



**Rolling Hills
Community Services Region
Governance Board Meeting
Rolling Hills Regional Office, 605 Cayuga St. Storm Lake
May 22, 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 – via Zoom

Cherokee: Cheryl Ellis – via Zoom

Pocahontas: Clarence Sieper

Woodbury: Daniel Bittinger – via Zoom

Education System: Joan Hansen – via Zoom

Calhoun County Public Health (Family Representative): Joleen Schmit (absent)

Mental Health Matters, LLC (Family Representative): Jamaine Wamburg – via Zoom

Plains Area Mental Health (Provider Representative): Kim Keleher – via Zoom

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; Caylyn Bishop, Lisa

Bringle, Theresa Jochum, Coordinators.

Guests: Ashley Miller, PAMHC; Nicolle Eaton, Jodi Ryan, SMHC; Cindy Wilde, Goodwill; Todd Lange, Wellpoint; Maggie Martinez, BVRMC; Amanda Weber, Howard Center; Deidra Brown, Clay Adams, Wesco; Mindi Rotert, St. Anthony’s.

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting – Action

A motion to approve the April 24, 2024, minutes as presented by Kim Keleher. Second Gene Meiners. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Approval of Agenda – Action

A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Clarence Sieper. Second Joan Hansen. 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.**

Unfinished Business

a) March & April 2024 Financial Reports – Action

Dawn Mentzer presented the April 2024 financial report as summarized:

Beginning balance as of 4/1/24	\$5,461,807.02
Expenditures	\$979,394.43
Revenues	<u>\$607,253.07</u>
Ending balance as of 4/30/24	\$5,089,665.66

Revenue from 7/1/23 – 4/30/24 was \$5,851,313.96. Expenditures from 7/1/23 – 4/30/24 were \$6,154,656.31 (28.85% remaining). FY'24 budget of \$8,650,277.00.

Dawn Mentzer stated that the quarterly payments for PAMHC and Wesco, which is a large sum and will help to deplete the remaining balance, are to be paid out with the next claims cycle.

A motion to approve the April 2024 Financial Reports as presented by Scott Jacobs. Second Jamaine Wamburg. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

b) FY'25 Contracts - Action

- *Berryhill Center**
- *Loring Hospital**
- *New Perspectives**
- *Counseling Services, LLC**
- *Crawford County Memorial Hospital**
- *Howard Center**
- *Horn Memorial Hospital**
- *The ARC of Woodbury County**
- *Wesco**
- *Goodwill**
- *Humboldt Memorial Hospital**

Dawn Mentzer shared we are still waiting on some contracts. There are three providers with changes for FY25, including Counseling Services, LLC, and Howard Center due to an increase in Medicaid rates. Also, Wesco is requesting an additional \$40,000.00 due to an increase in health insurance for Stepping Stones and a negotiated Union raise. There are no other changes to the above contracts.

A motion to approve the contracts as presented by Gene Meiners. Second Kim Keleher.

Abstentions: Joan Hansen. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7) New Business

a) Crittenton Center Funding Request – Action

Dawn Mentzer discussed the funding request for therapeutic resources in the transition home for children, furniture, and camp scholarships to cover 50 kids at \$500 per child. Dawn asked what camps would be made available to the children. Kim Scorza stated there are multiple camps they send children to, including Camp Autumn. The funding request for therapeutic resources is self-explanatory, while the infrastructure request is needed to care for kids and provide better safety and security. Dawn Mentzer is cautious about spending funds on infrastructure as this is raising questions with HHS on the Region's service and budget plans about dumping money inappropriately. Dawn fully supports what the Crittenton Center does for these children and is understanding of what they need. Dawn feels it is more appropriate to be billed after all the children have signed up for camp and the Region can fund up to the amount requested based on the number of children in attendance. Paul Merten questioned if the Region could be required to pay back funds spent on services not approved by HHS. Paul asked if this infrastructure payment would be justifiable. Paul Merten shared his only concern is the infrastructure request. Gene Meiners agrees. Dawn Mentzer calculated the funding request if the Board only approves the first two, excluding the infrastructure request, for a total of \$18,548.73, with the camp scholarships based on how many children attend. Kim Scorza asked if the money would need to be used prior to the end of FY24 on June 30th, 2024. Dawn Mentzer does not believe so, the board could also extend the request into FY25 if there are kids going to camp in July and August 2024. The therapeutic resources would be paid out of FY24 along with the May and June camp kids.

