**Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**January 10, 2024 1:30pm**

**The Well Fairfield**

**1700 S Main St.**

**Fairfield, IA 52556**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6765985430?pwd=ZXk3TW5WaUgwVHBPaG9DTnk4NE1Rdz09>

**Attending:**

Linda Demry, Appanoose County Board of Supervisor

Ron Bride, Davis County Board of Supervisor/Vice Chair

Marc Lindeen, Henry County Board of Supervisor/Alternate

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

Cheryll Jones, Child Health Specialty Clinic/Children Services Provider

Tracy Liptak, Optimae/Adult 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

Tami Gilliland, MHASEI/Keokuk County

Bobbie Wulf, MHASEI/Louisa and Washington County

Katie Fisher, MHASEI/Monroe County

Miranda Tucker MHASEI /Wapello County

Latisha Wilson, MHASEI/Wapello County

Leia Craft, MHASEI Administrative Assistant

Christina Schark, Southern Iowa Mental Health Center

Becky Shelton, ITP

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

Correction to the agenda to include item #6 Consider of Approval of claims-January.

Ron Bride motioned to approve the agenda with correction.

Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Cheryll Jones motioned to approve December 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

Brian Morgan seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Receive update from Advisory Committees**

Cheryll Jones reported the Children Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow. The meeting agenda includes reviewing the HMA report, the restructuring of the regions and reviewing the MHASEI service matrix. There will be a presentation from the Scanlan Center at the February 8th meeting at 11:30a.m. A zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Tracy Liptak reported the Adult Advisory Committee met today. Christina Schark, SIMHC presented CCBHC 101 that provided a clear overview of what encompasses a CCBHC. The committee discussed the HMA report released, the governor address and has questions how the system will look. The Adult Advisory committee is committed to continuing to provide good services and work cohesively to make the system a success. It was suggested to work with the Children Advisory Committee to form an advocacy group. Tracy will reach out to Cheryll Jones, Children Advisory Committee chair. A legislative bill regarding retaining Medicaid during incarceration was discussed. There was discussion about the region informing jails in the legacy SCBHR that the region will no longer be able to fund psychiatric services and medications while in county jails.

**Receive update from Region Finance Committee**

The MHASEI finance committee met on January 4, 2024. The budget was reviewed. Various counties outside of the region were reviewed to compare raise percentages. Discussion of the recommendations of salaries for region CDS’ and others in the region. Comparing the salaries of other counties, the committee was reviewing 4% however is not ready to make the recommendation. The committee has requested more information such as job descriptions and have identified there are disparities between the two legacy region salaries as they have merged together. Brian Morgan reported the committee plans to meet on the 19th of January. Discussion regarding the salary differences and discussion about CDS job descriptions. Patricia Lipski discussed when the legacy SEIL was setting salaries for CDS’ they looked at the equivalent of what the state would pay for public service I positions and added if there were additional duties. There are staff with longevity, keeping good staff within the region and discussion of making salaries more equal throughout the region. Christina Schark discussed services, reviewing more than being one way to even salaries. Tracy Liptak reviewed that it is also unknown what the region system will resemble and the impact it will have. The conversation will continue on the 19th with additional information to come.

**Consider Approval of claims- December (January)**

The claims paid for January 2, 2024 and claims to be paid for January 16, 2024 were reviewed.

Patricia Lipski motioned to approve claims for January.

Ron Bride seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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

The revenues for December were reviewed, including an IRA reimbursement and DECAT reimbursement. Reviewed the ending fund balance as of December 31, 2023.

Cheryll Jones motioned to receive and file fiscal agent report for December.

Joy Szewczyk seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of MHASEI Children’s Coordinator needs**

Tami Gilliland reported that prior to the HMA report being released and the information regarding moving regions to districts, there had been plans to hire two children’s coordinators to serve the capacity of the MHASEI region. At present until there is more information regarding the realignment, the request is to budget for these positions and to wait on hiring. Patricia Lipski discussed the importance of these coordinators in assisting families to access services for children. These positions and compensation would be included as part of the regions finance committee discussion.

Patricia Lipski motioned to authorize the budget planning for up to two children’s coordinator positions.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of MHASEI Service Matrix as related to the MHASEI Annual Service and Budget Plan**

Ryanne Wood discussed that the management plan was approved by the governing board, HHS, and by the MHDS commission. There are two other documents that coincide with the management plan; the Annual Service and Budget Plan and the Annual Report. The Annual Service and Budget Plan outlines the funds that are allocated by the region. A service matrix was created and sent out electronically. This is an internal document that outlines the requirements for individuals to receive a particular service that is allocated in the ASBP. It provides consistency to follow the same procedures for service across the region’s geography. The regions in the state have been working to standardize service coordination across the state. When regions were developed, CEOs had the task to create a service system that served the communities with needed services however there is a new perspective that we need standardization in the state of Iowa. The standardization also allows for measuring outcomes for the core services.

