



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

DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON,
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DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
August 10, 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, Fred Snakenberg, Randy Griffin, Mark Meek, Tracy Liptak, Mark Schneider, Patricia Lipski, RYanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Leia Craff

1. Approve Agenda

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

Motion to approve the agenda

By Mark Meek

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

2. Consider Approval of July 13, 2022 minutes

The document was reviewed via screenshare.

Motion to approve the July 13, 2022 minutes

By Mark Schneider

Second Patricia Lipski

Motion passes

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

Adult Advisory looked at the new Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) region quarterly report. There are sections of the report that need clarification from HHS so those can be completed correctly. The purpose of the report is to have consistency in the data regions are reporting. Discussed addiction services in Iowa and being under served. A barrier identified is there has not been any rate increases for thirty years. There is a need to have all rates adjusted for providers who accept Medicaid payments for services. It is difficult to recruit and retain staff on the current reimbursement rates for all providers.

Our communities are reflecting a rise in homelessness and hunger which can arise from mental illness or can exacerbate mental illness. People are moving into the SEIL Region with no connectedness to the region. Recovery centers are core plus services, not core, should the state reduce funding to regions these services are at risk for a funding reduction. There are more people needing services, who have more severe treatment needs, and there is a lack of placement options.

Children’s Advisory reviewed and discussed new HHS region quarterly report template. Mental health services are needed at a younger age and not all providers can provide treatment to children. Discussed reactive interventions and the need to look at spending funds on prevention for children who are needing services at a younger ages. There needs to be as much attention to prevention as is paid to providing crisis services. Discussed if there is anything SEIL and Decat can do together to help with children’s services. Decat funds behavioral health intervention services and co-pays for those families with insurance. The greater need is providers who can prescribe medications to young children. People need to be able to talk to each other, having to have releases is a barrier because information can’t be shared without a valid release. Other discussion was that no consistent mental health services are provided from school district to school district. Each school puts together services based on funding available to them. There was a discussion that counties are getting opioid funds, could these funds be used to help with these issues. The attorney request for proposals was discussed during children’s advisory.



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4. Discuss and Consider Approval of new designates to the Adult and Children's Advisory Committees
No new designates were noted. HHS remains silent on appointing other professionals in lieu of a pediatrician to Children's Advisory. Some regions have done this, and HHS has said nothing about the appointment.

5. Consider Approval of Claims as per Running Totals Document- July
No document was provided to the governing board because all SEIL funds are now in one account. The running totals document can be eliminated or modified. The only financial report ongoing for the governing board to review is the fiscal agent report.

Motion to eliminate the running totals document and use the fiscal agent report to review region financial information

By Tom Broeker Second Patricia Lipski Motion passes

6. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 8-10-2022
Mandated and administrative claims totaled \$2,574.55, service claims totaled \$162,322.79, total claims to be paid is \$164,897.34.

Motion to approve claims for fiscal agent account per claims 8-10-2022 document

By Mark Meek Second Randy Griffin Motion passes

7. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- July
The document was reviewed via screenshare. All counties made their fund ten transfer payment. The total activity column shows total revenue was \$3,267,139.97, which includes a \$31.50 Decat reimbursement. The state still owes SEIL \$467.91 reimbursement from Decat. Expenditures totaled \$113,099.68 which matches the amount approved at the July governing board meeting. The county ledger report gives the current fiscal agent account fund balance which is \$6,523,649.71.

Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report for July

By Jack Seward Jr. Second Mark Meek Motion passes

8. Discuss and Consider Approval of startup and first year operational cost for First Resources IRSH services
The document was reviewed via screenshare. A request for proposal (RFP) was put out for intensive residential service homes (IRSH). First Resources responded. The awarding of the RFP is being addressed as an amendment to the First Resources contract. The management team reviewed the request for proposal. First Resources anticipates opening the home, located in Burlington, October 1st. IRSH is a no eject no reject service. The opening of the service was discussed between SEIL, First Resources, Cross and South Central Behavioral Health Region's as the three regions will be utilizing the IRSH services. Cross and South Central Behavioral Health Region's will be contributing to the gap in funding that is required to keep the home operational. The SEIL Region is funding the startup cost, no contribution is expected from the other two regions.

Motion to approve the proposed startup cost for First Resources IRSH services

By Jack Seward Jr. Second Dee Sandquist Motion passes

9. Discuss and Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with South Central Behavioral Health Region and CROSS Region for Southern Iowa Mental Health Center- Access Center services

The document was reviewed via screenshare. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) with South Central Behavioral Health and CROSS Regions is for access center services. The access center cost share is based on the region bed utilization not region population. This is a continuation of an existing MOU.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with South Central Behavioral Health and Cross Regions

By Dee Sandquist Second Mark Meek Motion passes



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10. Discuss and Consider Approval of Legal Representation RFP applicant

At the July governing board meeting it was shared that Mitch Taylor, Cray Law Firm, said there was no attorney client relationship between his firm and Des Moines County. Mitch Taylor represents the Gabeline Trust not Des Moines County or the Des Moines County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Taylor doesn't believe there is a conflict of interest if Cray Law Firm was chosen for the RFP. Patricia Lipski reached out to Bret Larson with Osborn, Mitchell, Goedken & Larson P.C. Mr. Larson stated their firm doesn't have any relationship with SEIL or any providers serving the SEIL Region. There would be no conflict of interest for them providing legal services to the SEIL Region and they are still interested providing legal services to the region. Both firms have excellent attorney's that will serve SEIL Region well. The firm in the SEIL Region has an excellent reputation and long history of providing legal services. The firm out of the SEIL Region has an excellent reputation as well. There is a cost difference between the two firms due to length of time the attorneys have been in practice.

