



Rolling Hills Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

December 27, 2018 – 11:00 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: Creston Schubert

Sac: Rick Hecht

Advisory Board Representatives: Pat Laursen

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

Guests: Joel Peterson & Sheila Martin, Siouxland Mental Health Center; Fitz Grant & Dick Owens,

Sanford Center; Theresa Jochum, Julie Albright & Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Woodbury County;

Melissa Drey, Ashley Miller, Kim Keleher & Brenda Erickson, Plains Area Mental Health Center;

Sandra Pingel & Terry Johnson, Genesis Development; Teresa Magnussen, Crossroads; Jeremy

Taylor, Woodbury County Supervisor; Deidra Brown & Lisa Meyer, Wesco; Karla Manternach & Amy

Reisberg, Counseling Services, LLC

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Discussion: None. Motion approved unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paul Merten to approve the agenda as amended by moving item 6b to new business and removing election of new officers under new business. Second by Creston Schubert.

Discussion/additions/changes: Dawn Mentzer would like to strike item 6b and move it to new business, also to delete election of new officers. Motion approved 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

a) Woodbury County Non-Core Funding Requests/Proposals - Action

- **Shesler Hall**

Shesler Hall is requesting funding for transition services for women. Option 1 is for \$64,079 which is the maximum for 19 beds. The second option is \$70,661 for FY20 with 2 beds set aside for transition beds for the region and per diem for the remaining 17 beds. Prior funding was from Sioux Rivers and a State grant for the 2 beds in option 2. Discussion: Cecil Blum is concerned on the length of stay (for the non-transition beds). Dawn Mentzer said that they are interested in discussing incentives and methods to move people through Shesler Hall in a more transitional manner. Dawn Mentzer commented that without this program persons residing in the facility would more than likely be needing RCF placements which would cost an average of \$25,000 per year per person.

Dennis Bush made a motion to approve funding for Shesler Hall at \$70,661 (option 2). Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

- **The Arc of Woodbury County**

The funding request is for their summer camp program for persons ages 3-21 with intellectual disabilities. \$60,000 is the request and they are willing to expand the service or look at transportation to allow the rest of the region to possibly use the service. Dick Owens addressed the board providing a brief background and overview of the program. Discussion: Rick Hecht asked if United Way was involved, Dick Owens stated that United Way does contribute financially.

Cecil Blum asked about expansion into the region, would it cost more and how would transportation work when it could be a 2 or more-hour drive. Owens stated that they would have to have hire more staff and equipment and transportation could be arranged.

Neil Bock asked how much of the \$60,000 would fund persons from other regions (would we be subsidizing out of region persons). Dick stated that Sioux Rivers and Lyon County would fund their own transportation and a per-diem for each student they send.

A motion by Paul Merten to fund the Arc of Woodbury County for \$60,000. Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: Jeremy Taylor – Woodbury County is supportive of funding this program. Dennis Bush, asked how long the program goes. It is a 7-week program that falls into 2 fiscal years (starts in June). Motion carried unanimously.

- **Siouxland Mental Health Center**

This request provides for therapeutic services within the schools. Dawn Mentzer went over the proposal with the board (it was presented to the board previously). \$205,000 for Sioux City schools and \$25,000 for expansion into some of the rural Woodbury County schools. \$306,254 is the total program costs and they are requesting the Region to fund \$127,337. Dawn stated that if this funded, she will be advocating for a reinstatement of PAMHC school based services that were eliminated previously. Rick Hecht asked if this was a duplication of services. Dawn replied that yes there is duplication with the request from the Sioux City School District. Rick Hecht believes if it is funded it should be done directly through the region, not through an Request for Proposal process with no input as to where the funds go. It is currently funded by Sioux Rivers. Dawn asked if this is a block grant or fee for service. SMH responded that each month a time sheet is submitted, and they can provide costs minus revenues, so it can be a reconciliation monthly. This is only for Sioux City schools it does not provide for rural schools.

Dennis Bush, asked if PAMHC cut staff and reduced the program with the funding reduction. Kim Keleher replied that the program was maintained with DECAT program and they are billing what they can. Dennis Bush is looking at preserving a service and staff that the region would have to provide if/when regions take over the children's system.

Kim Keleher, PAMHC would ask for the \$20,000 funding be reinstated for FY20.

Cecil made a motion to fund Siouxland Mental Health Centers \$127,337 request.

Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. Roll call vote:

Carroll County – nay

Buena Vista County – aye

Sac County - aye

Crawford County - nay

Calhoun county – aye

Ida County – nay

Cherokee County – aye

Motion passes 4-3

- **Sanford Center**

\$260,730 (which is current amount funded by Sioux Rivers) is requested in their proposal that was previously submitted to the board. Fitz Grant provided a brief background and overview of the program.

Discussion:

Neil Bock asked if the program goes outside of Sioux City into other areas in Sioux Rivers Region. Fitz Grant – not at this time, but if requested to go out for crisis they could.

