**Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**August 9, 2023 1:30pm**

**The Well Fairfield**

**1700 S Main St.**

**Fairfield, IA 52556**

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**Attending:**

Linda Demry, Appanoose County Board of Supervisor

Ron Bride, Davis County Board of Supervisor/Vice Chair

Tom Broeker, Des Moines County Board of Supervisor

Marc Lindeen Henry County Board of Supervisor

Dee Sandquist, Jefferson County Board of Supervisor

Sonny Schroeder, Monroe County Board of Supervisor

Brian Morgan, Wapello County Board of Supervisor

Jack Seward, Jr., Washington County Board of Supervisor/Chair

Tracy Liptak, Optimae/Adult Services Provider

Cheryll Jones, Child Health Specialty Clinic/Children Services Provider

Mike Peterson, Superintendent/Education System Representative

Joy Szewczyk, Parent/Relative of a Child Representative

Patricia Lipski, Adult/Relative of Adult Representative

Joshua Schier, 8th Judicial District Court Judge/Judicial System Representative

Gary Anderson, Appanoose County Sheriff/Law Enforcement Representative

Ryanne Wood, MHASEI CEO

Stephanie Koch, MHASEI/Appanoose County

Staci Veach, MHASEI /Davis County

Ken Hyndman, MHASEI /Des Moines County

Sarah Berndt, MHASEI /Henry County

Sandy Stever, MHASEI /Jefferson and Van Buren County

Leia Craff, MHASEI /Jefferson County

Tami Gilliland, MHASEI /Keokuk County

Bobbie Wulf, MHASEI /Louisa and Washington County

Heather Gross, MASEI/Mahaska County

Katie Fisher MHASEI /Monroe County

Miranda Tucker MHASEI /Wapello County

Christina Schark, Southern Iowa Mental Health Center

Chad Zahn, Burlington Police Department Sergeant

Donald Phillips, Wapello County Sheriff

Jared Schneider, Washington County Sheriff

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

Amendment to the agenda to add Adult Advisory report between agenda item 7 and 8.

Brian Morgan motioned to approve the agenda with amended addition.

Dee Sandquist seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Tom Broeker motioned to approve July 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

Ron Bride seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, abstain. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of claims- July**

The system was not running to issues claims for the month of July. August claims were presented and reviewed.

Tom Broeker motioned to approve the August claims as presented.

Brian Morgan seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- July**

The South Central Behavioral Health Region fund balance has been transferred as of July 31st to the MHASEI fiscal agent. This is combined with the Southeast Iowa Link fund balance. Reviewed this is not a balanced report as items are missing yet from the treasurers report. The first payment to the region from the state has been received.

Ron Bride motioned to receive and file the fiscal agent report.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of MHASEI designated newspaper for minute posting**

The SCBHR region utilized the Ottumwa Courier to publish meeting minutes and the SEIL region published minutes in the Southeast Iowa Union. Discussion regarding the newspaper that provides the most coverage for the region and also the ability to post the minutes as well on the website for those that wouldn’t have the coverage area.

Brian Morgan motioned to approve the Ottumwa Courier for the publishing of the MHASEI meeting minutes.

Dee Sandquist seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive and File appointment to serve as designated Judiciary Director**

Ryanne Wood announced that Chief Judge Gookin has appointed Judge Joshua Schier to serve on the MHASEI governing board.

Tracey Liptak motioned to receive and file the appointment of Judge Joshua Schier to serve as the designated judiciary director.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Adult Advisory Report**

Tracy Liptak reported that there has been an increased level of participation across the region. Tracy reported that the adult advisory had meaningful conversations about communication and marketing and also requested to receive a listing of acronyms. Discussed that the management team is working on a glossary of acronyms. The members discussed the need to get information about services into the community and also to market the name and information of the region. There is good resources in our region and discussion about promoting those resources. The advisory members discussed there are different directories between the two previous regions and also for counties to use to refer for resources. Members also relayed the need to work on a mental health emergency response as a region as well as on a county basis. The need to connect with Emergency Management Services in each county to include mental health representation for the purpose to marshal mental health resources. It was determined to bring EMS directors to advisory to share information with providers with the goal is to provide a better network of resource when big events occur. During the stakeholders meeting, Integrated Telehealth Partners presented. American Home Finding provides residential crisis beds for children. They are having difficulty with staffing and are making efforts to provide needed services in the region.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Adult with Mental Health condition or Family Representative Director**

Tracy Liptak reviewed the recommendation to appoint Patricia Lipski as an adult with a mental health condition or family representative director. Patricia introduced and reviewed her experience with the governing board.

