



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Governance Board Meeting

February 26, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

Cobblestone Inn and Suites, Holstein

Minutes

1) Call to Order –Chairman, Paul Merten

2) Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun: Scott Jacobs

Carroll: Neil Bock

Cherokee: Dennis Bush

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida:

Sac: Brent Wilhelm

Woodbury: Rocky De Witt

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

Guests: Gary Lundquist, Cherokee County Board of Supervisors; Sheila Martin, Nicolle Eaton, Sam Stodola, Siouxland Mental Health Center; Val Uken, Urban Indian Connections; Brenda Erickson, Melissa Drey, Ashley Miller, Plains Area Mental Health Center; Cindy Wilde, Goodwill; Jim France, ARC of Woodbury County; Jean Drey, Seasons Center; Deidra Brown, Jessica Stangl, Shawn Stewart, Clay Adams, Wesco; Sheri Porter, Simple Life; Mindi Rotert, St. Anthonys; Amy Riesberg, Counseling Services; Kris Dam, Shesler Hall; Pat Laursen, Howard Center; Teresa Magnussen, Crossroads; Eric Weinkoetz, Manning Family Recovery; Jennifer McCabe, Opportunities Unlimited; Steven Kremer, Juvenile Court Services

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the correction of changing “original motion” to “motion as amended” on item #9, by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously

4) Approval of Agenda

Additions/Changes: Dawn would like to add under new business: Plains Area Mental Health Center funding request for ACT (item c), add discussion on regional legal counsel (item d).

A motion to approve the agenda as amended to include Plains Area Mental Health Center funding request for ACT, and regional legal counsel under new business by Brent Wilhelm. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. 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) Monthly Financial Report

Dawn Mentzer presented the financial of January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020 which includes:

Beginning balance:	\$4,855,050.61
Revenues:	\$1,621,468.82
Expenditures:	<u>\$2,700,587.88</u>
Ending cash balance:	\$3,775,931.55

Total revenue to date:	\$5,186,782.00
Regional Expenditures 7/1/19 – 1/31/19:	\$4,626,475.00

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

b) Sioux Rivers joint funding of Assessment Center update

Current level of funding of the SMHC Assessment Center is paid at 75% by Rolling Hills Region and 25% by Sioux Rivers Region. Sioux Rivers requested to change the percentages to 85% Rolling Hills and 15% from Sioux Rivers. Rolling Hills countered the request with 80% by Rolling Hills and 20% by Sioux Rivers. Sioux Rivers Governance Board approved the 80% Rolling Hills and 20% Sioux Rivers funding yesterday. Siouxland Mental Health Center would like the new percentage split to be specified for a longer term when the contract for next fiscal year is approved. Dawn Mentzer is requesting the Board to take action on the percentage split.

A motion to approve 80% Rolling Hills and 20% Sioux Rivers funding of the Assessment Center by Cecil Blum. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Plains Area Mental Health Center/Siouxland Mental Health Center Mobile Crisis Assessment Team Update - Melissa Drey, Nicole Eaton

Melissa Drey updated on PAMHC activity. Staff attended a mobile crisis summit where about 10 units were represented, and this will continue quarterly. 22 calls have come in since the

program started. Calls have come from clinics, ER's, schools, law enforcement, and jails. 32% were taken to the ER for inpatient placement and 14% to the crisis homes. They have seen an increase in calls for juveniles, feedback has been positive and marketing is continuing.

Nicolle Eaton updated on Siouxland Mental Health activity: About 40 calls have come in since starting. 90% of calls are from Sioux City Police Department – disposition has been mostly to stay in the home with referrals and services, the Assessment Center and third to the ERs. They continue to meet monthly with the Sioux City Police Department. They received and went on the first call to Cherokee County and it went well. Positive feedback has been coming in and they are continuing to market and communicate with referral sources.

d) RCF/ community placement update – Theresa Jochum, Regional Coordinator

Theresa Jochum reported on efforts to reduce RCF placements in Woodbury County. At the beginning of FY'19, there were 17 persons placed in RCFs, and there are currently 10 persons in placement, in March it will be down to 6 persons. 4 persons have been placed under the Regional 90-day policy. Annual expenditure for this service down to \$159,870 from \$452,965.

