



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting was held via Zoom

Monday April 26, 2021

2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions—Shannon Williams, Chair/Kelle Wedeking, Vice Chair

Those in attendance: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayer, Theresa Jochum, Julie Albright, Louise Galbraith, Coordinators; Melissa Drey, PAMHC; Fitz Grant, Sanford Center; JaMaine Wamburg, Nicky Eaton, Jessi Maxwell, SMHC; Sue Gehling, Classroom Clinic; Cindy Duhrkopf, Early Childhood Iowa; Kerri Hall, SHIP; Steve Kremer, Juvenile Court Services; Chad Jensen, New Opportunities; Brenda Cain, Rosecrance; Joan Hansen, NWAEA; Annette Koster, Jennifer Collins, NWAEA; Courtney Cook, Prairie Lakes AEA; Kathy Fritz, CASA

2. Core Services Discussion

- Website Development – Theresa Jochum

Theresa Jochum updated on the website development progress. The website will be similar to the Southwest Iowa Region so attendees were encouraged to review theirs to get a better idea of what it will contain. It will include a list of resources in the region that can be sorted and printed. The site should be up and running in June 2021. An application for Cares funding has been submitted to the region to fund the start-up costs. There was a discussion of a live chat option, it would be challenging for the region to have someone available at all times (during working hours). We could possibly look at something that would have a time frame as to when staff would respond.

- Mobile Crisis for Children – Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey

Nicky Eaton has been working with the Sioux City schools and they have worked out a process for MCAT and schools. They have already received several calls from the schools. Melissa Drey continues to have contact with schools to remind them that MCAT is an option for them.

Jennifer Collins asked Nicky to share the process they have with the Sioux City schools so AEA can be aware and use as a resource when working with schools and students.

Fitz Grant reported that they will be in 4 schools in the west side of Sioux City (adding an additional school next school year). Sanford Center can be used as a resource.

3. Community Based Crisis Stabilization –

Melissa Drey shared that there was a meeting with her, Nicky Eaton and Dawn Mentzer with Eyerly Ball in Des Moines. Eyerly Ball is running their program like what we are looking at. The program is in the person's home for up to 5 days, with a case manager 1 hour a day and a therapist up to an hour a day as well. The person in crisis is triaged and referred to outpatient services as needed. They are averaging 8 persons per month who need the in-home services. The service will be for both children and adults. The service is an in-home service for those who do not meet inpatient level of care.

4. Provider Updates?

Dawn Mentzer reported that \$483,851 in Cares requests were received in round 4. \$326,057 is being recommended for funding, and any funds left will be sent to the State prior to the deadline of June 30, 2021.

Meetings have been held with both Pocahontas and Humboldt Counties which have included the Humboldt County schools. MCAT is looking to expand into the area. A new coordinator will be hired to serve both counties and be trained in SOAR.

Jessi Maxwell reminded us that the Crittenton Center is closed and will not reopen. This will cause a need for services. Steve Kremer said it is dicey right now with placements, the Crittenton Center would take younger children which will not be an option now.

5. Next Meeting: May 24, 2021 at 2:30 Location to be determined.