



# Rolling Hills

## Community Services Region

Buena Vista \* Calhoun \* Carroll \* Cherokee \* Crawford \* Humboldt \* Ida \*  
Pocahontas \* Sac \* Woodbury

### Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting was held via Zoom

September 27, 2021

2:30 p.m.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions—Chair - Vacant Appoint Committee Chair

Those in Attendance: Louise Galbraith, Julie Albright, Alison Hauser, Leisa Mayer, Lisa Bringle, Theresa Jochum, Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills; Laurel Zoet, NWAEA; Melissa Drey, PAMHC; Nicolle Eaton, Jessi Maxwell, JaMaine Wamberg, SMHC; Deidra Brown, Wesco; Steve Kremer, Juvenile Court Services; Sue Gehling, Classroom Clinic; Pat Cirks, North Central Iowa Youth and Shelter Services; Elizabeth Stanek, Partnership for Families; Annette Koster, Early Childhood; Joan Hansen, Prairie Lakes AEA

#### 2. Community Based Crisis Stabilization Update - Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey

Nicolle Eaton provided an update on the progress made by Siouxland Mental Health Center and Plains Area Mental Health Center. The program provides therapeutic services in homes rather than a crisis center and serves all ages for up to 5 days. This program may benefit kids that can't leave the home, or they don't quite meet level of care for the stabilization programs. It is a voluntary service. Both agencies are working on hiring and making sure they have the right staff in place before starting the program. There is no cost to the family or individual, however, they can bill Medicaid.

#### 3. Website Update – Theresa Jochum

Theresa Jochum updated on the progress of the website. The address is [www.rollinghillsregion.com](http://www.rollinghillsregion.com), and should be live October 4, 2021. If you want to add upcoming events or resource items just let a staff member know. Schools, AEA's and providers can put our link on their websites.

#### **4. Crittenton Training Proposal**

Dawn Mentzer asked for feedback on the proposal which was sent out with the governance board information. The proposal is requesting funds for a full-time trainer for the Crittenton Center and other items (total asking is about \$209,000). It is one time funding, as once staff is trained; they will then have staff who are “train the trainers”. The shelter had to be closed for a period due to lack of staff and training needs. Dawn has concerns with the funding as it is not a core service, and funding issues coming up. Steve Kremer commented that the shelter needs to open, and it is a need. However, they have not asked anyone else for funding, they can look at other agencies they work with for funding. He believes we need to concentrate on core services.

Joan Hansen commented that some of the trainings are similar to some provided by schools and AEA's. She is wondering if there are other agencies that are doing the trainings that they can partner with. Train the trainers can provide coaching to employees. Lisa Bringle suggested we work on a list of who provides trainings that can partner with other providers.

Steve Kremer will provide a recommendation to the Governance Board at the next meeting as the Children's Committee Representative and Gov Board Non-voting member on behalf of the group.

#### **5. Performance Based Contracts/EBP's**

Lisa Bringle represents Rolling Hills on the State steering committee. The EBPs are broken down by service area. There has been a lot of good research and ideas on how to learn, develop and implement. There is a meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, which may change things and provide clarification moving forward. Lisa reached out to Joan and Jennifer concerning Positive Behavioral Supports and they are willing to help with this.

Dawn Mentzer reminded the board that performance based contracts will be in effect January 1, 2022 and shared the sample contract and went over it. It outlines access standards, and we will need to be at a level of 85%. We will need to work with providers to determine what needs to be reported on and how to evaluate the data. There are corrective action plans with the State if we are not in compliance. If we are out of compliance and can not fix it, the State has the authority to dissolve a region. Also, if our compliance percentage is below 85% the state can withhold up to 15% of our state funding.

#### **6. Iowa BEST Training**

Iowa BEST training is coming up November 2 and 3 at the Iowa Events Center. It is a free training; Dawn can send the information out if needed.

7. **Provider Updates**

None

8. **Other?**

None

9. **Next Meeting: October 25, 2021, 2:30 p.m.**