



**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
July 13, 2022	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

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

Present: Rick Larkin, Jack Seward Jr., Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Tracy Liptak, Ezra Allen, Patricia Lipski, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Tami Gilliland, Sandy Stever, Bobbie Wulf, Melissa Mace, Rochelle Carrier-Ellison, Leia Craff

1. Approve Agenda

Them meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by the Chair. The agenda was reviewed via screenshare.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Mark Meek

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes

2. Consider Approval of June 8, 2022 minutes

The document was reviewed via screenshare.

Motion to approve the June 8, 2022 minutes

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

Adult Advisory Committee discussed the SEIL Region MHDS Region Quarterly Report that is due to the Department of Human Services. They are impressed with organizing power of the management team and the work done by so many providers who offer numerous programs around our region. There were no charges recommended to be made to the quarterly report and recommendation is for the governing board to approve the report. Discussed the changing expectations and the requirement of 85% compliance with providing core services. Ryanne Wood SEIL CEO thinks SEIL will be close to meeting the requirement with the opening of an intensive residential service home in the region. Adult Advisory recommends when this is being evaluated in the future that partial credit will be assigned for services available in some but not all counties in the Region. Acknowledgment needs to be given of the underlying staffing shortages that keeps the region from fully meeting requirements. Efforts need to continue to support recruitment, retention, and education so people to come into this field and stay working in this field. American Rescue Plan Act funds have been helpful in stabilizing and retaining workforce. As of July 1st there was a 4.52% rate increase for Home and Community Based Waiver services.

Children's Advisory Committee feels there is a need to continue to lobby the legislature allow for an alternate to having a pediatrician on the children's advisory committee. An ARNP or family practice doctor could fill that role. Rural Iowa cannot sustain the level doctor of the pediatrician requirement. Representative from Senator Grassley's office attended the Advisory meeting. The Children's Advisory Committee went over quarterly report looking at what is available and what is missing for children's services. Their recommendation was to approve the quarterly report as submitted. They also discussed is required services passed by legislation, is it fiscally responsible and is the cost to provide those required core services justified. They discussed training opportunities, what is needed and how to we collaborate with other providers for training. Cheryl Jones is an ARNP who works with children having complex needs and would be a better fit than a pediatrician for the Children's Advisory Committee.



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potential conflicts. Consensus was to have Patricia reach out to Osborn, Mitchell, Goedken and Larson PC to ask about potential conflict of interest.

Motion to table action
By Marc Lindeen

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

12. Update on Commission and Legislative Review

There is a five-year rules review requirement. The five-year review of Chapter 25 Disability Services Management Iowa Administrative Code resulted in minor revisions to eliminate outdated or redundant rules, correct outdated terminology and references, and clarify rules. Many of the changes were updates to how MHDS regions were operating to match legislative changes in effect now. Jack Seward suggested an addition to item 6 441-25.4(5) to add with assessed need. Discussion at the Commission meeting was that that language was a substantive change. The language in this section states the first appointment shall occur within four weeks of the individual's request for support form community living, which could make it look like outcomes are not being met. The addition of with assessed need addresses the issue that from the time a person requests a service it may take longer than four weeks for the assessment of need to be completed, the MCO to approve funding and referral to providers to occur before services can start. Two regions submitted updated regional policies and procedures for review. The Department of Human Services updated the Commission on the DHS and IDPH alignment, Department of Justice investigation and other initiatives along with a MHDS legislative update.

Rochelle Carrier-Ellison was introduced as the new justice involved services coordinator working in the Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, and Washington County jails.

13. New Business

First Resources submitted a proposal to the SEIL Region to provide intensive residential home services (IRSH). The SEIL Management Team will review the application. First Resources has purchased a property in Burlington for the IRSH with the anticipated start date October 1st. Two other regions, Southcentral Behavioral Health and CROSS will also be utilizing this IRSH. The Medicaid rate for this service is being evaluated and negotiated with Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) at this time. Regions are working to identify what cost is for this level of service as it is prescribed by Iowa Code.

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Mark Meek

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, August 2, 2022. MLsb