



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region Governance Board Meeting

Cobblestone Inn and Suites, Holstein

*Face to Face Meeting attendance available for Board Members and essential staff only.
Zoom link available below for any Board Members who wish to attend via Zoom and for
Attendance by the Public.*

July 22, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order –Chairman, Paul Merten**
- 2) **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.
Motion to go into closed session by Creston Schubert. Second by Cecil Blum. Motion carried.
Motion to go out of closed session by Cecil Blum. Second by Brent Wilhelm. Motion carried.
- 3) **Roll Call of Counties – Introductions**
Buena Vista: Paul Merten
Calhoun: Carl Legore (via phone)
Carroll: Neil Bock (via Zoom)
Cherokee: Dennis Bush (via Zoom)
Crawford: Cecil Blum
Ida: Creston Schubert
Sac: Brent Wilhelm
Woodbury: Rocky DeWitt
Advisory Board Voting Members: Joleen Schmidt, Parent Representative, Jennifer Collins, AEA
Advisory Board non-voting member: Kim Keleher, PAMHC
Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Louise Galbraith, Leisa Mayer, Coordinators

Staff present by Zoom: Lisa Bringle, Theresa Jochum, Coordinators

Guest present by Zoom: Deidra Brown, Clay Adams, Jessica Stangl, Wesco; Jason Boyd, MidStep; Melissa Drey, PAMHC; Rebecca Crackin, Seasons Center; Shawn Fick, Goodwill; Sheila Martin, Nicky Eaton, SMHC; Sheri Porter, Simple Life; Teresa Magnuson, Crossroads; Jay Ricke, ITP; Kerri Hall, SHIP; Karla Manternach, Counseling Services, LLC; Jonette Spurlock, Center for Siouxland; Jim France, ARC of Woodbury County

4) Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion by Brent Wilhelm to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion approved unanimously

5) Approval of Agenda

Additions/changes: none requested

A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Rocky DeWitt. Second by Creston Schubert. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Comments from the Public: Everyone will have an opportunity to speak. Therefore, comments may be limited to three minutes on any one item.

None

7) Unfinished Business

a) Monthly Financial Report – Action

Dawn Mentzer reviewed the May (revised) and June financial reports as summarized.

May 2020 (revised)

Beginning balance:	\$3,326,709.55
Revenue:	\$1,140,887.91
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 240,575.95</u>
Ending balance:	\$4,227,021.51

June 2020

Beginning balance:	\$4,227,021.51
Revenue:	\$ 138,402.80
Expenditures:	<u>\$ 280,577.96</u>
Ending balance:	\$4,084,846.35

The ending balance for June is higher than the original projection, this is partly due to CoVID.

Discussion: Cecil Blum asked if the cost savings due to CoVID could lead to double dipping of funds? Dawn does not anticipate this happening.

A motion to accept the monthly financial report by Brent Wilhelm. Second by Creston Schubert. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

b) 2021 County payment schedule / Block grant payment schedule

Two decisions need to be addressed for FY'21 payment schedules. First, counties do not have the funds to make the first quarterly payment in July so a new payment date needs to be set. Second, Dawn is proposing to pay provider block grants at 50% now and the rest when the first quarterly payments come in from Counties.

A motion by Brent Wilhelm to pay provider block grants at 50% of first and third quarters with the remaining 50% first quarter and third quarterly payments with the second and fourth quarters respectively after the counties have made contributions to the region. 2nd by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Brent Wilhelm for county contributions to be paid November 1st and May 1st. Second by Rocky DeWitt. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Management Plan approval correspondence

On July 16, 2020, Dawn presented the Rolling Hills Management Plan to the MH/DS Commission. It was recommended for approval by DHS that day retroactive to July 1, 2020.

8) New Business

a) Crisis Service Updates – Melissa Drey/Nicolle Eaton

Melissa Drey reported that they have been keeping in touch with access points to let them know they will come out into the community. Out of 29 calls only 31% went inpatient with the rest remaining at home. Melissa is starting to meet with Colleges within the region, and will meet with Buena Vista University in August and the rest to follow. If the schools are not comfortable with staff going into the schools they can Zoom during a crisis if needed. Melissa is going to reconnect with all the schools concerning the programs available. Ashley Miller stated that due to CoVID there has been a decline in referrals and admissions to Turning Point.

Nicky Eaton reported that they have also seen a decline in MCAT and the Assessment Center. MCAT has served 19 persons and 11% were referred to the Assessment Center. Most referrals are coming from the Police Department and they continue to meet monthly and work closely together. They are also talking to the Courts concerning prescreening for those coming in seeking a committal. The court seems to be accepting of this for voluntary cases and they will continue to meet and are also working with Cindy Wiemold and Ann Landers. They are continuing marketing efforts for the assessment center and MCAT.

Dennis Bush asked if there has been an increase in suicides if people cannot get in for services. Nicky stated that if individuals are not willing to leave their home there are alternatives with phone and computer/telehealth services.

9) Core Services Discussion

Dawn Mentzer reviewed the core services. Adult and some children's services need to be in place

by July 2021. The advisory boards/committees for adults and children will be meeting tomorrow. Dawn provided a guide and definitions of services, and reviewed the services in place and those in development or needed. Dawn would like the board to start thinking of the direction they would like to take in core service development and would like this to be the focus this year. As these services need to be in place by July 2021, and if they are not all developed, would be the board be comfortable with that.

Brent Wilhelm asked how many regions will be in compliance? Dawn was not sure of a number but is certain there will be some.

Kim Keleher likes the virtual model for the access center wrapped around MCAT, crisis homes and other services available. Sheila Martin agrees with Kim, that the virtual model would work, and that MCO's need to pay.

10) CARES Act Distribution to MH/DS Regions

Dawn Mentzer reported that \$9.50 per capita, which will be about \$1.8 million for the region, will be distributed. Spending of the funds has to be tied back to CoVID and what is not spent by December 31, 2020 reverts back to the federal government. Dawn sent an email to providers and received good feedback on potential needs for funds such as, missed services due to CoVID, IT equipment to provide remote services, PPE, staffing costs, missed fundraisers. Dawn is hoping that the transition home (Stepping Stones 2) can be tied to CoVID. Once rules are out for how it can be spent, a meeting will be held with providers. This will also be discussed at the CEO meetings. Dawn will send the criteria out once she receives it.

11) Schedule next meeting August 26, 2020

A motion by Brent Wilhelm to set the next meeting on August 26, 2020 at 2:30 pm. Second by Rocky DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously

A motion to adjourn at 4:11 pm by Rocky DeWitt. Second by Cecil Blum. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Louise Galbraith, Coordinator