

Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Regional Governing Board

Minutes

November 9, 2022 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Robert Brownell, Tom Hockensmith, Steve Van Oort, Matt McCoy, Angela Connolly, Nikki Syverson, Mardi Deluhery, Steve Johnson, Christina Smith

Members Absent:

Lorna Garcia, Jadie Boens

Also present: Annie Uetz, CEO, Behavioral Health and Disability Services (BHDS)

LET THE RECORD SHOW Supervisor Hockensmith was out of the office and participated by phone/electronically pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8.

Moved by McCoy, Seconded by Brownell to approve the October 18, 2022 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Ahrens, Community Support Advocates (Integrated Health Home and Service Coordination) and Tom Short, Easter Seals (Community Living), appeared and thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the incentive outcomes and for incentive dollars received for team members. They shared success stories of their clients with the Board and also highlighted the struggle that continues with staffing shortages and finding people to work in this field.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by Syverson to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the Resolution approving MH/ID/DD service approvals and authorizing expenditures from the MHDS Services Fund.

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by McCoy to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the Resolution approving Integrated Health Home and Service Coordination Value-Based Incentive Payments.

Moved by Van Oort, Seconded by McCoy to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the Resolution approving the allocation of value-based incentive payments to Community Living Service providers.

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by Syverson Adopting the Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Region FY 2021/2022 Annual Report and to submit the report to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by McCoy to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing submission to Iowa Department of Health and Human Services of the Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Region FY 21/22 Accrual Fund Balance Certification Statement.

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by Van Oort approving submission of the Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Regional FY 23/24 budget request.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Service Appeal Board (SAB) – the committee met (Lorna Garcia, Steve Johnson, Andrea Petrovich, Doug Stodgel and Connie McGough-Kaufmann from General Assistance. Supervisor Brownell gave input prior to the meeting) and determined, after much research by Andrea Petrovich, that at this point in time, we should hold off with making changes. There was a resolution from 1993 that needs to be reviewed. More research needs to be done and a process figured out for appeals from Children, Families and Youth Services department. Also, if changes are made to service appeal board processes, we have to resubmit a Regional Management Plan

Policies and Procedures document to the State. The Policies and Procedures document is only submitted to the State when changes occur. Changes are anticipated due to the Iowa Health and Human Services merger so we can make changes at that time. They are looking at taking all core services out of legislation and adding them to the contracts. The State has brought mental health and substance abuse under the same administrator so Polk County is positioned to serve both of those populations very well if that happens. The Regional CEOs will be meeting this month to discuss rule change recommendations to HHS. Monthly meetings (via Zoom) will continue as of now to approve Service Appeal Board payments.

Core Services – there are three core services that need to be in place by June 30th.

- *Intensive Residential Services- CANDEO* – these are for persons with complex needs. Maria is working with managed care organizations and CANDEO on a contract amendment for this service. CANDEO hopes to be up and running by January 1.
- *Early Assessment and Early Intervention* – Pilot with Drake Head Start
This focuses on seven child care centers that will access mental health consultation, which is an evidence based approach that has child level, family level and program level outcome. The seven centers are: Capital Park Early Childhood Learning Center (Capital Park), Oak Academy (Oakridge), House of Mercy, Wonder Years, Conmigo, Children and Families of Iowa-Child Development Center and Little Sprouts. Julie stated that we also work with AEA on these issues.
- There is also collaboration with the Polk County Health Department to plan on how to better meet the needs of those in the 50314 zip code.

Sobering Center Update (Annie)

- Annie Uetz meets today with architects and the stakeholders to look at a property and meetings have taken place with the agency that will do the administration of the building and to run the sobering center. The agency is a non-profit. There have also been talks with a possible Medical Director for the center. The Medical Director would have oversight of paramedics that work in the center.

The tour of Goodwill is November 18th and ChildServe is November 29th. Let Annie Uetz know if interested.

Next meeting December 13, 2022.

Meeting adjourned.