



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

November 21, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

Howard Center – Harry Rasmussen Building 514 North 13th St., Sac City

Meeting Minutes

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:

Sac: Rick Hecht

Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith: Coordinators

Guests: Sandy Pingel & Terry Johnson, Genesis Development; Jeremy Taylor, Dennis Butler, Theresa Jochum, Julie Albright, Woodbury County; Diana Ossman, Ida Services; Karla Manternach, Counseling Services; Kim Keleher, Plains Area Mental Health Center; Richard Ruggles, Carroll County; Fitz Grant & Dick Owens, Sanford Center; Jim France, The Arc of Woodbury County; Shawn Fick, Goodwill of the Great Plains; Jay Ricke & Teri Davis, Integrated Telehealth Partners

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented by Dennis Bush. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Scott Jacobs. Second by Neil Bock
Discussion/additions/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) Unfinished Business

- **Woodbury County Non-Core Funding Requests/Proposals – Discussion Shesler Hall**

- **The Arc of Woodbury County**
- **Siouxland Mental Health Center**
- **Sanford Center**
- **Sioux City Community School District**

a)

Dawn Mentzer will be meeting with Woodbury County staff, Jeremy Taylor and Dennis Butler next week to discuss and go over the budget which should provide more clarity in terms of whether these requests can be funded.

Rick Hecht has had concerns that our charge is serving adults versus children however, with the state work group report on children's services, he has concerns with having two governance boards and one CEO and no mention of how it will be funded. What is important is the budget, how to put it together and what we can pay for. He feels the State and AEA should help and not put a burden on the region.

Cecil Blum had 4 concerns:

1. Concerned with treating the other 7 counties with the same consideration as Woodbury County.
2. What is duplication of services as some are going down the same road.
3. Initial mission was to serve adult mental health needs and this is straying away from that.
4. Concerned that the finances will not match up.

Scott Jacobs is concerned with duplication of services as well, yet does not want to discontinue some of the programs if we will have to start them up again in another year (if we are charged with the children's mental health system), possibly look at some bridge funding. Would like to see the programs before the vote.

Paul Merten has concerns with the school proposal in which they intend to seek Requests for Proposals, as that would be a step for the board to give a lump sum and they deal with RFP rather than dealing directly with the provider.

Neil Bock is concerned with duplication amongst these. Working as a region, LSI provides services in (Carroll) schools with different sources of funding, concerned with the state board strategic plan. Is it a good plan to fund services now that the children's state plan may fund.

Dennis Bush has been watching the children's work group closely. A lot of what is in there (the report) is identification and providing crisis services. He is concerned of dismantling services that may be needed. Looking at services that are credentialed. Looking at ACT and other services that have to be started which will be expensive, and our present funding will not be sufficient makes this a difficult decision.

Jeremy Taylor commented that the request from the school district includes a request over and above what Sioux Rivers funded that is due to the end of a federal grant. Woodbury County would not backfill the federal grant dollars and would like to see that taken out. Understands this has repercussions for the region.

Rick Hecht asked Dawn Mentzer and Dennis Bush what the projection for the children's system is and will it be dealt with this legislative session. Dawn and Dennis both believe that this will be addressed and advocated for by the Governor this next session.

b) Woodbury County Transition Plan – Discussion

Dawn Mentzer presented and discussed the Transition plan at the September board meeting. Concerning the timeline of non-core by December 15th, Dawn recommended extending it to December 31st in order to have budget meetings, yet still make decisions by the end of the year. Dawn reported that DHS informed her yesterday that a signed 28E Agreement will be needed for a county joining a region so that the Department of Management can certify a county's levy max at the new regions max. Also, if modifying the 28E there may be other items that need to be clarified.

Cecil Blum has difficulty signing the 28E if it means Woodbury County would join without conditions being met. Neil Bock suggested seeking Legal counsel as to whether there can be stipulations in the 28E to address the conditions, what our options are as well as exit options. Dawn Mentzer reminded the board that there is member removal clause in the 28E if needed to be used. Dawn will seek opinions. Jeremy Taylor stated that Woodbury County will do what needs to be done to fulfill the promises made.