d) Children's Behavioral Health Implementation Update / Review of Draft Plan– Dawn Mentzer

Dawn Mentzer provided a draft copy of the Implementation Plan. This contains all the parameters of what needs to be in place for the Children's system. The plan is not finalized, there are a few items that need to be added in. Dawn reviewed the plan and it will be on the agenda for approval at the next Governance Board meeting as it is due to DHS by April 1, 2020. Highlights: Mileage is being requested for those serving on the Advisory Committee that are not covered by an agency. Dawn will be working with Jim France to develop rules of operations. The voting members of the governance board will increase from 8 to 11.

Discussion on voting members: Neil Bock attended an ISAC meeting on January 30, 2020, and the matter of the additional voting members being added to the board was discussed. Neil would like to have discussion of the new voting members not being able to vote on financial matters. The 28E has to be updated. Paul Merten commented that the 28E is an agreement between government (county) bodies, and some of the boards may not want to sign a 28E with this included (non-county members being able to vote on financial) and the new members cannot sign the 28E.

Neil Bock questioned the use of a weighted vote, as it is currently based on population how will their (the new voting members) vote be weighted? What weight are we required to give them? Neil Bock would like Dawn to seek a legal opinion on this. She will also follow-up with legislators to see if there is any movement to have this addressed legislatively.

7) New Business

a) Governor's Proposal HSB 657

Dawn Mentzer reviewed HSB 657 (SSB 3116). This is decreasing the per capita to \$12.50, and will provide a per capita allocation distributed to regions with up to a 15% reduction based on non-compliance contingent on a review of services (development and availability of core services).

Dawn Mentzer also reviewed the funding chart released by the Governor's office. The financial information is not correct and the Regional CEO's are in the process of updating the financial information.

The CEOs met on February 13, 2020 with 2 members of the Governor's staff. Dawn felt the meeting went well and set a tone of being open to a collaborative effort.

b) Joint Core Service development

Dawn Mentzer will continue to work with Sioux Rivers and Northwest Iowa Care Connections regions on joint efforts in developing core services.

c) Plains Area Mental Health Center request for ACT funding

Brenda Erickson and Lori Bush represented Plains Area and presented information. Lori explained what an ACT team is. The program serves individuals with very high needs, active issues, who often end up homeless, in hospitals and jails. The program would wrap services around the person to help prevent this.

Brenda Erickson gave an overview of the budget proposal. The program starts small serving Carroll and Crawford Counties with up to 50 members enrolled. Once the program is approved/accredited by Medicaid it will provide a reimbursement to the Region. This program is only funded by Medicaid at this time. This will be a core service the Region needs to have in place. There is a per-diem per day reimbursement rate based on the level of the provider who serves the person on a day. Brenda is working very hard to make this cost effective in a way that it can be developed across the whole region. They would like to implement by July 1, 2020. \$469,000 is the request and it can be voted on at the next meeting. Dawn Mentzer will run the budget numbers for the Board. This is a one-year request at this time depending on the reimbursements that may come in.

d) Regional Legal Counsel

Dawn Mentzer reviewed a case of a person who was placed at an RCF with a 90-day funding agreement. The person was to be placed in the community under Habilitation funding which he was already approved for, however, that didn't happen within the 90 days and the RCF kept him without payment from the region. The facility has sought legal counsel, and they have contacted Dawn with questions. Dawn requested the opinion of the Buena Vista County Attorney but he didn't want to respond as the person is not from Buena Vista County. Dawn

spoke to Gary Jones about this and she is waiting to hear back from him, and she is unsure if he will represent in court if needed.

Dawn may be meeting with Collin Johnson, Crawford County Attorney (acting), since the person gained residency in Crawford County while at Stepping Stones.

Scott Jacobs suggested using the 5 hours of legal counsel provided by ICAP insurance. Dawn will wait to hear from Gary Jones and will keep the board updated.

8) Next meeting

A motion to set the next meeting on March 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Cobblestone, Holstein by Cecil Blum. Second by Brent Wilhelm. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 4:09 pm by Dennis Bush. Second by Rocky De Witt. Motion Carried unanimously.