



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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

Governance Board

April 24, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.

Boulders Inn & Suites, 2011 Indorf Ave. Holstein

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order –Chairman, Paul Merten

2) Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun:

Carroll: Neil Bock

Cherokee: Dennis Bush

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida:

Sac: Brent Wilhelm

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

Guests: Kim Kelleher, Melissa Drey, Ashley Miller, Plains Area Mental Health; Theresa Jochum, Julie Albright, Ann Landers, Dennis Butler, Jeremy Taylor, Woodbury County; Pat Laursen, Howard Center; Lisa Meyer, Clay Adams, Deidra Brown, Wesco; Pam Haberl, Family Representative; Sandy Pingel, Genesis Development; Dianna Ossman, Ida Services; Karla Manternach, Counseling Services; Chad Jensen, New Opportunities; Maggie Martinez, BVRMC; Jonette Spurlock, Center for Siouxland; Sean Finnegan, Siouxland Mental Health Center; Teresa Magnussen, Crossroads; Shawn Fick, Goodwill; Jennifer McCabe, Opportunities Unlimited

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Brent Wilhelm. Second by Cecil Blum.

Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Changes/Additions: none requested

A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Dennis Bush. Second by Neil Bock.

Discussion: 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

a) Monthly Financial Report (Action)

Dawn Mentzer provided a monthly report of the revenues and expenditures for the month of March 2019 as summarized:

Revenues: \$538,455.92

Expenditures: \$115,657.35

Ending cash balance: \$3,751,241.74 (as of 3/31/19)

Six counties have met their quarterly contribution and still awaiting payment from Calhoun.

A motion to approve the monthly financial report as presented by Brent Wilhelm. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Status of Request for ITP Reimbursement from Hospitals

Dawn Mentzer reports that 4 of hospitals have agreed with cost sharing for ITP services. Dawn will be meeting with Cherokee Regional Medical Center tomorrow and has been talking with Crawford County Memorial answering questions and concerns and hopes to work out contracts soon. The region will pay ITP and bill the hospitals which will come back to the region as revenue if all agree.

c) Status of Rolling Hills/Woodbury County Transition

Dawn Mentzer updated the board concerning the transition of Woodbury County into Rolling Hills. The management plan has been amended to add Woodbury County, and the amended plan has been sent to Jan Heikes at DHS for review. The plan will be brought to the governance board at the May meeting and to the Commission in June.

Employment interviews have been done for the Woodbury County staff positions and will be discussed in closed session later in the meeting.

Dawn met with the ARC program and this summer will be a cost share with Sioux Rivers Region. Sioux Rivers will be billed for the services provided in June and Rolling Hills will be billed for July.

7) New Business/Updates

a) Center for Siouxland - Jonette Spurlock

Jonette Spurlock, Executive Director, presented the mission and services provided by Center for Siouxland. The agency has existed for 44 years and has been evolving to meet the needs of Siouxland. Services focus on self-sufficiency and financial services which include consumer counseling, budget and debt management. The center also provides many forms of outreach in the community offering informational services such as credit report, credit scores, identity theft, homeowner/homebuyer and other workshops. They also assist people in Iowa who are delinquent on their mortgage payments to help with payment arrangements and such. The center provides representative payee services that are currently billed to Sioux Rivers Region through a block grant that is \$25,000 annually, and they provide a monthly report of persons served. They average about 299 persons in the payee service which breaks down to about \$10 per person per month. A 22-bed transitional living program is available for those who are homeless, including families. They also

have a volunteer assistance program for income tax filing.

b) 2019 Siouxland Mental Health Conference – Sean Finnegan, SMHC

Sean Finnegan informed the board about the annual conference on May 9th, which will have a speaker focusing on the affects of social media as well as teen suicide. Persons can register on the Siouxland Mental Health Center website. The cost is \$75.00 and they offer CEU's.

c) Crisis Services Task Forces Update

Dawn Mentzer reported on the first task force meetings that where held on April 4, 2019. The meetings were very well attended with great participation from area law enforcement. The next meetings are next Thursday, May 2nd starting at 8:30 am at the Boulders in Holstein.

d) Plains Area Mental Health Center Mobile Crisis Proposal – Kim Keleher (Action)

Kim Keleher presented the budget proposal for mobile crisis program. The program will be run through Turning point and all staff will be cross trained for both programs. Total asking for mobile crisis is \$38,911 and the total asking for both programs is \$861,000. The program will start July 1, 2019 and will require an addition of 4 staff. Revenue from MCO's are coming in and so far, \$66,000 has been received for services provided at Turning Point.

A motion to approve the PAMHC Mobile Crisis proposal of \$38,911 to be added to the Turning Point contract previously approved by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion approved unanimously.

e) Legislative Updates

***HF690 – Children's Mental Health System**

***HF691 – Fund Balance Legislation**

Both bills have been passed and are waiting for the Governor to sign. HF691 does allow for budgets to be recertified, within 30 days of the Governor's signature, to increase the levy (for the 40% fund balance cap). The board discussed the option of recertifying the budgets with no action taken.

8) 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.

Dawn noted that all candidates being considered provided their verbal consent to discuss the hiring process in closed session.

A motion to go into closed session at 3:43 p.m. pursuant to Iowa code 21.5(1)(i) by Cecil Blum. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: Buena Vista: aye; Calhoun - absent; Carroll: aye; Cherokee: aye; Crawford: aye; Ida-absent; Sac: aye. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to go out of closed session at 4:01 p.m. pursuant to Iowa code 21.5(1)(i) by Dennis Bush. Second by Brent Wilhelm. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: Buena Vista: aye; Calhoun: absent; Carroll: aye; Cherokee: aye; Crawford: Ida: absent; aye; Sac: aye. Motion carried unanimously.

9) Woodbury County Personnel Recommendations – Action

Interviews were held for three positions: Coordinator, Coordinator/Support Staff and Judicial Advocate. The committee from Rolling Hills Governance Board are making the following recommendations and if approved by the Governance Board, the recommendation will be given to Woodbury County to approve the hiring with start dates of July 1, 2019:

Coordinator: Theresa Jochum, salary of \$66,000

Coordinator/support – Julie Albright, salary of \$52,500

Judicial Advocate – Cindy Wiemold, salary of \$52,500

It is also recommended that Ann Landers be retained and serve as advocate support staff for 6 months and transferring later into clerical support, salary of \$52,500.

Cecil Blum made a motion to recommend the following to Woodbury County for final approval and hiring: Coordinator, Theresa Jochum, with a salary of \$66,000; Coordinator/support staff, Julie Albright, with a salary of \$52,500; Judicial Advocate, Cindy Wiemold, with a salary of \$52,500. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting – May 22, 2019 2:30 p.m. Boulders Inn & Suites, Holstein

Motion to set the next meeting on May 22, 2019 at 2:30 pm Dennis Bush. Second by Brent Wilhelm. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn at 4:11 pm by Cecil Blum. Second by Neil Bock. Meeting adjourned.