

Polk County Mental Health and Disability Services Region Governing Board
Minutes
June 28, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Robert Brownell, Tom Hockensmith, Steve Van Oort, Matt McCoy, Angela Connolly, Lorna Garcia,
Nikki Syverson, Mardi Deluhery, Steve Johnson, Christina Smith
Also present: Annie Uetz, CEO, Behavioral Health and Disability Services (BHDS)

Members Absent:

Jadie Boens

This meeting was conducted electronically pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution approving and authorizing Chairperson to approve expenditures for Judicial Mental Health and Advocate services (Yeggy/Michael).

Resolution approving agreement renewals with Broadlawns Medical Center, Children and Families of Iowa, ChildServe Community Options Inc., Christian Opportunity Center, Community Support Advocates, Easterseals Iowa, Hope, Mosaic, Orchard Place, Primary Health Care Inc, Stepping Stones Family Services and Unity Point-Eyerly Ball Community Mental Health Services.

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

DISCUSSION

Our plans with DHS have all been approved, just not on the website yet.

Lorna Garcia mentioned the mobile crisis advocacy response team is starting. There will be a person at DMPD Dispatch who will filter calls to two people in the field to handle those crisis calls that come in.

Annie also mentioned the Heart of Iowa region are adding a co-responder/social worker model program (riding along with police) in the Waukee Police Department as a pilot program and will expand into West Des Moines. This won't be 24/7 so our mobile crisis program will still be utilized in the western suburbs.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be August 31, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Audio on file.

Minutes submitted by B. Dewey, Auditor's Office.