



**Rolling Hills
Community Services Region
Governance Board Meeting
Zoom only
March 27, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.**

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order –Chairman, Paul Merten**
- 2) Roll Call of Governance Board Members**

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun: Scott Jacobs

Carroll: Gene Meiners

Cherokee: Cheryl Ellis

Pocahontas: Clarence Sieper

Woodbury: Daniel Bittinger (absent)

Education System: Joan Hansen

Calhoun County Public Health (Family Representative): Joleen Schmit

Mental Health Matters, LLC (Family Representative): Jamaine Wamburg (absent)

Plains Area Mental Health (Provider Representative): Kim Keleher

Juvenile Court Services: Robert Fritz

Law Enforcement Representative: Brian Flikeid (absent)

Children’s Provider Representative: Kim Scorza

Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Kelsey Allen, Administrative Assistant; Caylyn Bishop, Theresa Jochum, Coordinators.

Guests: Ashley Miller, Tracy Delao, Brenda Erickson, PAMHC; Nicolle Eaton, SMHC; Deidra Brown, Katie Schurke, WESCO; Becky Shelton, ITP; Cindy Wilde, Goodwill; Mindi Rotert, St. Anthony’s; Todd Lange, Wellpoint; Amanda Weber, Howard Center; Rob Aiken, HHS.

- 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting – Action**

A motion to approve the February 28, 2024, minutes as amended by Kim Keleher. Second Gene Meiners. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Approval of Agenda – Action**

Changes/additions: None.

A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Clarence Siepker. Second Scott Jacobs. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) **Comments from the Public: Everyone will have an opportunity to speak. Therefore, comments may be limited to three minutes on any one item.**

6) **Unfinished Business**

a) **February 2024 Financial Report – Action**

Dawn Mentzer presented the February 2024 financial report as summarized:

Beginning balance as of 2/1/24	\$6,553,063.85
Expenditures	\$742,458.76
Revenues	<u>\$40,984.61</u>
Ending balance as of 2/29/24	\$5,851,589.70

Revenue from 7/1/23 – 2/29/24 was \$5,256,287.40. Expenditures from 7/1/23 – 2/29/24 were \$4,700,934.08 (45.66% remaining). FY'24 budget of \$8,650,277.00.

A motion to approve the February 2024 Financial Reports as presented by Gene Meiners. Second Kim Scorza. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

b) **School Based Funding Request from Decat Coordinator – Action**

Dawn Mentzer continued the discussion that was tabled from the last meeting due to lack of information. Dawn attended a meeting with SHIP and they stated that they have received funding for FY'24, but FY'25 is uncertain and this is why Mollie Scott is asking our region for funding to cover Crawford, Carroll, and Sac counties in the amount of \$67,000.00. There is no news whether funding will be available after FY'25, if the board decides to approve this request there needs to be some contingencies.

Kim Scorza suggested that the board make a conditional approval for gap funding for a year. Gene Meiners stated this needs to be a one-time request. Cheryl Ellis suggested the board table this request once more as they do not have all the information necessary. Kim Keleher believes more information will be provided when the HHS FY'25 budget is released at the end of April 2024. Gene Meiners suggested the board ask Mollie Scott to be present at the next meeting to answer questions.

A motion to table this request and invite Mollie Scott to the next Governance Board meeting as presented by Cheryl Ellis. Second Kim Scorza. Discussion: None. Abstentions: Kim Keleher, Robert Fritz. Motion carried unanimously

7) **New Business**

a) **Crittenton Center Training Request for Funds – Action**

Dawn Mentzer shared that the three regions in NWIA have been asked for financial support for training. The board previously approved and paid for training; however, they are now asking for trauma-informed training in the amount of \$10,298.00 from Rolling Hills.

Kim Scorza shared that the Crittenton Center will be adding beds next month, which they will need CDT training for 50-60 staff to help manage the increase. The training will be provided by an agency out of Indiana that comes on-site to witness staff with clients, designs a plan, and returns to provide personalized training. Relias is another training platform targeted for individual training rather than group. They have secured half the funds through a grant but are still needing assistance to reach the full amount. They have sent this funding request to Sioux Rivers, Care Connections, and Rolling Hills, 3 Regions, with Sioux Rivers agreeing to pay per capita and Care Connections unable to assist due to their budget. There is a total of 39 kids and they have maxed out of space in Sioux City, leaving kids waiting for beds to open up.

Dawn Mentzer asked if the region will be reapproached for additional funding if Sioux Rivers pays per capita and Care Connections does not pay at all. Kim Scorza stated they would have to reevaluate the trainings and discover if there are any other monies they haven't secured yet; however, this will be the final request to Rolling Hills.

A motion to approve the Crittenton Center Training Funding Request in the amount of \$10,298.00 as presented by Robert Fritz. Second Kim Keleher. Discussion: None. Abstentions: Kim Scorza. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Plains Area Mental Health Center FY'25 Budget Request – Discussion

Kim Keleher discussed that the funding for their budget is currently up in the air until the CCBHC goes through, a lot of funding will fall under the CCBHC, but there needs to be a contingency plan. They are requesting additional funds for a two-person MCAT response system, there will be a north and south team for better coverage in a timely manner which will require additional staff and also six case managers who will assist the therapist in coordinating social care needs. With Plymouth County in the Sioux Rivers region, they are only asking for 80% of the budget. Sioux Rivers will make their decision at next month's board meeting.

SMHC also asked for funds for a two-person MCAT team. Kim Scorza asked what they will do if they do not get the CCBHC. Kim Keleher stated that this is the contingency plan, if region funding and the CCBHC do not go through then a lot of services will have to go away. Kim Scorza asked if they will still move to a two-person team without funding. Kim Keleher stated they cannot do it without funding.

Kim Keleher reminded everyone that if the CCBHC goes through, all services will be covered except crisis services, public education, and clubhouse, which will be funded by the Regions. The CCBHC announcement will be made in June 2024.

c) Schedule next meeting – April 24, 2024 at 2:30

A motion to schedule the next meeting for April 24, 2024, at 2:30pm by Gene Meiners. Second Joan Hansen. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Kim Scorza. Second Kim Keleher. Discussion: None. Motion carried

unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kelsey Allen, Administrative Assistant.