A motion to approve the request for therapeutic resources in the amount of \$2,206.00 and up to \$16,000.00 for children to attend camp for a total amount of \$18,548.73 as amended by Scott Jacobs. Second Gene Meiners. Discussion: None. Abstentions: Kim Scorza. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Siouxland Mental Health Center Funding Request – Action

Dawn Mentzer discussed the funding request for a security system, IT, and psychology services. Again, this raises an infrastructure concern. CARES dollars also supplied 43 laptops to SMHC. Nicolle Eaton shared her understanding of the infrastructure concerns and expressed the need for psychology services due to a shortage in the area, they are looking to contract with USD for approximately 16 hours a week for start. Dawn Mentzer agrees with the psychologist as there is a very large need and some clients are waiting too long to be seen. Nicolle Eaton clarified this would be paying for the supervisor. Paul Merten shared his concerns over the infrastructure requests again. Clarence Siepker and Gene Meiners agree to fund the psychologist but disagree with funding the two infrastructure requests.

A motion to approve the request to hire a psychologist in the amount of \$13,728.00 and to deny the request for a security system at the Merville office in the amount of \$4,254.94 and also to deny the

request for IT Infrastructure in the amount of \$13,750.00 as amended by Gene Meiners. Second Brian Flikeid. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Siouxland Mental Health Center Mobile Crisis Increase – Discussion

Dawn Mentzer readdressed the State's need for a two-person response team without utilizing law enforcement. Nicolle Eaton had put a budget together in November with an increase of \$305,000.00, at the time the Region didn't feel comfortable with it, but now this is for FY25. (\$530,139.32) which is primarily for staffing costs. The board received the same request from PAMHC and approved with a contingency. Dawn told Nicolle she would like to wait until the CCBHC grant is released. Nicolle Eaton shared they are looking at a 7% increase in the budget, about \$13,000.00 for mobile crisis. There has not been a staffing wage increase since 2019 so that accounts for a lot of the budget increase. Paul Merten would like to put this on June's meeting for action, payment to begin in FY25.

d) Future of Regional Property Ownership – Discussion

Paul Merten shared that he attended a webinar today at 1:00pm with Dawn Mentzer, Caylyn Bishop, Kelsey Allen, and Sue Lloyd, regarding the Behavior Health Districts. We asked the question about the future of Regional owned property and received no answers. The Region owns two properties, one in Sioux City and the other in Sac City. Dawn Mentzer believes the best option is to offer the properties to the current providers utilizing them at a nominal cost, if they are interested. As of June 30th, 2025, we will be dissolved and cannot have them. Clarence Siepker asked who paid to purchase the properties. Dawn Mentzer stated the Region purchased the properties using county funds. Clarence Siepker asked how the proceeds would be divided up if sold.

Paul Merten stated the 28E states the counties involved at the time of purchase will split the proceeds from the sale. Dawn Mentzer clarified that Turning Point in Sac City was purchased with county dollars while the Access Center in Sioux City was purchased with State dollars. Kim Keleher asked if the State will allow the Region to sell the properties to the providers. Dawn Mentzer has not received an answer; however, Marissa Eyanson has stated everything will be worked out in the transition plan. Paul Merten asked if the providers are interested in being the deed holders. Nicolle Eaton stated SMHC would be willing to purchase the Access Center if it is affordable, but she would like to meet privately to discuss further. Kim Keleher would like an answer from the State as providers may not be able to purchase. Scott Jacobs feels we need to talk to the county attorneys for their view due to the 28E. Clarence Siepker asked if there is a map for the new Behavioral Health Districts. Dawn Mentzer stated there is currently only a draft which puts Care Connections, Sioux Rivers, and Rolling Hills as one district. Gene Meiners shared that the original 28E states funding would revert back to the counties which were part of the 28E at the time of purchase. Paul Merten stated that is correct; however, the Access Center was partially State dollars. As long as Sac and Woodbury Counties are still our responsibility, we do not want to disrupt services but still need to follow the 28E. Clarence Siepker asked if the CSS Region gave a payment when Pocahontas and Humboldt counties joined. Kim Scorza believes the Region needs someone to send a formalized

letter about the properties so we do not have SMHC and PAMHC living in limbo.

e) Schedule next meeting – June 26, 2024 at 2:30

A motion to schedule the next meeting for June 26, 2024, at 2:30pm by Clarence Siepker. Second Scott Jacobs. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

i) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn by Jamaine Wamburg. Second Kim Keleher. Discussion: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kelsey Allen, Administrative Assistant.