



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Governance Board Meeting

Rolling Hills Regional Office, 605 Cayuga St. Storm Lake

April 24, 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 (absent)
 - Calhoun: Scott Jacobs – via Zoom
 - Carroll: Gene Meiners
 - Cherokee: Cheryl Ellis – via Zoom
 - Pocahontas: Clarence Siepker
 - Woodbury: Daniel Bittinger – via Zoom
 - Education System: Joan Hansen – via Zoom
 - Calhoun County Public Health (Family Representative): Joleen Schmit – via Zoom
 - Mental Health Matters, LLC (Family Representative): Jamaine Wamburg – via Zoom
 - Plains Area Mental Health (Provider Representative): Kim Keleher
 - Juvenile Court Services: Robert Fritz – via Zoom
 - Law Enforcement Representative: Brian Flikeid – via Zoom
 - Children’s Provider Representative: Kim Scorza – via Zoom
 - Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Kelsey Allen, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Bringle, Theresa Jochum, Coordinators.
 - Guests: Ashley Miller, Tracy Delao, Brenda Erickson, PAMHC; Nicolle Eaton, Jessi Maxwell, SMHC; Cindy Wilde, Goodwill; Todd Lange, Wellpoint; Maggie Martinez, BVRMC; Theresa Magnussen, Imagine the Possibilities; Mollie Scott, Decat; Cindy Durkopf, Partnerships for Families.
- 3) Minutes of Previous Meeting – Action
 - A motion to approve the March 27, 2024, minutes as amended by Kim Keleher. Second Clarence Siepker. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 4) Approval of Agenda – Action
 - A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Clarence Siepker. Second Kim Scorza. 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) March 2024 Financial Report – Action

Dawn Mentzer will present the March 2024 financial report at the next Governance Board meeting due to lack of documentation from counties.

b) School Based Funding Request from Decat Coordinator – Action

Mollie Scott discussed that funding for DECAT is uncertain at this time. With the unknown of future funding Decat is reaching out to Rolling Hills as a back-up plan, there will be a board meeting in May and there should be more answers provided at that time.

Dawn Mentzer stated the Governors' budget has been released and it shows \$1.7 million in funding. Kim Scorza stated that her understanding is that future funding is status quo, with the real issue being that juvenile courts and HHS need to discuss how to spend the dollars. Kim Scorza does not believe it's right to put regions in the middle of it and she is not in favor of moving forward as it opens a can of worms. Kim Keleher stated that PAMHC is a recipient and she believes this needs to wait until at least next month. Kim Scorza stated that Keri Hall, SHIP, shared that will be there. Gene Meiners believes this can be readdressed if the original funding does not work out.

The board consensus has agreed to table this until the original funding is determined.

c) Plains Area Mental Health Center FY'25 Budget Request – Action

Kim Keleher discussed the need to increase wages by \$3.00/hour to attract staff and they are moving to a two-person response for mobile crisis. The increase for Turning Point is all wages and the CCBHC grant does not cover the crisis home. Case management is moving to teams-based care, they will hire case managers to help therapists to cover paperwork and other duties. If the CCBHC goes through most of these costs will be covered by that, if not, we will know by mid-June and will need a contingency plan. Brenda Erickson expressed the need to increase wages as they are losing staff.

Kim Scorza asked when funds would be released if PAMHC gets approved for the CCBHC. Kim Keleher stated they are effective July 1, 2024, but do not have specifics to the bill and MCO's will be sent bills, there could be a delay in payment. If they are granted the CCBHC, they will turn back the funds received from the region for next year that would be under the CCBHC. The North team needs to get started this year and with funds being approved by Sioux Rivers we need to secure the other portion from the region. If the CCBHC doesn't go through, we still must fund the programs so there needs to be a contingency for next year's funding.

Dawn Mentzer shared this was previously discussed at the March meeting which Kim Keleher

presented at.

The total costs for the North-team mobile crisis is \$644,766.00, however, Sioux Rivers will pay \$322,000.00 up front and 20% of the remaining costs for FY'25 leaving our portion in the amount of \$257,906.40.

The total request after the Sioux Rivers deduction is \$2,492,305.00, which is an increase of \$648,810.00, however, Sioux Rivers and Care Connections will continue making Turning Point payments. That leaves \$502,191.00 as the total increase for FY'25. Dawn's recommendation is to use the funds for FY'24.

Dawn Mentzer asked for the difference in the FY'25 budget for SMHC. Nicolle Eaton stated it has almost doubled. Dawn Mentzer asked SMHC if they are also looking to increase to a two-person team. Nicolle Eaton stated they are. This will need to be addressed at a future meeting.

A motion to approve this request with a contingency upon the CCBHC grant as presented by Kim Scorza. Second Clarence Siepker. Discussion: None. Abstentions: Kim Keleher. Motion carried unanimously.

7) New Business

a) FY'25 Contracts

- *Cherokee Regional Medical Center
- *Mid-Step Services
- *Center for Siouxland
- *Manning Regional Healthcare Center
- *Sanford Center
- *BVRMC
- *Family Resource Center

Dawn Mentzer stated there have been no changes to the above contracts for FY'25.

A motion to approve the contracts as presented by Brian Flikeid. Second Dan Bittinger. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Cherokee Regional Medical Center Training Request – Action

Dawn Mentzer shared the request of \$93,750.00 for aggressive behavior training for the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. This is not only for mental health needs but all other individuals. The Advisory Board met on Monday, April 22, 2024, and decided to deny this request.

Kim Keleher presented the denial recommendation from Advisory Board and how it was discussed that because they are a hospital and not a mental health provider this would also be used for persons without mental health needs and could potentially open the book for other hospitals to ask for funds as such. The board previously approved \$50,000.00 for provider trainings but this should not be included.

Brian Flikeid shared that he is familiar with MOAB training and believes a large portion is mental

health. This is a train-the-trainer course which would benefit the community for years to come. The request was not only for Cherokee Regional Medical Center but for all hospitals within the region, up to 30 people. Brian agrees with the proposal itself but not the amount being requested. Kim Scorza believes this would set a precedent and she is not sure this is what we want to do with all the uncertainty with our providers.

A motion to deny this request as presented by Kim Scorza. Second Clarence Siepker. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Governor's Behavioral Health Alignment Bill

Dawn Mentzer discussed that this is awaiting the Governor's signature, which she is very likely to sign this session, as it has passed the House and Senate. There are currently seven districts but that could be shifting, the map will be released August 1, 2024. They removed the language that allows a for-profit to bid for an ASO, this is great news. The biggest factor is that administrative costs are limited to 7%. Dawn is currently having conversations with other regions and providers to make the best decision for the region.

Gene Meiners asked if there are any answers regarding what happens to properties owned by the regions. Dawn Mentzer and Kim Keleher both stated there have been no answers yet. Kim Scorza expressed her gratitude that the for-profit language was taken out as that was concerning. Kim Keleher shared that Magellan did express interest and would take over the entire State. Dawn Mentzer shared that our region is currently in the district with 19 counties going up north, excluding Humboldt.

d) Schedule next meeting – May 22, 2024 at 2:30

A motion to schedule the next meeting for May 22, 2024, at 2:30pm by Scott Jacobs. Second Joan Hansen. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Scott Jacobs. Second Joan Hansen. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kelsey Allen, Administrative Assistant.