Tracy Liptak motioned to approve Patricia Lipski as the adult with mental health condition or family representative director.

Tom Broeker seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Law Enforcement Director**

Jack Seward Jr. reviewed the law enforcement applications that previous had applied for appointment. A subcommittee was established to review the applications. Tom Broeker spoke that each application for impressive and the search was narrowed down to four persons, Sergeant Chad Zahn, Burlington Police Department, Sheriff Anderson, Appanoose County Sheriff Department, Sheriff Phillips, Wapello County Sheriff Department and Sheriff Jared Schneider, Washington County Sheriff Department. The four finalists addressed the governing board and presented regarding their history, experiences, and knowledge regarding mental health. Dee Sandquist asked the finalist how they would disseminate information to other law enforcement in the region. Donald Phillips discussed the quarterly sheriff meeting held for southeast Iowa. Chad and Jared both spoke in regard to the CIT efforts within their departments and how they worked to get information shared. Gary also discussed the information sharing within the departments and also with the community. Tom Broeker discussed as part of the sub committee they reviewed the finalist, and each person would be an asset to the governing board. The subcommittee also looked at the geographical area. Appanoose County does not have representation on the board and also would provide a perspective of a rural county. The subcommittee made the recommendation to appoint Sheriff Gary Anderson, Appanoose County Sheriff Department. When asked Gary reported that he is willing to get input from the various community law enforcement agencies to bring to the governing board.

Patricia Lipski motioned to approve Sheriff Gary Anderson as the Iowa law enforcement director.

Brian Morgan seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Mileage and Reimbursement processes for the Region**

At the last meeting, the governing board created the processes/protocols for the mileage and reimbursement processes. There has been additional discussion the mileage and reimbursement costs to create guidelines and clarify. The management team met and are making recommendations to the governing board to be approved. The recommendations include that meals would be reimbursed if outside the region or it is a lunch meeting over lunch with the purpose of completing region work and if access to a county owned vehicle, the staff would utilize that vehicle.

Dee Sandquist motioned to approve the recommended mileage and reimbursement processes (meals would be reimbursed if outside the region or if a lunch meeting over lunch with the purpose of completing region work and if access to a county owned vehicle, the staff would utilize that vehicle) for the region.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive and File Commission update- Sarah/Jack**

Sarah Berndt reviewed July’s MHDS commission meeting. She reported regarding 988 and mobile response in Iowa. She reported regarding the three counites that are piloting the mental health 911 calls transferring to 988. Sarah discussed the 988 services and the major marketing campaign. Sarah discussed the statistics, 80-89% of calls are answered in Iowa, the rest of the call volume is answered out of state. Jack Seward Jr. discussed that he is getting clarification about veterans calling into 988 as there is differing information from what the commission has been given. Discussion about if a caller has an out of state number, the call will go to that state. Sarah also discussed with the HHS realignment there is a behavioral health consultant looking at the services to streamline. Discussion about IRSH, the beds available and the beds that are in progress of being opened.

A public forum was held in Fairfield regarding CCBHC and concerns about how well children will be served in the system and this is something the region will need to be reviewing.

**Questions and Answers**

Ryanne Wood and Jack Seward, Jr. were interviewed for the Health Management Associates Survey to give input. Ryanne reviewed that nineteen programs are under evaluation and the region needs to continue to monitor this. There will be feedback provided to HHS and recommendations made to HHS regarding the programs. These programs under review are provided at the local level. The CEOs interviewed made the point that it is understood that the state wants to manage its systems efficiently however it is imperative to have access at the local level. Discussion there are individuals working and living within these systems. Jack Seward Jr. discussed that he was a part of a group of BOS from around the state and discussion was held about how the state has taken over systems and pulled back on local access. Discussion that there are different needs for different communities.

**Next Meeting- September 13, 2023 (ISAC tax bill meeting also scheduled this date) Inquire on use of alternates and/or rescheduling.**

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 14, 2023, at 1:30p.m. to be held at The Well Fairfield, 1700 S. Main St. Fairfield, Iowa.

**Adjourn**

Brian Morgan motioned to adjourn.

Ron Bride seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Tom Broeker, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Sonny Schroeder, aye. Brian Morgan, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Mike Peterson, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.