Jack Seward, Jr. motioned to approve MHASEI Services Matrix.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of MHASEI RFP for ACT services**

MHASEI region has allocated funds for ACT services for the geographic spaces that currently do not have ACT services provided. This allows for a release of RFP for the ACT services and the region currently contracts with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning to receive and score the responses.

Patricia Lipski motioned to approve the MHASEI RFP for ACT services.

Ron Bride seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of MHASEI RFP for IRSH services**

The region has budgeted for IRSH services and request an RFP for this service. The region contracts with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning to receive and score the responses.

Marc Lindeen motioned to approve the MHASEI RFP for IRSH services.

Patricia Lipski seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Evaluation Committee assignment- ACT**

Discussion regarding the ACT services and people recommended to the Evaluation Committee. The following persons were identified to be appointed to the Evaluation Committee-ACT: Ken Hyndman, Bobbie Wulf, Tami Gilliland, Christina Schark, and Patricia Lipski.

Jack Seward, Jr. motioned to approve the persons recommended to the Evaluation Committee-ACT.

Dee Sandquist seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Evaluation Committee assignment- IRSH**

Discussion regarding IRSH services and people recommended to the Evaluation Committee-IRSH. The following persons were identified to be appointed to the Evaluation Committee-IRSH: Bobbie Wulf, Tami Gilliland, Linday Demry, and Joy Szewczyk.

Dee Sandquist motioned to approve the persons recommended to the Evaluation Committee-IRSH.

Tracy Liptak seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

**MHDS Commission Update- Sarah**

The last MHDS Commission meeting was held December 7, 2023 and was reviewed at the December governing board meeting. The next MHDS Commission meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

**CEO Update-**

* 1. Congratulations to SIMHC on Iowa HHS designation as a CCBHC

The MHASEI region congratulated SIMHC on the Iowa HHS designation as a CCBHC. This is exciting for SIMHC for the role of CCBHC services and having a CCBHC in our region.

* 1. Crisis and Intensive Service Summit- May 16th location TBD for designated providers

There will be a crisis and intensive services summit for all crisis service providers. Sandy Stever has reached out to notify crisis providers. This will provide conversations regarding crisis services, outcomes, ways to provide outcomes on a statewide basis, and best practices. In addition, IRSH will also be included in this summit.

* 1. MHASEI FY25 population and projected Revenue

Discussion regarding the region’s population. As of 7/1/23, the HMA report based the population as 243,198 however that is not the population being used. Discussion regarding our revenue, evaluation, encumbrance and the changes that could occur.

* 1. HHS Program Realignment recommendation report from HMA ([HHS System Alignment | Iowa Department of Health and Human Services](https://hhs.iowa.gov/service-delivery-alignment-assessment-project))

The HMA report was released. There is a portion that is related to behavioral health. Additional documents were released that moves regions to districts. There has been discussion that there would be a phase in approach, but unknown what this would resemble. Discussion regarding the changes proposed and the concerns with these changes.

**Questions and Answers**

Gary Anderson, Appanoose County Sheriff reported that he had received the letter from the region that went to legacy SCBHR sheriff’s that the region would no longer fund the psychiatry/medication prescribing and the purchase of psychiatric medications in the jails. He reported that he is open to suggestions regarding this. It was discussed that this was not able to be funded across the geography of the region due to budget constraints and there is a ISAC legislative priority to expand Medicaid benefits for correctional facilities. Regions are advocating for this priority. This is not guaranteed and not an immediate answer. This was reviewed in the adult advisory committee as well. The role of the JIS services in jail going forward, looking at care coordination, referrals and connecting individuals to community resources to hopefully reduce recidivism were reviewed. Gary Anderson reported his concern is that this gets passed to the community and becomes a societal issue. Patricia Lipski encouraged the Sheriffs of legacy SCBHR reach out to the legacy SEIL Sheriffs as they have not had that funding available. Bobbie Wulf reported that the legislative priority to allow individuals to retain Medicaid benefits would benefit sheriff departments and would be good if the Sheriff’s affiliate would support this priority as well. Cheryll Jones will look for the bill and send it out to all parties. Brian Morgan reported that legislators Hans Wilz and Austin Harris have been good voices. Brian reported that Hans Wilz is chairing a subcommittee that looks at the daily Medicaid rates for children PMIC.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held February 14, 2024, 1:30p.m. to be held at The Well, Fairfield, Iowa.

**Adjourn**

Cheryll Jones motioned to adjourn.

Dee Sandquist seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.