

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES SEPTEMBER BOARD MINUTES

The September County Social Service Board Meeting was held Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at City Hall in Fertile, IA.

Present were: Dennis Koenig, Allamakee, Craig White, Black Hawk, Mark Reiher, Butler, Ron McCartney, Clayton, Phil Dougherty, Cerro Gordo, Bev Juhl, Emmet, Jeanine Tellin, Fayette, Roy Schwickerath, Floyd, Jim Ross, Grundy, Ted Hall, Hancock, Jan McGovern, Howard, Jerry Haverly, Humboldt, Don Besch, Kossuth, Shannon Paulus, Mitchell, Vince Triggs, Pocahontas, Larry Vest, Tama, Willie Wubben, Winnebago, Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek, Ken Abrams, Worth, Brian Schmidt, Jim Aberg.

Present Via Phone: John Anderson, Chickasaw, Karl Helgevold, Wright.

Guests Present: Terri Kuntz, Kim Waters, Jean Gage, Carol Keune, Sandy Mireles, Vivian Meyer Betts, Marcia Oltrogee, Chalsea Carroll, John Logston, Theresa McNaughton, Sylvia Mork, Dave Haugen, Lisa Peterson, Dorothy Christensen, Bob Lincoln, Simone Schmitt, Kathy Thatcher, Ken Hays, Todd Rickert, Karen Druegger, Chris Boyken, Karen Dowell.

Guests present via Lync: Brian Blodgett, Jodi Draper, Andy Eastwood.

1. Chairman Reiher called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. Supervisor Ken Abrams welcomed the attendees to Worth County and announced lunch plans.
3. Motion by Craig White and second by Ron McCartney to approve today's agenda and the minutes of August 27, 2014. Motion carried.
4. Jim Aberg spoke on behalf of the providers. He thanked the CSS Board for support with all the changes our system is going through. He mentioned that providers were looking for the region to provide more guidance for settings that are eligible for funding and wondering if the advisory group should filter ideas to CSS. They are also wondering if there would be seed money for the transition from segregated to integrated settings. The providers appreciate that CSS is still willing to fund work services when there is no alternative.
5. Brian Schmidt detailed the Friendship Center's trip to the Clay County Fair. Peer mentors from the Friendship Center are trying to reach out into the community. They are pleased that attendance is beginning to increase at the Center.
6. Vivian Meyer Betts from Legal Aid gave an overview of the services Legal Aid can offer and of the publications available. She also brought resources for people to take. Vivian can be reached at 319-504-3261.
7. Motion by Larry Vest and second by Jerry Haverly to approve a \$1,000.00 contribution to an Autism Awareness Workshop that Spectrum Industries is hosting on October 23, 2014 in Decorah. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Roy Schwickerath, second by Don Besch to approve the County Social Services Targeted Case Management policies and procedures. Motion carried.
9. County Social Services' revised Policies & Procedures must be submitted to DHS no later than Oct. 1, 2014. Administrator Lincoln announced that the rewrite is not quite finished. Motion by Phil Dougherty and second by Willie Wubben to table this action and hold a special phone conference to approve the revised Policies & Procedures at 8:00 am on September 30. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Ken Abrams and second by Bev Juhl to adopt the DHS Targeted Case Management Business Associate Agreement for Therap and all agencies participating in the EHR oversight account. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Roy Schwickerath and second by Jerry Haverly to approve the Financial Report. Administrator Lincoln went through the handout on the projected financial impact to CSS counties of the Medicaid Offset. Discussion was held.
12. Motion by Craig White and second by Jeanine Tellin to approve the claim runs attached. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Jim Ross and second by Vince Triggs to approve the provider rate requests attached. Administrator Lincoln noted that the proposal is for a 5% fee-for-service rate increase for the five mental health centers with which contract meetings had been held. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Bev Juhl and second by Roy Schwickerath to authorize the Chair to sign provider agreements with:
 - a. Berryhill Center for Mental Health
 - b. Comprehensive Systems Therap Secondary User Agreement
 - c. Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
 - d. Lifelong Links-Memorandum of Understanding
 - e. Kathryn Theel
 - f. Mental Health Center of North Iowa
 - g. Therap Business Associates Agreement
 - h. Adult Crisis Stabilization Center
 - i. Pathways Behavioral Services
 - j. Black Hawk-Grundy Mental Health Center
 - k. Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health
 - l. Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa
 - m. DHS Contract for TherapAdministrator Lincoln highlighted the changes in the Mental Health Center contracts. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Janet McGovern and second by Craig White to approve an Exception to Policy presented for up to six months. Motion carried.
16. Administrator Lincoln mentioned some opportunities he would like the CSS Board to take a look at in future meetings: mental health services in the schools, the START program and an Acute Crisis Center. He also reported that the Organizational Chart is still a work in progress, reminded everyone that we are hosting a Law Enforcement Conference at Lime Creek Nature Center in Mason City on Oct. 16, and that there is a meeting with the First Judicial District in West Union on Oct. 30 regarding the committal process and psychiatric bed inavailability.
17. Motion by Don Besch and second by Larry Vest to adjourn. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Wednesday October 22, 2014 at the Heartland Museum in Wright County.