

Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Regional Governing Board
Minutes
August 13, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Robert Brownell, Steve Van Oort, Matt McCoy, Angela Connolly, Mardi Deluhery, Jadie Boens, Steve Johnson, Christina Smith

Members Absent:

Tom Hockensmith, Lorna Garcia, Nikki Syverson, Judge Lynn Poschner

Also present: Annie Uetz, CEO, Behavioral Health and Disability Services (BHDS); Andrea Petrovich, Assistant County Attorney

Moved by Brownell, Seconded by McCoy to approve the June 18, 2024 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

Moved by McCoy to approve the FY 23/24 Semi-Annual Incentive Fund Status Report and authorize submission to Iowa Health and Human Services (agenda Item #3).

Moved by Brownell to recommend approval of the FY 24/25 Contract Amendments to the Polk County Board of Supervisors (agenda Item #4).

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

HHS (Health and Human Services) Re-Alignment Update

Annie Uetz gave a brief update regarding the HHS Re-alignment. The finalized map was released and sent to Board members. The service area is greater than expected and includes 14 counties. The RFP for the behavioral health administrative organization is supposed to be released mid-September with a decision being made by December 31, 2024. Staff continue to prepare for the RFP release.

OCR (Outpatient Competency Restoration)

Christina Smith with Community Support Advocates reported that they are still receiving guidance from Dr. Tracy Thomas but have received court orders for five individuals with a potential sixth one this week. The first individual was not successful and was ordered back to jail. They are working with the other Regions to prepare for expansion into those counties and are preparing to start with Scott County.

Board of Supervisors' Proclamations

Overdose Awareness Day (8/31) and Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week (9/8 – 9/14) will be observed with Proclamations at the August 27 Board of Supervisors meeting. Recovery Month (September) will be observed with a Proclamation at the September 10 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Next meeting October 15, 2024.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by E. Bartlett, Auditor's Office (audio on file)