



SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL)
 MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION

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

DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
March 8, 2023	1:30pm	Henry Co. Court House 2 nd Floor Conference Room 100 East Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

**Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board Regular Meeting
 Approved Minutes**

Present: Dee Sandquist, Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Tom Schulz, Chris Ball, Ezra Allen, Mark Schneider, 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 secretary Marc Lindeen at 1:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Chris Ball Second Tom Broeker Motion passes

2. Consider Approval of February 8, 2023 minutes

The minutes were reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the February 8, 2023 minutes

By Tom Broeker Second Chris Ball Motion passes

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

Adult Advisory reviewed the FY24 SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan. There were suggestions of names to add to the Adult Advisory Committee members and to add Guidelink as an access center to the plan. There was discussion about accessing funding when a person residing in a site home turns 65 years old. Medicare becomes the primary insurance and Medicaid becomes secondary insurance. Habilitation funding is still needed but due to the person being 65 they would need to apply for the Elderly Home and Community Based Services Waiver which doesn't provide the same funding for services to meet their needs as Habilitation funding.

Children's Advisory received an update from Tami Gilliland about her work on the SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan for FY 24. The group voted to approve the plan. Other discussion included creating a children's mental health services retreat to bring people together to learn about who does what for children in the region. The retreat would be scheduled once or twice a year. Discussed legislation that is currently before the legislature and that there are always intended and unintended consequences of legislation that gets passed.



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4. Discuss and Consider Approval of new designates to the Adult and Children’s Advisory Committees

During the Adult Advisory Committee meeting they discussed that there are people on the advisory committee that they are not sure if the governing board designated as members. The annual service and budget plan for FY 24 was reviewed to make sure all the committee members have been approved by the governing board. Members to designate for the Adult Advisory Committee include Kaitlin Krueger Counseling Associates, David Crawford Hillcrest, Susan Woodford First Resources, Codie Amason First Resources, Dan Kenel ADDS, Nick Foss ADDS. No member designations were needed for the Children’s Advisory Committee.

Motion to designate and approve Kaitlin Krueger, David Crawford, Susan Woodford, Codie Amason, Dan Kenel, and Nick Foss to the Adult Advisory Committee

By Tom Schulz Second Mark Schneider Motion passes

5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 3-8-2023

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. Mandated and administrative claims totaled \$3,454.10; service claims totaled \$248,554.62 for the total claims to be paid of \$252,008.72.

Motion to approve claims as submitted for 3-8-23

By Tom Schulz Second Tom Broeker Motion passes

6. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- February

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. Revenue of \$40,000 came in from South Central Behavioral Health Region for interim CEO services. No other revenue or interest was received for February. Expenditures of \$551,599.79 match claims approved by the governing board in February.

Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report for February

By Tom Broeker Second Chris Ball Motion passes

7. Discuss and Consider Approval of SEIL FY24 Annual Service and Budget Plan

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. Both advisory committees approved the SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan for FY24. The merger with South Central Behavioral Health Region was identified. In the appendix the Adult and Children’s Advisory Committee members were identified in the plan. Under the service coordination and targeted case management section the statement SEIL will work with additional MCOs as they onboard with the state of Iowa was added. The crisis planning providers have a contract with the SEIL Region or are state designated. American Home Finding was added as providing crisis stabilization community based services for children in three counties in the region and crisis stabilization residential services for children for the entire SEIL Region. Guidelink Access Center and First Resources Intensive Residential Services Home were added to the intensive mental health services providers for SEIL. Because SEIL is in spenddown mode the budget reflects expenditures that exceed anticipated revenue to get to the allowable five percent fund balance. Other points to note include SEIL having several open request for proposals for required core crisis services. No proposals were submitted due to providers limited workforce capacity. SEIL budgeted startup funds and projected startup costs for services we don’t have in core



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services. SEIL identified with contract providers there will be an increase in Medicaid rates. With contracted provides other cost increases anticipated include gas, utilities, and interest expense in order to project costs to the best of the region’s ability. Beginning in FY24 the budget is going to be tight. SEIL expenditures will have to remain within the specific line item amounts budgeted.