Cecil Blum asked about funding in the community. Fitz reported about fund raising in the community that has been done and the support they receive.

Dennis Bush believes this is a good program but it does not fit under our umbrella doesn't believe it will if we are tasked with the children's system.

Cecil Blum asked Jeremy Taylor about his concern that this program was a wedge issue with Woodbury County leaving Sioux Rivers, so will it be an issue now. Jeremy Taylor responded that it is his opinion that mental health dollars should be used for mental health services, he would be in support of a lesser amount and have the school district step up and contribute and re-examine after the first year.

Dennis Bush believes this service falls under DECAT, would support a bridge to get to other funding sources.

Motion by Cecil Blum to fund the Sanford Center 50% of asking at \$130,365. Second by Creston Schubert. Roll call vote:

Carroll County – aye

Buena Vista County – aye

Sac County – nay

Crawford County – aye

Calhoun County – Nay

Ida County – Aye

Cherokee County – Aye

Motion passes 5-2

- **Sioux City Community School District**

There are 2 proposals one to provide therapeutic services at \$500,000 and the second to backfill the \$277,600 SAMSA grant that is ending.

Discussion: none

Motion by Paul Merten to deny funding the request of \$500,000 for therapeutic services.

Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: none

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Paul Merten to deny the funding request of \$277,600. Second by Creston

Schubert. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7) New Business

a) Plains Area Mobile Crisis Response Proposal

Dawn Mentzer reminded the board that a priority of the region has been to establish mobile crisis services and we are on track to implement this service by July 1, 2019.

Kim Keleher presented her proposal which would add 4 additional staff for Turning Point so that they can be utilized for mobile crisis as well as to provide coverage at the crisis home. See handout for program description. There will be a phone number specific to mobile response located at Turning Point and a professional will be dispatched. There will be training for law

enforcement in the Region, and there is mental health training now at the academy for new law enforcement. Transportation can be provided by Turning Point or YES Center if needed. This proposal is for the current 7 counties, it is hard for Siouxland Mental Health to commit at this time but would like to collaborate in the future. Reimbursement for mobile crisis is very low, so it is hard to have a stand-alone program that is why pairing it with Turning Point works well.

b) Plains Area Mental Health Center FY'20 Budget Request

Kim Keleher gave an overview of the proposed budget for FY20. Total asking \$1,377,534.00 and after estimated revenues a reconciliation total of \$831,856.60. School based services will be requested at a later date.

c) Siouxland Mental Health Center FY'20 Budget Request

Sheila Martin gave a statistical overview of the services provided. The request includes hiring a nurse and a medical assistant. Requested amount of \$2,033,242.50 (this does not include the school-based funding which was approved previously by the board). Dawn Mentzer pointed out that the \$150,000 for mental health services is fee for service and this probably will be less as our region funds up to 150% of poverty and Sioux Rivers allows a higher rate at 250%.

d) Fiscal Year 20 Budget Adjustments – Discussion,

Dawn Mentzer provided a spreadsheet of the budget for Rolling Hills (not including Woodbury County) with a levy of \$22.10 per capita. The proposal zeros out county fund balances so only the Region will have a balance to maintain.

e) 28E Agreement – Possible Action

Dawn Mentzer reviewed the recommended changes to the 28E Agreement as follows:

Section 1: IDENTITY OF THE PARTIES

Add: "Woodbury County is considered to be a member county under this 28E Agreement effective July 1, 2019."

Section 6.1: Selection Process for Chief Executive Officer:

Remove the following language:

"The initial Regional Administrative Team shall divide the Region's administrative responsibilities amongst themselves, so that staff on the Regional Administrative Team will function in one of the below categorical roles:

- Community Management;
- Communications Management;
- Compliance Management; and
- Process Management."

Commented [DM1]: These are not designated or necessary. DELETE?

This was included for the initial setup of the Region however, these roles are not assigned nor need to be as these are CEO responsibilities.

Section 7.1: Management & Expenditure of Funding:

Modify the following statement as such to allow a new county to contribute a higher per capita the first year if necessary:

“Member county contributions to the Region will be on an equal per capita basis however, a new county may provide a higher per capita in the first year as a member of the Region.”

Discussion on changes – the board had a discussion with Jeremy Taylor that Woodbury County would come into the Region with \$1,033,406 on July 1, 2019.

Motion by Paul Merten to approve changes to section 7.1 as recommended. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion none. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Paul Merten to amend item 6.1 as recommended. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Dennis Bush to amend language to section 1 as recommended. Second by Scott Jacobs. Discussion: Cecil Blum questioned if the MOU isn't a total fulfillment where we stand. Hecht stated that you would pursue the contract of the MOU not including the 28E. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to send the 28E Agreement to the member counties for approval by Cecil Blum. Second by Neil Bock. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Election of 2019 Chairman and Vice Chairman

Tabled until January meeting.

8) Schedule next meeting – January 16, 2019 @ 2pm

Motion to adjourn at 2:33 pm by Scott Jacobs. Second by Creston Schubert.
Meeting adjourned.