

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD NOVEMBER MINUTES

The November County Social Service Board Meeting was held Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at Farmer's and Merchant's Bank Waukon, Iowa.

Present were: Dennis Koenig, Allamakee, Craig White, Black Hawk, Mark Reiher, Butler, Ron McCartney, Clayton, Rick Holthaus, Chickasaw, Jeanine Tellin, Fayette, Roy Schwickerath, Floyd, Mark Kubik, Howard, Don Besch, Kossuth, Joel Voaklander, Mitchell, Vince Triggs, Pocahontas, Bill Jensvold, Winnebago, Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek, Ken Abrams, Worth, Jim Aberg.

Present via phone/Lynx were: Ted Hall, Hancock, Karl Helgevoid, Wright

Guest Present: Mark Dodd, Andy Eastwood, Jan Heikes, Ann Gallagher, Marcia Oltrogge, Mary Ament, Doug Wilson, Sylvia Mork, Chalsea Carroll, Deb Schott, Sue Morse, Clark Mellick, John Logston, Carol Kuene, Teresa Naughton, Kim Waters

Guest Via phone/Lynx: Jodi Draper, Mary Beth Nelson, Michelle DeLaRiva

Agenda:

1. Chairman Reiher called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM
2. Supervisor Koenig welcomed the attendee's to Allamakee County and were made.
3. Motion by Supervisor Triggs and second by Supervisor Besch to approve today's agenda and the minutes of October 22, 2014. Motion carried.
4. Provider Representative Aberg spoke about the first formal meeting of the CSS Advisory Committee held prior to this meeting at 9:00 AM. Provider Representative Aberg will provide meeting minutes to be shared about the content of the meeting which included feedback on: 1. CSS Policy and Procedures; 2. CSS Reorganization Plans 3. List reinvestment priorities for the Board to consider if funds are made available in the spring; 4. General concerns and feedback on the operation of CSS; 5. Lastly, the CSS Advisory Board reelected Jim Aberg as Provider Representative as an ex-officio member of the CSS Board effective January 1, 2015. Deb Schott, Spectrum Network Executive Director, gave an update on the Spectrum Project and shared that Spectrum will be moving on to phase two of their project with a grant from RBEG.
 - a. Motion by Supervisor White and second by Supervisor Holthaus on the CSS Advisory Committee's nominee of Jim Aberg for the Provider Member effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion by Supervisor McCartney and second by Supervisor Abrams to receive the feedback of the Advisory Committee into the minutes. Motion carried.
5. The CSS Board will not meet in December. We will reorganize at our January meeting.
 - a. Motion made by Supervisor Kubik and second by Supervisor Voaklander to direct the CSS Executive Committee to meet prior to the January meeting to review the proposed FY15 Amended Budget and the FY16 Proposed Budget. The Executive Committee will also select a nominee to serve as Secretary/Treasurer effective January 28, 2015. Motion carried.
6. The second draft of the CSS Policies and Procedures submitted to DHS October 29, 2014 and received almost as many corrective actions as the initial draft. The department encouraged us to organize our policies around the template they had developed with the other 15 regions. Rather than persist on developing a unique framework for CSS, we chose to reverse course and align our policies with the East Central Region (ECR). This action will not negate the procedures identified in the previous drafts which will become the content of our operations manual to the extent they are not in conflict with our submitted policies. (attachment)
 - a. Motion by Supervisor White and second by Supervisor Besch to adopt the third revision of the CSS Policies and submit to DHS. Motion carried.
7. The CSS Board and Partners have had an extended conversation and debate on our organizational structure. The attached Reorganization Plan will give CSS a sustainable structure to serve our communities.(attachment)
 - a. Motion by Supervisor Schwickerath and second by Supervisor Ashbacher to move forward on COO, CFO, 2 Regional Coordinators of Disability Services, and Clinical Social Worker on the Reorganization Plan. Motion carried.
8. Community and Family Resources (CFR) has operated an ambulatory detox (3.7 level of care) for many years. This has saved counties thousands of dollars on unnecessary acute care costs and provided an effective continuum of support to individuals suffering from addictive disorders. If CSS is willing to invest in some structural improvements, CFR will expand this service to include facility based mental health crisis intervention. This approach would be consistent with the co-occurring capability required by Redesign and expand access to crisis stabilization to our western area. Michelle DeLaRiva, Community and Family Resources (CFR) Executive Director joined via the phone.
 - a. Motion by Supervisor White and second by Supervisor Besch on grant request of \$24,000 to make the structural changes necessary so CFR will be ready to serve as a facility based mental health crisis center by February 1, 2015. Motion carried.

