

DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON, KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
		Henry Co. Court House
		2 nd Floor Conference Room
February 8, 2022	1:30pm	100 East Washington St.
-		Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Present: Jack Seward Jr., Dee Sandquist, Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Tracy Liptak, Ezra Allen, Mark Schneider, Patricia Lipski, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Cheryl Plank, Leia Craff

1. Approve Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jack Seward Jr. at 1:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Tom Broeker Second Mark Meek Motion passes unanimously

2. Consider Approval of January 11, 2023 minutes

The document was reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes

By Tom Broeker Second Mark Meek Motion passes unanimously

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

Adult Advisory discussed legislation related topics. The advisory is aware the governing board will be discussing combining the Southeast Iowa Link and South Central Behavioral Health Regions. Consensus of the group growth is inevitable. Adult Advisory is in support of the merger and feel it is a good partnership. A concern noted, with an increase of geographical size, transportation issues should be considered.

Children's Advisory had a general discussion of the two regions merging. The discussion was positive, identifying common benefits with the regions merging. Both regions can learn from each other. Other discussion included legislative talking points they have drafted. A new workforce shortage survey was sent out and the results identifying priorities will be added to the talking points. The workforce shortage survey asked about job openings, how long the jobs have been open and how does that impact collaboration efforts. Discussed Senate File 85 which probably died in the subcommittee. General discussion legislation that is passed can have unintended consequences beyond the intent of the legislation. Children's Advisory will distribute their legislative talking points and workforce shortage survey results to the governing board members.

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of new designates to the Adult and Children's Advisory Committees None identified.

5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 2-8-2023

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. Mandated and administrative claims totaled \$42,004.39, service claims totaled \$164,225.18, second quarter payroll payments to member counties totaled \$345,370.22 for a total claims to be paid of \$551,599.79 for February.

Motion to approve the fiscal agent account claims for 2-8-2023

By Mark Meek Second Dee Sandquist Motion passes unanimously



DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON, KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

6. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- January

The documents were reviewed via overhead projector. The reports for member counties and fiscal agent accounts are now balanced for July 2022 through January 2023. All fiscal agent account interest has been paid to the fiscal agent with that revenue totaling \$7,113.18. January expenses totaled \$213,924.17 and matched the claims approved by the governing board in January. There are outstanding DeCat reimbursements to be paid to the fiscal agent.

Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report for January By Tom Broeker Second Chris Ball

Motion passes unanimously

7. Discuss and Consider Approval of SEIL and South Central Behavioral Health Region (SCBHR) merger Discussion the SEIL Governing Board should action today to approve a merger with SCBHR. SCBHR will take action on the merger next Wednesday. A lot of positive comments on the two regions merging were expressed from both advisory committees. There is concern with managing a large geographical area. Becoming a larger region centralizes the region in a different location. The region needs to serve the public well and meet the demands of the population there they live. Implementing a virtual operation helps. There are a lot of boxes to check for the merger of two regions to happen. Both governing boards will get this done well and with mindfulness. Legislatively and from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) direction is this is the path regions should take. HHS is about population health; a larger population leads to data becoming meaningful. What needs to happen today the SEIL Governing Board approves the concept of merging both regions. SCBH Governing Board approves the merger next week. Then Ryanne reaches out to HHS for next steps. Ryanne has looked at both regions 28E agreements, memorandums of understanding with member counties and management plans in comparison to one another. HHS needs to assist in navigating reasonable timelines to get the new region operational. Significant legislation is coming up so there is an unknown if this will be helpful or have a negative impact on the merger. Things might get finalized to merge the two regions by 7/1/23, but legislation might create the need to do things over to meet what was passed. With the merging two regions sustainability needs to be looked at moving forward. Both regions share common providers. A question for HHS is how to put the two budgets together since budgets for both regions are due to HHS 4/1/23. The hope is to be able to merge the annual service and budget reports and budgets into one report. The Adult and Children Advisory meetings will be combined with the merger. Ryanne will talk with CEOs from CROSS and CICS Regions about bringing the other two counties in their regions, that are in the 8th Judicial District, to the merged region. Ryanne will let them know if there is interest CEOs and board of supervisors from those counties are welcome to attend our region meetings.

Motion to approve the merger with South Central Behavioral Health Region and include exploring Monroe and Poweshiek Counties joining in the merger

By Tom Broeker

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes unanimously

8. Discuss and Consider Approval of Ottumwa Regional Health Center contract

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. At the beginning of the fiscal year to be in compliance with Iowa Code requirements SEIL needed a contract with a hospital having an acute care inpatient psychiatric unit. Ottumwa Regional Health Center (ORHC) was contacted to about contracting with SEIL for these services. ORHC has signed and returned the basic contract SEIL provided to them. The inpatient hospital daily rate is \$911.74 and court testimony services are \$250 per hour billed in fifteen minute increments.

