**Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**February 14, 2024 1:30pm**

**The Well Fairfield**

**1700 S Main St.**

**Fairfield, IA 52556**

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**Attending:**

Ron Bride, Davis County Board of Supervisor/Vice Chair

Tom Broeker, Des Moines 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

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

Jennifer Stevenson, Elevate

Becky Shelton, ITP

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

Amendment of the agenda to include Item #3 Consider Approval of January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Brian Morgan motioned to approve the agenda with amendment.

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. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of December 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes (January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes)**

Brian Morgan motioned to approve the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

Gary Anderson 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. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive update from Advisory Committees**

Cheryll Jones reviewed the last Children Advisory Committee meeting. The Scanlan Center presented. The committee discussed the HHS legislation regarding behavioral health redesign and the concerns regarding the bill. At present, the bill does not outline where children will be in the proposal and does not address needs of children. The bill outlines there will be a nine person advisory board. Patricia Lipski discussed concerns regarding the shift of categories of mental health diagnoses to aging and disability. The AEA bill also has potential to have serious impact on children and serving children. The time line of implementing the new system is short and there is discussion about a change to the time line. There needs to be strong voices for pediatrics to discuss the needs for children. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024.

Tracy Liptak reported at the Adult Advisory committee meeting the Behavioral Health redesign was the main topic at both stakeholders meeting and adult advisory. There is a shared hopefulness for the long term vision that integrates substance use, mental health, problem gambling and tobacco cessation and that treating a person with co-occurring diagnosis assists in breaking down silos. There are shared concerns about the planning and time line of the current bill, the dismissal of rules/regulations and HHS oversight for the interim during the transition. There was a strong message of the alignment of our larger region, the collaborations of our region partners and the ability to meet people where they are. The request of the Adult Advisory Committee to the governing board is to advocate for continued alignment to be user friendly for the individuals we serve in the local areas. Elevate has been awarded a grant to assist kids discharging from incarcerations to allow supports for up to 18 months for children/families.

Jack Seward, Jr. participated in a nine-member board of supervisor and governor meeting last week. Jack reported they were able to discuss key points of the Behavioral Health bill. They relayed the importance of local input, the way the legislation has been outlined and without some local responsibility, it will be HHS in Des Moines looking at a spreadsheet and nothing to do with the people being served in our communities.

**Consider Approval of claims- February**

Reviewed the claims for February 6th and February 20th as well as claims paid from Decat funds.

Tom Broeker motioned to approve claims for February.

Patricia Lipski 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. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

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

The January revenue and expenditures were reviewed. The state allocation was received January 2, 2024. Tami Gilliland explained the outstanding checks that are shown on the report.

Tracy Liptak motioned to receive and file fiscal agent report for January.

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. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Region Finance Committee recommendation for MHASEI FY25 Budget of Region designated staff**

The region finance committee presented a spreadsheet with recommendations for the MHASEI FY25 budget of region designated staff. A formula was used going forward that outlines base salary for positions, longevity, program management, coordination and additional county jobs and/or additional responsibilities. This also includes a 3% cost of living raise for all employees. Patricia Lipski discussed the process of working to equalize employee salaries to assist in retaining good employees and to compensate accordingly. Dee Sandquist reported that it does make it difficult when other counties are not proposing raises and then to have a region employee receiving a cost of living raise. Dee mentioned at some point there may need to be discussion about moving employees to one entity. Brian Morgan discussed these are state funds being utilized for region salaries. Discussion that region employees are doing jobs at a state rate. Tami Gilliland noted there are two allocations for child care coordinators however at this time, there is not intention to hire for those positions.

Gary Anderson motioned to approve the Region Finance Committee recommendation for MHASEI FY25 Budget of Region designated staff.

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. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of MHASEI Conflict of Interest/Duality-of-Interest Disclosure Statement**

A MHASEI Conflict of Interest/Duality of Interest Disclosure Statement draft was sent electronically. The document identifies any conflicts of interest personally or professionally and this is a safeguard in making decisions that are conflict free. Ryanne Wood would send the document out to complete and return to maintain in file.

Tom Broeker motioned to approve MHASEI Conflict of Interest/Duality of Interest Disclosure Statement.

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. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) contract for RFP Management.**

The Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission contract outlines the RFP process, facilitates the RFP scorings, and identifies the methods of payment. Patricia Lipski discussed the importance of having board members having information on what they are voting on prior to a vote and having members being a part of a subcommittee is important.

Brian Morgan motioned to approve Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC) contract for RFP Management.

Tracy Liptak 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. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**MHDS Commission Update- Sarah**

The MHDS Commission met on January 18, 2024. The Iowa Autism Support Program was reviewed. The program provides state funding for applied behavioral analysis services to children that are not eligible to receive these services through Medicaid, HAWKi, or private health insurance and meet certain criteria. The state will fund the high deductible portion of private insurance, the cost per child is $32,000 and can be in the program for up to 24 months. An update on the Children’s Behavioral Health System State Board was presented. Update from Dept of Education that reviews initiatives in place that increases school safety. There was information from Iowa HHS regarding system alignment and presentations included a youth data dashboard vision and update on universal screenings. Teresa Armstrong provided an update on HHS contract with Health Management Associates that conducted a third party review of delivery of 19 health and human services areas in the summer/fall of 2023. Based on these recommendations, HHS will take a phased approach that first focuses on the Behavioral Health System alignment. Legislation is also expected to direct spending of opioid settlement dollars. HHS has identified the bidders of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the CCBHC Demonstration program. Review of the next steps in this process.

**CEO Update-**

1. **Legislation**

Ryanne Wood discussed current legislation. Discussion that Administrative Service Organizations (ASO) will be designated in April 2025 to be contracted with providers as of July 1, 2025. Reviewed the timelines and possible movement with the timelines. Ryanne reminded everyone of the trauma and angst this creates and asked everyone to be mindful and to give others grace for that. Discussion of the nine person advisory and possible loss of community partner input. Ryanne discussed that when legislation is passed, it is a minimum threshold in what can be, whoever is appointed as the ASO in this district could move forward with similar structure in the region system, that nine persons will be mandated but could surpass that and be open to give guidance on how we move forward.

1. **County Snapshots**

Ryanne provided each county with the county snapshot for all 13 counties. In all counties there is a mental health provider deficit. This is meaningful information to have when you are doing services at the county level.

**Questions and Answers**

Tom Broeker inquired if there is optimism about receiving RFP responses for the IRSH RFP and ACT RFP and it was reported that the region is optimistic about getting provider responses.

Jack Seward, Jr. reported that in listening to the Town Hall meeting yesterday, one of the messages admitted was that this system/legislation has been in process for the last three to four years. Jack reported that this speaks to the travesty that the state didn’t include the region systems in working together so it could be a give/take and not a complete surprise. Cheryll Jones will send out a link to the Town Hall recording.

**Next Meeting-**

The next governing board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024, 1:30p.m. to be held at The Well 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. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.