

Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Regional Governing Board

Minutes

October 3, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Robert Brownell, Steve Van Oort, Matt McCoy, Angela Connolly, Lorna Garcia, Nikki Syverson, Mardi Deluhery, Steve Johnson, Christina Smith, Judge Poschner

Members Absent:

Tom Hockensmith, Jadie Boens

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

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by McCoy to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by McCoy, Seconded by Brownell to approve Agreement for Services with Amy Desenberg-Wines to develop and implement DSP (Direct Support Providers) workforce program.

Let the record reflect Judge Poschner abstained from voting.

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by McCoy to approve Amendment to Agreement with Community Support Advocates and Amendment to Agreement with Trans Iowa, LC.

Let the record reflect Judge Poschner and Christina Smith abstained from voting.

LET THE RECORD SHOW all resolutions were approved unanimously, unless otherwise noted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Outpatient Competency Restoration – we received no viable proposals for this RFP.

DHS/HHS asked that we remove the housing portion and release a new RFP. A new RFP will be released soon. The scope of RFP, without housing, would be case manager/service coordinator to work with individuals on a regular basis, an outpatient provider for therapy, a prescriber for medication management and a clinician to work with the restoration piece. This is for individuals who are deemed incompetent to stand trial and don't understand their charges and the process. Sex offender issues are not addressed, only housing. Different models were researched and the best of three of those were used to create our model. The attorneys feel the housing component was an issue because Polk County could not get insurance for the houses if we served those individuals. The State has informed Polk County that we will be creating this for all regions and they will put dollars into this. They will provide the service coordinator and housing in their areas but it would be our competency restoration clinician that will work with them. Most have transitional living homes and are planning on utilizing those but not sure how that will work out yet. No date of when this will begin has been set.

Opioid Settlement Program Planner position – this position should be approved by the Board of Supervisors today. Polk County has received over \$4M and more dollars will be coming for the next 18 years. This individual will work with our community to determine what the gaps are, take the report from the Gaines Center and develop what will we use the money for. The salary will also be paid out of the grant.

Gun Safety Campaign – Annie has been to a couple events recently and handed out all gun locks she has. She was surprised that several grandparents picked up locks and planned to talk about the issue with others. Annie thanked the Board for support of this program.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by B. Dewey, Auditor's Office (audio on file)