**Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**December 11, 2024, 1:30pm**

**The Well Fairfield**

**1700 S Main St.**

**Fairfield, IA 52556**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89869610211?pwd=MWtqVWlwNnFyNzA5RGphNW81ZnBWZz09>

**Attending:**

Ron Bride, Davis County Board of Supervisor

Dee Sandquist, Jefferson County Board of Supervisor  
Steve Wanders, Mahaska County Board of Supervisor/Alternate

Tracy Liptak, Optimae/Adult Services Provider

Cheryll Jones, Child Health Specialty Clinic/Children Services Provider

Joy Szewczyk, Parent/Relative of a Child Representative

Patricia Lipski, Adult/Relative of Adult Representative

Gary Anderson, Appanoose County Sheriff/Law Enforcement Representative

Ryanne Wood, MHASEI CEO

Stephanie Koch, MHASEI/Appanoose 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

Miranda Tucker MHASEI /Wapello and Monroe County

Latisha Wilson, MHASEI/Wapello County

Patty Brooks, MHASEI/Administrative Assistant

Leia Craft, MHASEI Administrative Assistant

Christina Schark, SIMHC

Becky Shelton, ITP

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

Steve Wanders motioned to approve the agenda.

Tracy Liptak seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of November 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Cheryll Jones motioned to approve November 13, 2024 meeting minutes.

Joy Szewezyk seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive update from Advisory Committees**

Cheryll Jones reported that the Children Advisory Committee will not be meeting in December and will convene again in January 2025. The group continues ongoing discussion regarding the new behavioral health system and addressing the needs of children. The committee also shares provider information and updates.

Tracy Liptak reviewed contents of the Stakeholders meeting. An HHS letter was released that phases out 5 person site homes to transition to 4 person sites and the group reviewed the impact that may have on individuals living in those locations. There were regional updates. First Resources reported IRSH sites are full and there is a new ARNP in Keokuk with Counseling Associates. Elevate ACT is organizing and has met with Great River Medical Center. Davis Center is now closed and the transition went smoothly. At the Adult Advisory Committee, there were voiced concerns about the regional counties that will not be in the new district space and what will be supported in those areas. NAMI also discussed concerns with how contracting will occur. There are concerns related to crisis support services and will/will not be covered. The Adult Advisory expressed continued optimism about the changes to the behavioral health system and that overall it will be an improvement with less silos.

**Consider Approval of claims- December**

December 4th and 17th claims and total expenditure were reviewed.

Steve Wanders motioned to approve the claims for December.

Tracy Liptak seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

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

The November fiscal agent report was reviewed.

Steve Wanders motioned to receive and file the November fiscal agent report.

Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Amended FY24 Annual Report**

The FY24 Annual Report had identified the encumbrance with SCBHR and SEIL as we moved into the MHASEI region in our original document. This was not the correct encumbrance, the timeline of the documents were reviewed and identified the most recent encumbrance.

Gary Anderson motioned to approve the amended FY24 Annual report.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Certification Letter of Ending Fund Balance**

The certification letter is a requirement and includes a non-audited ending fund balance. The fund balance was reviewed and it was reported that in the next six months, there is to be the FY23 audits of SCBHR, SEIL and FY24 audit of MHASEI.

Steve Wanders motioned to approve certification letter of ending fund balance.

Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Discuss and Consider Approval of Board of Supervisor designees to the MHASEI Governing Board as replacements to vacated BOS members**

Patricia Lipski discussed that three applications were received, two of the applications were for BOS members that are serving the board as alternates. The committee recommends the two applicants, Steve Wanders and Marc Lindeen serve as replacements to the vacated BOS members.

Tracy motioned to accept the committee recommendation of approve Board of Supervisor designees Steve Wanders and Marc Lindeen as replacements to vacated BOS members.

Ron Bride seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**MHDS Commission Update- Sarah**

The MHDS Commission meeting was held December 5, 2024. The bi-annual report is completed and distributed to HHS and legislators was finalized and approved. The Commission reviewed an HHS power point regarding the upcoming changes to the disability services and reviewed the district ASO map. There was discussion about the CCBHC services and the importance of data collection. The group reviewed information regarding the Disability Access Point RFP and information involving the ADRC. The Commission also viewed information on the Iowa crisis system development and the timeline was outlined. The commission members also discussed the best practice and gap analysis for the crisis and call systems.

**CEO Update-**

* **No County Sub-fund Budget for FY26**

There will be no county sub fund budget for FY26 for the region.

* **Governing Board Questions**

Discussion about the employees of the region moving forward and reviewed the timeline of the Behavioral Health ASO and DAP designation.

**Questions and Answers**

Patricia Lipski and Tracy Liptak expressed thanks to Brian Morgan and Dee Sandquist for their service to their county and to the governing board.

Christina Schark reported that SIMHC had their HHS accreditation visit and it was shared that the new crisis and outpatient therapy rules will be releases in the month of March, there is a lot of information that will be upcoming.

Cheryll Jones discussed that a legislative forum was held last Wednesday in Wapello County and shared the legislative participants. Community partners were able to present, provide information about programs and impact of those programs on the communities. Cheryll also reviewed that she facilitated Child Health Specialty Clinics meeting with legislators and reviewed the information shared at this meeting. Child Health Specialty Clinic will be moving to the Ottumwa Clinic and be open at the new location January 13, 2025.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for January 8, 2025, 1:30p.m. to be held at the Well in Fairfield, Iowa.

**Adjourn**

Steve Wanders motioned to adjourn.

Tracy Liptak seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Dee Sandquist, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.