9. Our member counties have begun their budgeting process so CSS must decide the level of MHD property tax participation required in FY2016. At the October meeting the Board reviewed the impact and sustainability of moving the per capita levy down to \$37.00. We can still keep all members at the same levy cap (except Butler and Tama) and keep \$104,000 equalization dollars by going to \$37.18 cap.
 - a. Motion by Supervisor McCartney and second by Supervisor Voaklander to lower the FY2016 MHD Property Tax Levy rate to **\$37.18** per capita and direct member county Board of Supervisors to budget accordingly. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Supervisor White and second by Supervisor Schwickerath to support the following the following CSS legislative priorities to improve the health and welfare of Iowans while sharing the common objective of all elected officials-good government. Motion carried.
 - a. Legislation to use the Iowa Department Public Health's unique identifier for MHD reporting. This will protect individuals who choose not to use their social security number on applications for assistance and cover those individuals who do not have a Medicaid ID #. This will also allow cross reference of utilization between the Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services.
 - b. Legislation to replace the Medicaid Offset formula with a MHD Levy dollar cap per population. This would restore property tax equity to all Iowans; enable local elected officials to properly set levy rates based on the needs of the community instead of hedging against uncertainty and making it difficult to sustain a reliable safety net for Iowans in need.
 - c. Legislation that would make MHD Regions responsible for coordinating the care of individuals under civil commitment. This would provide a public infrastructure to better support private providers in the delivery, accountability and organization of treatment to those unable to independently access and maintain the help they need.
 - d. Legislation to allow MHD Regions to manage HCBS waiting lists. This would allow regions to help individuals divert from long-term care if lesser interventions meet their need; initiate assessments that may expedite services when a slot is available; prevent individuals from applying for all waivers instead of the one most appropriate and offer education on choices and opportunities available.
11. Motion by Supervisor Voaklander and second by Supervisor Kubik to accept financial report presented by Jodi Draper. Motion carried
12. Motion by Supervisor Holthaus and second by Supervisor Tellin to accept claim runs presented by Jodi Draper. Motion carried.
13. West Fork took over the Humboldt County operated Drop-in Center last year. The intent was to move to a fee-for service reimbursement structure. When CSS approved the rate for this contracted service it included a cap on reimbursement. West Fork exceeded that cap at the end of May so they will lose \$3,600 for services provided in June.
 - a. Motion by Supervisor Abrams and second by Supervisor White to make payment of the June 2014 Drop-in services as billed. Motion carried.
14. Review and action on provider rate requests. Tabled until after 16. Motion by Supervisor Schwickerath and second by Supervisor Abrams to accept the provider rate requests. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Supervisor Schwickerath and second by Supervisor Kubik to authorize the Chair to sign provider agreements with the following: Motion carried.
 - a. Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa
 - b. North Iowa Area Council of Government
16. Motion by Supervisor Kubik and second by Supervisor Voaklander to except the following Exception to Policy: Winneshiek Out-of-State Case; Sheriff Charges for Security on Psychiatric Unit (\$390); ETP-Client #11067. All exceptions to policy will be reviewed every 6 months. Motion carried.
17. Administrator Lincoln gave the following Updates: Compliance Audit, 1st District Meeting in West Union, UIHC ACA, and a thank you to those leaving CSS: Melissa Hill, Carol Gallagher, Supervisor Hall, Supervisor Triggs, and Chairman Reiher.
18. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in Black Hawk County. (No December meeting).