Dawn Mentzer reminded the board of the options that were presented in the plan, understanding that if option three is chosen, Woodbury County would be a high priority and take time away from service development. Rick Hecht would like to see option three if Dawn feels able to do it. Rick would like a smooth transition, if Dawn is able to provide the time. Dennis Bush agrees with Rick and would like to reevaluate in 6 months or so, final rules of 2456 have not been adopted so there is a little bit of time to implement new services. Dawn does not feel we are behind in the development of the services and will be meeting next week with other CEO's concerning development of these services.

Cecil Blum is in favor of option 3. Neil Bock would rather have a single contact person in charge with delegation.

7) New Business

b) Hunzleman and Putzier Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2018 Audit

Dawn Mentzer received the proposal and engagement letter. Estimated fee is not to exceed \$4000 and needs to be signed by the chair. Actual cost has gone down each year as they have become more familiar with the region.

Motion to approve the engagement letter by Neil Bock. Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: none. Motion approved unanimously.

c) FY'19 Financial Update

Dawn Mentzer contacted all the auditors asking for ending balance, revenues and expenditures.

Rolling Hills Region October FY2019 Financial Summary

Beginning Cash Balance as of October 1, 2018

			Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Cash Balance
Fiscal Agent Fund		\$ 2,309,944.09	\$ 589,548.59	\$ 430,983.31	\$ 2,468,509.37
Buena Vista		\$ 500,942.70	\$ 34,976.85	\$ 136,844.45	\$ 399,075.10
Calhoun		\$ 140,285.12	\$ 276,546.59	\$ 164,542.07	\$ 252,289.64
Carroll		\$ 300,313.84	\$ 79,848.67	\$ 131,872.60	\$ 248,289.91
Cherokee		\$ 203,410.06	\$ 24,225.60	\$ 78,774.19	\$ 148,861.47
Crawford		\$ 296,686.80	\$ 38,499.15	\$ 109,195.18	\$ 225,990.77
Ida		\$ 83,812.31	\$ 11,055.42	\$ 41,910.00	\$ 52,957.73
Sac		\$ 204,999.11	\$ 79,250.27	\$ 118,512.00	\$ 165,737.38
		\$ 4,040,394.03	\$ 133,951.14	\$ 1,212,633.80	\$ 3,961,711.37

Dawn intends to schedule a with all the new supervisors in the region to review and discuss mental health. Dennis Bush suggested inviting all supervisors as some may need to be updated. Dawn will look at scheduling something on December 12th or 27th with the scheduled board meetings for all to be involved (or whichever dates are scheduled for board meetings).

d) Children’s Mental Health State Board Final Strategic Plan Draft

Dawn Mentzer had sent the plan to the Board. The plan is focused on early intervention, screening and crisis services. Having two boards makes it very complicated. There needs to be funding.

e) ID Waiver Waiting List - Action

Four years ago, the ID waiver wait list was established by DHS. There is still a waiting list, however, slots are coming quicker. Supported Employment and SCL services are being funded but those funded now are not urgent needs. There are only three persons currently being funded. Dawn would like to discontinue wait list funding with grandfathering in those who are being currently funded. Looking ahead, Woodbury County could have a significant impact. Currently there are no persons in Woodbury County being funded, however they have funded a person for 4 months until the waiver slot was obtained. A person who is waiting for a waiver slot can still apply for services and they will be approved on a case by case basis if they meet the regional funding guidelines.

Discussion: Dennis Bush asked if those who need the services can still apply. Paul Merten thought it was the intent to phase it out. Rick Hecht was always concerned if we fund services there would be no initiative for the state to step up. Dennis Bush commented that the commission sent a request for \$1 million to be approved to go to elimination of the waiting list.

A motion to discontinue the waiver wait list policy, with services subject to the management plan by Dennis Bush. Second by Paul Merten. Discussion: Cecil Blum asked if this is a path that will be workable within the new region? Dawn Merten answered that yes it is. Motion approved unanimously.

- 1) Schedule next meeting – Propose 12/12/18 for preliminary budget review & 12/27/18 for decisions on Item 6a. (Appreciation coffee for Rick Hecht following 12/27 meeting)**
12/12/18 at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn at 10:03 am by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock. Meeting adjourned