Discussed retaining legal representation from a law firm within the region. Discussed if Tom Broecker should abstain from the vote, there isn't any conflict identified so he doesn't need to abstain.

Motion to accept the proposal from Cray Law Firm for SEIL Region legal representation
 By Jack Seward Jr. Second Mark Meek Motion passes

11. Discuss and Consider Approval of ISAC HIPAA program Service Agreement for SEIL

The document was reviewed via screenshare. SEIL is still using county employees and the equipment those employees use is county owned. SEIL's information should be stored in Office 365 and not on county owned servers and equipment. The question that needs to be considered is as of July 1st who does the information belong to, the counties or the region. There is a technology concern with moving large amounts of information successfully without corrupting files or losing information. If it is okay with the member counties to keep the information on their servers once seven years has passed the information can be purged. Going forward the region's information will be stored in SEIL's Office 365. The information on the county servers is only accessible by county IT and coordinator of disability services. SEIL doesn't need servers since our information storage is cloud based. Tami Gilliland, the SEIL HIPAA Privacy Officer, supports the region utilizing the ISAC HIPAA program.

Motion to approve the ISAC HIPAA program service agreement
 By Marc Lindeen Second Dee Sandquist Motion passes

12. Discuss and Consider Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between Mathematica Inc. and SEIL pending Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (IDHHS) approval of data sharing processes

The document was reviewed via screenshare. There isn't a request for the document to be approved. IDHHS will have to authorize what mechanics of the data exchange are going to look like. SEIL will have to expedite signing the agreement once IDHHS identified the data exchange. The request is for RYANNE WOOD to be given the authority to sign the agreement when that time comes. Mathematica has been contracted by the state of Iowa to identify all the funding sources in the public service system. Regions overlap with Medicaid. Mathematica will be giving feedback to the state on what is most financially feasible to not have funding sources stepover each other, using funds most efficiently and effectively, and drawing down the most diverse funding opportunities from the federal and private sector. Regions want to ensure they are not subsidizing or supplanting Medicaid. Mathematica data sharing doesn't include sharing of eligibility of Medicaid members with regions; only providers can access this information. Regions have been advocating for a while to allow regions the capability to verify Medicaid eligibility.

Concern was expressed that this data gathering is an attempt by the state to take over everything and eliminate regions. Based on region perspective and knowing the gap in financing of services without the gap available for the financing of services those services would not exist. In the event IDHHS identified Medicaid should pay for Medicaid beneficiaries there would be far fewer services available without regions financing services. Hopefully,



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the data sharing identifies efficiencies that should be happening and potentially the things managed care organizations have not been staying on top of previously will be brought to light and we find a new path to make sure what is obligated of the Medicaid system is taken care of by the Medicaid system. Identifying the totality of information verses segmented information in the system should help build up systems not destroy them. Mathematica looking to identify the crossover of people in region funding and Medicaid funding to develop a crosswalk of what services were paid by Medicaid, what services were paid by regions and is there any overlap, if there is overlap what were the conditions of the overlap.

Motion pending IDHHS approval of the data sharing agreement authorize Ryanne Wood CEO to sign the agreement on behalf of the SEIL Region and Governing Board

By Patricia Lipski

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

13. Review and discuss IDHHS realignment documents

The document was reviewed via screenshare. This document shows the new structure of IDHHS as it relates to regions. Under Behavioral Health and Disability Services is sub-sections listing community-based prevention services and integration for people with disabilities, performance, innovation and mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. This is internal to what used to be Human Services for regions and substance use disorder with public health. Regions are mentioned in other documents falling under the category. These changes should be a good thing with identifying additional stakeholder partners for regions, since many substance use disorder cases were probably being served by regions as well.

14. Update on Commission and Legislative Review

No legislative review was given. At the Mental Health and Disability Service Commission meeting on July 21st the commission reviewed and approved Sioux Rivers Region policy and procedures amendments. Reviewed notice of administrative rules five year review regarding IAC 441 Chapter 38 which updated the definition of developmental disabilities to be the same as the federal definition. Commission approved the rules notice. Reviewed and approve the cost increase letter that goes to IDHHS. The Commission recommended increasing the budget by 0.2% for population growth and an additional 3.23% for inflation, it was recognized in the letter the overall inflation rate is 7-8% and the commission stated that should reflect 9%. Workforce shortage was noted as concern. A recommendation that the state evaluate the sufficiency of all fee schedules and moving forward implements annual adjustments to allow for inflation rates. Recommended the allowable fund balance for regions be 18%. The Department of Justice investigation continues at Glenwood Resource Center, with no consent decree or target date for the decree. Heard an update on the 988 launch and Foundation II and CommUnity are answering the calls.

15. New Business

None noted.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

By Mark Meek

Second Marc Lindeen

Motion passes

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