



# Rolling Hills

## Community Services Region

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### Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting was held via Zoom

July 26, 2021

2:30 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions—Chair - Vacant/Kelle Wedeking, Vice Chair**

Those in attendance: Louise Galbraith, Leisa Mayer, Theresa Jochum, Lisa Bringle, Alison Hauser, Rolling Hills; Andrew Dutler, Sioux City PD; Joan Hansen, Nicolle Eaton, Jessi Maxwell, Cindy Duhrkopf, Partnerships for Families; JaMaine Wamberg, Siouxland Mental Health Center; Patricia Cirks, YSC

**2. Appoint Children's Provider Representative to Governance Board/Replacement for Shannon Williams on Children's Advisory Committee/Children's Advisory Committee Chair**

Leisa Mayer informed the group that we need to replace Shannon Williams on the advisory committee and as Chair. Kelle Wedeking, Vice Chair was not present to ask if she would like to be Chair. Lisa Bringle recommended Steve Kremer to serve on the Governance Board as provider of children's services rep. and will see if he is interested. Tabled for lack of a quorum.

**3. Community Based Crisis Stabilization - Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey**

Nicolle Eaton provided an update. Siouxland Mental Health Center and Plains Area Mental Health Center have both applied for accreditation with DHS, but they are 8 months out. Nicolle thinks most of the accreditation process will be done virtually since it is not a facility-based program. They believe it will not be a highly used program, but good for parents who cannot leave children, or people who do not want to leave pets. The goal is to have it in place as soon as accreditation is approved.

**4. Sesame Street in our Communities – Designate Reps to committee to decide on distribution process**

Lisa Bringle reported that 10 boxes have been ordered and are being shipped. We need a process to be distributed in the region. Do we need a committee to develop a list of where they should be distributed? Cindy Duhrkopf gave an overview of the program, it is social-emotional material for young children. There are also videos and handouts available on the website. Cindy will get contact information on who from AEA is in each county to distribute. Joan Hansen has used the materials, even using videos when zooming with kids (therapy). Lisa Bringle suggested putting the link on our website:

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/community/greater-des-moines-iowa/>

#### **5. Student Empowerment and Resiliency Teams – Tentative**

Leisa Mayer gave an update on South Central Calhoun Schools: SERT is a gathering of school personnel (teachers, admin.) providers, law enforcement, county attorney and so forth. Concerns about students and families are addressed, and they are meeting during the summer. They are also working on BRIC (building resiliency in our community) and developing mentoring program which will start with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. They are working on grants and hopefully hiring a part time person. Mentors and their students will meet during school times, it could expand outside of school at some point with parent approval.

Lisa Bringle reported on Cherokee Schools: they are legislative based so there needs to be a reason to talk about a child/family and there is a privacy form that is signed. It is also a good way to learn what providers have to offer and make connections. Cherokee has a mentoring program in the middle school and has more mentors than mentees which is a good problem to have.

#### **6. Provider Updates**

Nicolle Eaton, Siouxland Mental Health is opening an urgent care program on August 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be open Monday – Friday from 9am to 3 pm.

Theresa Jochum updated on the regional website. We are currently editing providers and resources. The website link will be sent to advisory boards along with a template for any corrections providers may need to have made.

#### **7. Other?**

#### **8. Next Meeting: August 30, 2021 at 2:30 pm**