**Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa**

**Governing Board Meeting**

**January 8, 2025, 1:30pm**

**The Well Fairfield**

**1700 S Main St.**

**Fairfield, IA 52556**

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**Attending:**

Scott Buban, Appanoose County Board of Supervisor

Ron Bride, Davis County Board of Supervisor/Vice Chair

Marc Lindeen, Henry County Board of Supervisor

Steve Wanders, Mahaska County Board of Supervisor

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

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

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

Sarah Berndt, MHASEI /Henry County

Tami Gilliland, MHASEI/Keokuk County

Bobbie Wulf, MHASEI/Washington/Louisa County

Miranda Tucker MHASEI /Wapello and Monroe County

Latisha Wilson, MHASEI/Wapello County

Karen Wilcoxson, MHASEI Administrative Assistant

Leia Craft, MHASEI Administrative Assistant

Jordyn Utterback, MHASEI JIS Coordinator

Christina Schark, SIMHC

Becky Shelton, ITP

Bob Lincoln, Elevate

Todd Lange, WellPoint

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

Gary Anderson motioned to approve the agenda.

Marc Lindeen seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Marc Lindeen, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Consider Approval of December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Gary Anderson motioned to approve December 11, 2024 meeting minutes.

Patricia Lipski seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Marc Lindeen, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**Receive update from Advisory Committees**

Tracy Liptak reviewed information from the stakeholder meeting and Adult Advisory Committee meeting including District 6 ASO and provider updates. Cheryll Jones reported that the Children Advisory meeting will meet tomorrow. Cheryll has reached out to Iowa Primary Care Association to request a meeting to address the plans to ensure children’s behavioral health needs are met.

**Consider Approval of claims- January**

The January 7, 2025 claims were reviewed. The January 21, 2025 will be reviewed for approval at the February governing board meeting.

Ron Bride motioned to approve claims presented for January.

Cheryll Jones seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Marc Lindeen, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

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

The December fiscal agent report including the revenue and expenditures were reviewed.

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

Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Marc Lindeen, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.

**MHDS Commission Update- Sarah**

Sarah Berndt reported that the MHDS Commission did not meet in December. Jack Seward, Jr. reported on the upcoming agenda to include information on the final report the MHDS Commission generates that will close out the Commission. If you have information or concerns please let Jack know. Gary Anderson reported that the Chief Deputy has also vocalized concerns with the state as well. There was discussion about MHDS Commission member memberships expiring and if there is any indication to approve any new members. There will still be quorum even with person’s membership expiration. The new behavioral health commission has been published, no members are governing board members from any regions. It is unknown how each advisory council will be set up for the District ASOs .

**CEO Update-**

* **Letter of Intent to award the Behavioral Health- Administrative Service Organization (ASO) RFP to the Iowa Primary Care Association**

Ryanne Wood reported that there are upcoming listening sessions regarding administrative rules with HHS. If you need the link to these, you can let Ryanne know. The Behavioral Health ASO was designated with letter of intent to Iowa Primary Care Association. The contract has not yet been executed so there isn’t a lot of information readily available to others. The region is prepared to work with HHS with any transition plan going forward. MHASEI is submitting unique services that the region currently funds to HHS that are not Medicaid funded services but unique to our areas. HHS is committed to a transition period and focused on continuity of care with the old and new system. MHASEI and regions are participating in data exchanges with HHS looking at the service delivery system. There continues to be an active RFP process for the Disability Access Point, which is the system navigation for long term and short term support services and notification will occur of this award in mid-March. If there are additional questions, Ryanne can be reached for information.

Ryanne Wood also reviewed that two MHASEI employees have retired. Patty Brooks remains in the Des Moines County office and Leia Craft is in the Jefferson County office spaces, both working on information/referral to local community services and to connect individuals to coordination. Latisha Wilson will now be the oversight for crisis continuum services.

**Questions and Answers**

No questions/answers. Jack Seward, Jr. shared his appreciation to MHASEI staff and the work completed.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for February 12, 2025, 1:30p.m. to be held at the Well in Fairfield, Iowa.

**Adjourn**

Marc Lindeen motioned to adjourn.

Gary Anderson seconded the motion.

Ron Bride, aye. Marc Lindeen, aye. Steve Wanders, aye. Jack Seward, Jr., aye. Tracy Liptak, aye. Cheryll Jones, aye. Joy Szewczyk, aye. Patricia Lipski, aye. Joshua Schier, aye. Gary Anderson, aye.

Motion carried.