

Eastern Iowa MH/DS
Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
Scott County Administration Building
April 13, 2016

- I. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by CEO Johannsen.
Members Present: Governing Board Representative Jack Willey; Lynn Bopes; Becky Eskildsen; Mike Johannsen; Melissa Peterson; Julie Tischuk; Lori Elam; Christine Shotwell; Holly Parmer and Luanna Gredell.
Members Absent: Michele Becker; Susie Ruchtozke; Lynn Hilgendorf; Oscar Haley; Catherine Hahn; Joe York and Michele Becker
Guest: Jane Duax
- II. The Advisory Board Members reviewed agenda with no comments.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/13/2016.
- IV. Region Finances:
CEO Johannsen passed out the Annual Service and Budget Plan for FY 17. He noted the RYC will use up a good chunk of the carry over, or fund balance, for FY 16 for the Region. He did comment the good news for FY 17 is services should continue to be in place with the addition of crisis services. Bad news is the inability of counties to raise property taxes which will be of obvious concern with the FY 18 budget.
- V. Medicaid Managed Care Implementation:
CEO Johannsen summed up the MCO implementation by stating "it has been interesting." He reminded everyone of the April 1st deadline and noted several Medicaid individuals are still awaiting their cards. CDS Bopes spoke of the meeting in Des Moines about all three MCO's presentation. She remarked that 4 of the 5 counties within our Region have local Targeted Case Management and all 4 of the TCM's have contracted with the 3 MCO's. It appears the emphasis will be on medical necessity as well as the authorization of the number of units. It is noteworthy, commented CDS Bopes, not all providers are signing with all 3 MCO's. Additional clarification was also presented to Advisory Board members of TCM's providing education about a particular MCO but not advocating for a particular MCO. This also includes agencies.
- VI. FY 15 Annual Report:
CEO Johannsen briefly touched on the FY 15 Annual Report and remarked it showed a significant number of clients served. But, he questioned, are people really happier?
- VII. Updates:
Crisis Services:
It has been a busy time, per CEO Johannsen. The crisis line is now available and materials advertising this number are being finalized to be handed out to the public. The toll free number is 844-430-0375. Some work has been done at RYC with tele-psych in Scott and Muscatine counties and the expectations is these numbers will grow as MOU's from providers are returned. Equipment has been

purchased and gathering good data. CDS Elam shared the fact that Strategic Behavioral Health's CON was denied. July 7th is the next hearing and it appears SBH will reapply.

Legislative Issues:

Per CDS Elam, legislative session started in January. SF 2236 is a bill to keep the per capita ceiling of \$47.28 and remove the frozen levy cap that was put in place back in 1996. Scott County feels they are a financial drag because of their inability to levy more money within the Region. However, since it is viewed as a property tax increase, lots of backlash from Farm Bureau to block the bill. CDS Elam reported that 73 counties in FY 17 voluntarily reduced their levies and across the State, there are only 8 counties that need to raise their levy. Of those 8, commented CDS Elam, 4 are urban-Scott, Polk, Dallas and Johnson. If Scott were to be "voted" out of the Region, rumor has it that DHS would not approve them to be a "stand alone". Other ideas that have been bantered around are the other 4 counties within our Region voluntarily reducing their levies to \$19.30 (Scott's levy). If this were to happen, the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region would be in the deficit by \$5 million for FY 18. Another option at the legislative level is the HHS appropriations bill. This bill would allow the DHS Director to have the authority to remove the levy cap. How could this happen, CDS Elam commented? It would take away the taxing authority and give it to DHS and local control will be gone. Another alternative bill is HSB 650 which just keeps the current funding mechanism in place for another year in order for legislatures to have more time to study the problem. Regional Governing Board Representative Willey reminded members to contact their legislatures to support SF 2236.

Trainings:

CIT to target law enforcement is still on the table as well as outcomes. Regional Advisory Members were reminded that John Grush will be providing a presentation, on April 28th, at the Scott County Administration building on outcomes.

VIII. Committee Terms of Services:

CEO Johannsen remarked that every county needs to re-appoint someone at the local level to be on the Regional Advisory Committee for a 2 year term.

IX. Other Items:

CEO Johannsen emphasized the Regional Advisory Committee members may play a crucial role in the next few years as one of the tasks members are assigned to is a reduction in service areas.

IX: Public Comment:

Jane Duax, who is running for an open board seat in Scott County thanked the members present for their fine work. She noted a lot of information was provided at today's meeting.

X: Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th at 4 pm at the Scott County Administration Building. Room location yet to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted-CDS Eskildsen, Clinton County