Motion to approve the Ottumwa Regional Health Center Contract By Marc Lindeen Second Chris Ball

Motion passes unanimously



DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON, KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

9. Discuss and Consider Approval of East Central Region and SEIL MOU for Guidelink Access Center-Screening and Assessment

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. SEIL doesn't have a contact with the Guidelink Access Center and has piggybacked on the East Central Region (ECR) contract for services provided to SEIL residents. There are different service components at the Guidelink Access Center which are provided by a variety of providers. When a person enters Guidelink the front desk staff complete a triage screener to facilitate access to additional services within the center. The cost for the service completed by front desk staff is \$200 per person which the host region bills to the individual's region of residence. This will insure SEIL complies with paying that cost in accordance with the ECR provider contract. SEIL will only pay the \$200 for SEIL residents that go to Guidelink.

Motion to approve the East Central Region and SEIL MOU for Guidelink Access Center Screening and Assessment

By Chris Ball Second Mark Meek Motion passes unanimously

10. Discuss and Consider Approval of Amended Lee County MOU for sub-fund cost

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. The amendment reflects the modification of Ryanne being the interim CEO for South Central Behavioral Health Region. There was also a modification for Trisha Lowman who had a step increase to her wages.

Motion to approve the amended Lee County MOU for sub-fund cost

By Mark Schneider Second Tom Broeker Motion passes unanimously

11. Discuss HHS Reports

- a. BHDS
- **b.** 2421-MC-FFS
- c. Iowa CBSE-Mathematica Report

The reports were shared via email prior to the governing board meeting. Discussed the contents of the reports. The Mathematica Report will be a good predictor of future expectations from HHS. These reports are likely what was used to draft an Omnibus bill which addresses mental health and disability service regions and governance structure. The legislation proposes to have no more than six governing board members who are county board of supervisors, along with representation from an adult representative or involved family member of an adult receiving services, adult provider representative, children's provider representative, a parent of a child who utilizes services, an education representative, a law enforcement representative, and a judicial system representative. All members will be voting members. The carry forward allowed would be increased to ten percent. Community-based competency restoration is added as a core service to be funded by regions. Discussed now that the region mental health and disability services system is fully funded by the state county board of supervisors would be conflict free elected representatives for the citizens of their counties. The Omnibus bill is a draft so as of right now legislators won't know what the bill is proposing. Ryanne reached out to Jamie Cashman ISAC Lobbyist about the issue around continuing with 28E agreements. HHS says there is no reason not to continue with the 28E agreements, however, HHS isn't the authority on 28E agreements.

12. New Business

Dee Sandquist was reappointed by the Governor to the Justice Advisory Board. Jack Seward was reappointed to the MHDS Commission.

Legislative update:

There are bills in both chambers regarding the mental health professional loan repayment program. If provider stops working, they stop getting the payment so they don't have to pay back. Removes some of the punitive nature of previous law.



DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON, KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

There are bills in both chambers regarding an interjurisdictional compact with surrounding states to minimize the licensing burden when practicing telehealth from another state or moving into another state. This expands the pool of providers. This impacts professional counselors and psychologists.

There are bills to establish a Medicaid home and community-based services waiver for children with autism, parity relating to insurance coverage for covered individuals for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder, currently there is a \$31,000 insurance cap and this would be removed.

There is a bill regarding televised testimony in involuntary commitment hearings for persons with substance-related disorders and persons with mental illness.

There is a bill to the elimination of the certificate of need process relating to offering or developing a new or changed institutional health service.

There is a bill prohibiting employers from requiring certain mental health professionals to enter into noncompete agreements.

MHDS Commission update of the January meeting:

There was a presentation on an autism support program which provides funding for applied behavior analysis services for children under the age of 14 who are not eligible for this service under other insurance. The HHS update included the consent decree for Glenwood Resource Center has been filed with the court. The themes are ensuring services and care are modernized, monitoring treatment is effective and modify when clinically needed and maintain detailed records of assessment, treatment, & diagnosis. There is another Department of Justice action related to violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, but HHS has not seen a preliminary consent decree at this time. Marissa Eyanson reviewed the HHS MHDS Regions Study Report. The governor is looking to realign the state departments from thirty-two down to sixteen departments. There are challenges to being able to wrap services around complex needs individuals and removing the restriction of not allowing individuals to access two different services same day with a provider would help with this. Since the onset of Covid-19 people who were eligible for Medicaid remained eligible despite changes to income, effective April 1st 2023 eligibility for Medicaid will be reviewed. The state is looking at the HCBS Waiver waitlists. There are seven HCBS Waivers and the services provided under the waivers are going to be reviewed to see if waivers with similar services can be combined to reduce the number of waivers.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn By Tom Broeker

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes unanimously

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, February 22, 2023. MLsb