



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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Advisory Board Minutes

September 27, 2018

11:00 am

Sac County Law Enforcement Center

Sac City, IA

1. Call to Order / Welcome and Introductions– Kim Keleher, Chair

Attendance: Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayers – Regional Coordinators, Melissa Drey, Kim Keleher – Plains Area Mental Health Center, Sandy Pingel – Genesis Development, Kali Nelson – New Hope, Clay Adams – Wesco, Karla Manternach – Counseling Services LLC, Pat Laursen – Howard Center, Teresa Magnusson – Crossroads, Dawn Mentzer, RH CEO

2. HF2456 Crisis Services Update – Dawn Mentzer/Melissa Drey

Review of crisis services and set priorities

Dawn provided a handout of a summary of House 2456 Mandates to the Regions. Dawn reminded attendees that the regions cannot provide the mandated services alone and are looking to partner with other Regions and providers. When the Regions met back in June with Cherokee MHI, it was a consensus that the Intensive Residential Homes were seen as a priority from CMHI's standpoint of moving people through the system. Two providers from our Region, Genesis and WESCO, expressed interest in providing that service but it is a concern that moving forward with this service without finalized rules and detailed funding agreements from Medicaid/MCO's, would not be wise at this time. We discussed how many people from our region we thought would be using IRSH, the admission criteria (will MCO's pay and for how long, no eject or reject mandate) and whether or not you could designate a bed in an already existing Habilitation home. We also discussed Access Centers, with the same concerns.

3. Discussion of Regional Coalition and possible task forces for Crisis Service Development

Melissa is arranging for a Sheriff's Deputy from Dallas County to come to a meeting with our law enforcement to share what/how that Region does their mobile crisis services. We will then try and arrange for an advisory board meeting immediately following so that we can discuss task force options to start the process of meeting the HF 2456 mandates.

4. Children's Mental Health State Board

The Regions are being asked to take the lead on developing the Children's Mental Health Plan/Services. Darci Alt serves as the CEO Representative on the board. Dawn will forward the plan out to the Advisory Board members. Dawn feels it is risky to become involved in children's services when Regions don't have enough money for adult service mandates, and without having a commitment from the state to fund the Children System.

5. Status of Woodbury County/Rolling Hills

Most of the Advisory Board had been to the Governance Board Meeting for this discussion but opened it up for any questions. Discussion centered around several counties in the state who are looking to leave their current regions and go to another and the disruptions it is causing to providers and clients.

6. Other/provider updates

Provider Updates-PAMHC is now fully accredited to provide Substance Abuse Services. They will be able to do co-occurring treatment, do OWI evaluations and court ordered evaluations. There will be one standard assessment/intake form for both mental health and substance abuse. Crossroads is opening another home in the Cherokee community serving ID/MI. WESCO will have another home in Denison up and running in January 2019. Howard Center has an opening in one of their homes for a male. Genesis has an opening in one of their homes at this time as well.

Melissa Drey, Crisis Services Director was approved to be a voting member on the Advisory Board with a motion from Sandy Pingel and 2nd by Clay Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Next Meeting: January 24, 2019 11:00 a.m.