



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting will be held via Zoom

Monday May 24, 2021

2:30 p.m.

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

Those in attendance: Dawn Mentzer, Shannon Williams, Melissa Drey, JaMaine Wamberg, Sue Gehling, Cindy Duhrkopf, Annette Koster, Theresa Jochum, Lisa Bringle, Leisa Mayer, Kerri Hall, Jessie Maxwell, Amy Riesberg, Nicholle Eaton, Julie Albright, Jim France, Kim Keleher, Louise Galbraith, Pat Cirks, Annette Koster

2. SF 619 Legislative Update – Dawn Mentzer

Dawn Mentzer provided an update: the House and Senate passed SF619 is waiting for the Governor to sign. Changes coming include a buyout of the mental health county levy and after FY22 it will be fully funded by the State. Since the State will control money, they will also control how we spend it and what services. We will be forced to spend out fund balance or any overages will be withheld from State payments. We will need to meet outcomes and will have performance based outcomes in contracts with providers in order to qualify for incentive funding. This will give DHS authority to approve and change region budgets and dissolve regions. Dawn feels we are moving toward larger regions possibly looking similar to Department of Public Health Regions.

Cindy Durhrkopf asked if there was anything mentioned about prevention? It is in the rules so that has not changed.

3. Core Services Discussion

- **Website Development Update – Theresa Jochum**

Theresa updated on the development. We are in the process of sending resources to be in put into the resource directory. It will be completed in June and will have more to update on at the next meeting.

- **Mobile Crisis Update for Children – Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey**

Nicolle updated on the progress of mobile crisis and connecting with the Sioux City schools and a protocol is now in place. Calls are coming in for triage in the clinic and schools, being a resource.

Melissa updated that mobile crisis with kids is going well and schools are calling. Recently law enforcement called about a 15-year-old, Leisa Mayer and YSS in Fort Dodge assisted as well. We need more placement options. They are seeing behavioral needs in the schools. Finding trainers and time to provide de-escalation training in the schools has been challenging (trainings are usually set up a year in advance in the schools). Different training ideas were discussed and can be looked at. Trainings can be held and school and daycare staff can be invited to attend. Foster Care system and providers would also be a good group to invite to training.

4. Community Based Crisis Stabilization - Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey

Nicolle Eaton gave an update and overview: it is felt that our mobile crisis services will meet the criteria. Working with CEOs of the region and mental health centers. Mobile crisis will be the triage call/intake. If it is felt that the service meets the needs of the person, the social worker and therapy would meet daily in their home for up to 5 days.

5. Provider Updates?

None

6. Next Meeting: June 28, 2021 at 2:30 via Zoom