be by proposal and not the total asking.

Paul Merten stated the asking is for October, and there is another request today for additional funds and would like to see how it would be affecting the overall budget. Dawn reminded the board that we are working to buy down the reserve and support the providers.

Discussion about vehicle purchases, new versus used and if the van isn't approved by the board what is the alternate funding stream.

A motion by Dennis Bush to fund the proposal excluding the vehicle purchase. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: Neil Bock asked if NHV can provide more information/research concerning funding for a van, can they bring it forward again. Consensus of the board is yes it can be considered at a later date. Motion carried unanimously

b) Fiscal Year 2016 Audit – Tammy Carlson, Hunzelman & Putzier

Tammy Carlson went over the audit report with the board. New this year was a reconciliation with the fiscal agent and it was sent to each auditor to ensure that county and regional budgets matched on all reports.

Motion by Cecil Blum to accept the audit. Second by Neil Bock. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

c) SF504 – Community Service Plan Development Update

Dawn Mentzer gave an update on the August 3rd planning meeting. There was a very good turnout including hospitals, substance abuse, mental health and service providers. The follow-up meeting is August 31, 2017 at 1pm, Jeff Schott will be facilitating this meeting. Some of the

needs identified are: ID population is not included in outcomes, psychiatric services are not readily available, lack of inpatient beds, Tele-psych in the ERs and sustainability of funding and services. In the current Strategic plan, a behavioral analyst is identified as a need and a few meetings have taken place with the CSS Region and their program.

d) Integrated Telehealth Partners Regional Tele-Psychiatry Proposal

Doug Wilson and Jay Ricke presented information of what their company does and services they can provide. They are based in West Des Moines providing services to 23 providers in the state including hospitals, jails, mental health centers and so forth.

In hospital settings they can assist with determining if the person needs inpatient care, and if so they will find the bed space, if discharged from the ER they can provide outpatient options within the area.

In the jails, appointments are made (4 days a week) and they can provide medication management, medication prescriptions and so forth. A person can be seen within 5 days, or on an emergent need.

ITP will provide quarterly or as needed reporting to assist with requirements for state data/outcomes tracking.

6) Old Business

a) FY'18 Provider Contracts – Ida Services, Inc., Family Resource Center

Ida Services no changes to rates.

Family Resource Center – only change is to eliminate on-call staff and monitoring payment at the NOSS home.

Motion to approve Ida Services contract as presented by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock.

Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to approve Family Resource Center contract by Cecil Blum. Second by Paul Merten.

Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

b) Turning Point Update

Ashley Miller provided an update: 4 current clients with one admission today. Total bed days from May to current is 179. The census has picked up since the last update in June. Number of referrals have been tracked better this current fiscal year, and a system to track how many people are calling has been developed. Some people are accepted (23 in 2017) and not showing up. July and August 2017, 7 people have not come (one was denied due to being full, and one could not climb stairs).

Working with Stepping Stones, 17 were homeless and 9 were discharged to Stepping Stones.

We have had 4 from other regions with contracts.

They are reapplying for full accreditation (they are coming in October) with the state. There is not a process in place to bill IME and MCO's.

c) Stepping Stones Update

Lisa Meyer updated the board, they just had their first anniversary. Another bed has been added to ease the waiting list. 2444 bed dates to date. 4 individuals reside at Stepping Stones now with 6 referrals being looked at. In the last year there have been 25 admissions with 67 formal referrals (not including phone calls with no paperwork). Being a voluntary program people can leave when they want even if they are not ready.

7) Schedule next meeting – September 27, 2017 2:00 p.m. Location TBD

Motion to adjourn by Neil Bock. Second by Dennis Bush

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm