



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

May 23, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Howard Center – Harry Rasmussen Building, Sac City

Meeting Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order – Chair, Rick Hecht**
- 2) **Roll Call of Counties – Introductions**

Buena Vista:
Calhoun: Scott Jacobs
Carroll: Neil Bock
Cherokee: Dennis Bush
Crawford: Cecil Blum
Ida:
Sac: Rick Hecht
Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Leisa Mayer, Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith, Coordinators
Guests: Pat Laursen, Sandy Pingel, Terry Johnson, Clay Adams, Deidra Brown, Lisa Meyer, Kim Keleher, Brenda Erickson, Diana Ossman, Eric Weinkoetz, Cindy Wiemold, Melissa Drey, Karla Manternach
- 3) **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock.
Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously*
- 4) **Approval of Agenda**

*A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Cecil Blum. Second by Scott Jacobs.
Discussion/changes: none. Motion carried unanimously*
- 5) **Comments from the Public: Everyone will have an opportunity to speak. Therefore, comments may be limited to three minutes on any one item.**

None
- 6) **Old Business**
 - a) **Status of Woodbury County**

Dawn Mentzer updated the Board concerning Woodbury County. Dawn visited with all seven counties concerning the resolution for Woodbury to join Rolling Hills. Resolutions passed 5-2

with Carroll and Crawford voting against. DHS Director Foxhoven will be conducting mediation with Sioux Rivers next week for the next fiscal year.

b) Mental Health Advocate Reimbursement/hours

Dawn Mentzer addressed the board concerning Sandy Sweeny, judicial advocate for 6 of the counties (all but Carroll). Sandy's work has required her to increase hours which will require benefits. Dawn is proposing to bring her to full time status and add Carroll County. A letter was sent to the Carroll Advocate to let him know the direction being sought. He responded to the Carroll County board that he is an employee of Carroll County, and would like to meet with the them as he believes the regional board has no say in his employment. Neil Bock read the email that was sent to him from the Carroll Advocate. Neil sent him an invitation to be on the board agenda. He is technically correct that he is a Carroll County employee, however, since the region is reimbursing Carroll County, they will consider the governance board's recommendation.

Neil asked that if we end up with Woodbury County how that would affect the advocate.

Woodbury County has an advocate.

A motion to make a recommendation to Carroll County that one advocate cover the region by Dennis Bush. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: Neil asked if Carroll County did not accept this recommendation would the region continue to reimburse for the advocate.

Motion carried 4 -0, Neil Bock abstained from the vote.

c) New Hope Village Re-allocation of Regional Grant Funds

\$28,000 was previously approved and slated to go into renovations at the Manning group home which is now being closed. New Hope Village would like to move those funds to cover the costs of the NOSS Homes (monitoring equipment) \$1,500 per month, for three homes, through 2020. Discussion concerning the funds being spent in multiple fiscal years. However, the board appreciated New Hope Village for their transparency and will consider future requests for the extension of funds on a yearly basis.

A motion by Neil Bock to reapprove the re-allocation of funds for one year of NOSS costs.

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

7) New Business

a) Financial Updates

Expenditures to date: \$3,319,160 through April (96% expended)

Revenues to date: \$3,203,875

Projected ending fund balance: 3.2 million

b) FY'19 Salaries/Mileage

Dawn proposed a 3% increase in salaries during the budget process. Mileage is currently at \$.43 per mile, current rate rounded up would be \$.44 per mile. Hecht recommended revisiting the mileage reimbursement in six months if the gas rates continue to rise.

Discussion concerning wage increase that counties would be comfortable with.

A motion to approve a 2.75% wage increase for regional staff by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Vote: Aye: Hecht, Bock, Blum, Jacobs – Nay: Bush. Motion passed 4-1

c) FY'19 Provider Contracts

12 contracts were presented.

A motion to approve contracts with ISI, Howard Center and Genesis by Cecil Blum. Second by Neil Bock. Motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve contracts with Family Resource Center, New Hope Village, Counseling Services, and Catholic Charities by Neil Bock. Second by Dennis Bush. Motion carried unanimously

Transportation services:

A motion to approve contracts with Region XII, BPC Taxi in Cherokee and YES Center for transportation by Scott Jacobs. Second by Neil Bock. Motion carried unanimously.

Wesco is requesting an increase only for Stepping Stones of \$95,427 (increases in food, utilities, 12% health insurance increase and adding a full-time nurse.) Total asking for Stepping Stones \$497,127 with the increase.

Motion by Cecil Blum to approve Wesco contract. Second by Neil Bock. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Plains Area Mental Health Center Contract

Dawn met with Brenda Erickson and Kim Keleher and believes that they negotiated a good contract for next fiscal year.

The proposed contract is a reduction of over \$86,798.45 from current asking which includes reimbursement from the MCO's for Turning Point and will be reconciled quarterly. This amount also includes termination of school based funding of \$20,000 as well as Public Education/Consultation/Information and Referral of \$25,000. It was agreed between the parties that the PE/Consultation and I & R amount will be reduced by \$25,000 each year until the threshold of \$50,000 in funding is reached and will be re-evaluated at that time. Kim and Brenda provided an over view of the Turning Point budget and explained what 'professional fees' include. Total request for FY19 contract is \$1,069,561.

A motion to approve the Plains Area Mental Health Center contract as presented by Dennis Bush. Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: Neil Bock commented that he appreciates Plains working together with our CEO on the contract. Motion carried unanimously

8) Schedule next meeting: June 27, 2017 2:00 p.m. (Annual HIPAA Training with Gary Jones)

Motion to adjourn at 3:06 pm by Cecil Blum and second by Neil Bock.