



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting will be held via Zoom

February 28, 2021

2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Those in attendance: Theresa Jochum, Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith, Leisa Mayer, Julie Albright, Alison Hauser, Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills; LeAnn Olhausen, Loring Hospital; Melissa Drey, PAMHC; Jean Heiden, RHCS Governance Board; Sue Gehling, Classroom Clinic; JaMaine Wamberg, Sheila Martin, Nicolle Eaton, SMHC; Deidra Brown, Wesco

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

Melissa Drey – both agencies have submitted applications, policies and procedures to DHS for accreditation, they should be reviewing the information in the next few weeks. The agencies are hoping for a provisional authorization so they can start. The program will take services into the home for 3-5 days including a therapist, psych. provider and so forth. They are hoping to start the program before July 1, 2022. Nicolle sees this beneficial for children as an alternative to provide stabilization services. As long as the parent consents to the service, they can serve children of any age.

Sue Gehling asked if the University of Iowa, the center for school mental health, has been working with any of the regions. No one had heard of this. Sue explained it targets research, services and training for schools. The program will be up and running in the fall and will focus on crisis response teams in the schools. Melissa will reach out to them for more information.

3. Mobile Crisis for Children Update - Nicolle Eaton and Melissa Drey

Melissa Drey of Plains Area Mental Health reports that 38 – 40% of calls are for kids and can see how this will work well with community-based crisis stabilization. They did have a call

from Manning school and the family came in as well. Nicolle Eaton of Siouxland Mental Health reports about 30% of calls are for kids.

4. Crittenton Proposal for Therapeutic Resources Update – Dawn Mentzer

Dawn Mentzer reported that the governance board approved the request of \$35,000 that will be divided between Rolling Hills, Sioux Rivers and Northwest Iowa Care Connections Regions. This will help with training for staff in mental health and therapeutic resources. \$11,667 is the cost to our region.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2022, 2:30 p.m.