Motion to approve the SEIL FY24 Annual Service and Budget Plan
By Tom Broeker Second Mark Schneider Motion passes

8. Discuss and Consider Approval of joint meeting of the SEIL and South Central Behavioral Health Region (SCBHR) Governing Boards in April to discuss merger April 19th at 2pm

SEIL Governing Board meets the second Wednesday each month and SCBHR Governing Board meets the third Wednesday each month. A joint meeting with SEIL and SCBH Regions is being considered for April 19th at 2:30 pm, in person and via Zoom. This will be a meet & greet to get to know each other and a planning session to move forward with merging. The meeting location is the Community Services Office, which is in downtown Ottumwa; Ryanne will send out the address via email to governing board members. Agenda items for the joint meeting will include rebranding, developing a new 28E, identify fiscal agent options, how, when & where meetings will be held, and share ideas that work best to move the group forward. End goal for the joint meeting is to make a motion as a joint group to move forward and align as a new region. Consensus of the SEIL Governing Board members was to join SCBHR for a meeting on April 19th. SCBHR and SEIL will still have their separate regularly scheduled governing board meetings in April.

The coordinator in Monroe County and her new board of supervisor on CROSS Region Governing Board intend to participate in the April SEIL/SCBHR meeting. There has been no response from Poweshiek regarding them joining with the merger.

CROSS Region had on their governing board agenda to merge with the Heart of Iowa Region who is in the Fifth Judicial District. This was tabled for more research.

9. New Business

The February MHDS Commission meeting reviewed the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) application from Optimae and approved their designation as a CMHC for Jefferson County. There was a panel presentation from peer support and peer operated programs talking about the services they provide. There was a discussion with Health and Human Services (HHS) representatives on current legislation. Area Agency on Aging, Department of Human Rights, Juvenile Justice, Volunteer Iowa, Early Childhood Iowa, and the Foster Care Review Board will be moved under HHS. The licensure boards will be moving from HHS to the Department of Inspections and Appeals under their licensing. HHS is working with regions for consistency across the state for access center services.

Legislation that is still alive is changing the state government so there are fewer departments HSB 126 and SF 514. HF 243 is a bill that would no longer allow insurance companies to limit how many times a person can receive treatment for autism or stop coverage at age 26. HSB 109 and SF 295 are guardianship bills concerning the creation, administration, and termination of adult and minor guardianships. HF 566 is a bill to make changes to boards and commissions under the new HHS.



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This includes eliminating the Brain Injury Advisory Council and Children’s Behavioral Health Board. SF 7 and HF 264 are bills that propose eliminating state taxes on direct support professional salaries. SF 471 and HF 471 are bills that propose balancing the boards in mental health/disability services MHDS Regions and giving providers a vote. HF 471 did pass the house unanimously on 3/7/23. HF 378 is a bill proposing to increase Medicaid provider rates automatically each year. HF 273 and SF 210 are bills to define brain health as including mental health, behavioral health, and all things affecting the health of the brain.

Legislation that failed SF 368 and HF 403 created a new program called Work Without Worry which allows individuals with disabilities to work without risk of losing the services that allow them to work. HF 188 required managed care organizations to report in institutional verses community-based spending for long term supports and services. HSB 49 would have created a Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver for children with autism. SF 373 would have increased reimbursement rates for adult day care services.

Discussed if there was legislation regarding Chapter 812.6 competency evaluations for criminal cases and clarification on who pays for the evaluation i.e., county or state. There is legislation proposed, HSB 176, to Chapter 812.6 to make community-based competency restoration for criminal cases a core service funded by regions.

March 27-31 there is a Solution Point+ 40 hour crisis intervention team training. There are thirteen registered for the twenty seats available. There was a question with the budget issues SEIL is facing and a five percent fund balance requirement will the region be able to continue to provide the 40 hour CIT Training. The answer from the CEO was yes.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Chris Ball

Second Tom Schulz

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, March 30, 2023. MLsb