



SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL) **MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION**

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those efforts. A one cent sales tax could help with funding for the mental health system and provide some property tax relief. They discussed the CEO evaluation. There was discussion of Muscatine County joining the SEIL Region. The Adult Advisory Committee recommends letting Muscatine County into the SEIL Region. Muscatine County is trying to protect the individuals in their community by changing regions. The committee doesn't see a downside to the individuals they represent to letting Muscatine County join. Muscatine County can levy more funds than are needed. The providers in Muscatine County seem to be a good fit with the provider community in the SEIL Region. Muscatine County's culture would be a good fit with the SEIL Region.

Children's Advisory Board voted on the parent advisory member to be appointed to the governing board. They approved SEIL CEO's self-evaluation. They developed and approved legislative priorities to be discussed later on the agenda.

7. Discuss and Consider Approval of the appointment of the SEIL Children's Advisory Committee as described in the SEIL 28E (5 Minutes)

The children's advisory committee has been active for some time. This is an open committee, and anyone can attend. The governing board needs to appoint the SEIL Children's Advisory Committee as described in the SEIL 28E.

Motion to approve the appointment of the Children's Advisory Committee

By Michael Berg

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

8. Discuss and Consider Approval of Children's Advisory Committee Board member designates (10 Minutes)

- a. Parent of Child receiving mental health service**
- b. Provider of Children's mental health service**
- c. Education Representative**

The Children's Advisory Committee has designated their representatives for appointment to the SEIL Governing Board. The Children's Advisory Committee Board member designates serve a two-year term. The parent provider is Kristine Skinner, the provider of children's services is Heather Brueck and the education representative is Mark Schneider.

Motion to approve the Children's Advisory designates to the SEIL Governing Board

By Dee Sandquist

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

9. Consider Approval of Claims as per Running Totals Document- December

The document was viewed via overhead projector. Due to receiving additional reports this morning, the report being viewed has been updated from the report sent out with the board meeting documents. The expenditures match the board approval of the December claims. Jefferson County has not allocated all their property tax dollars. The percentage of budgets spent is varied due to when payments are being submitted to the fiscal agent. Some counties may make their payment in full other counties split the payment into two or three payments during the fiscal year.



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County, outside of what the regions pays to Robert Young, are paid through Muscatine County's fund 10. There are two mediation issues between Muscatine County and the EIR. At issue are the regions ability to remove Muscatine County early and if they are removed early does Muscatine County have to pay the \$311,000 to the region. Muscatine County hasn't sent any funds to the fiscal agent in two years. There was one-million-dollar legislative appropriation that was provided to the EIR.

Muscatine County representatives stated the business model SEIL uses is how they would like to operate. Muscatine is working on mirroring SEIL in the services funded, in not supplementing Medicaid funded services with property tax dollars, using residential care facility services funded by Medicaid and aligning the services they fund to SEIL service plan. Muscatine County's current region funds Robert Young to contract with all region providers at a cost of about \$400,000.00 a year and SEIL manages their own provider contracts. When looking at cost in their region an example offered is duplicated services provided in Muscatine County for jail diversion services through Robert Young and Muscatine County jail paying a LMSW social worker. Muscatine County appreciates the hands-on management of the coordinators of disability services and the level of finance reporting provided to the SEIL Governing Board.

Issues Muscatine County faces if they are removed from the EIR prior to 6/30/20 include they cannot spend any money from fund 10 as spending authority is only at the region level. Muscatine County could not contract for services as they cannot contract for services under EIR and could not contract with SEIL providers as they are not a member of SEIL. Muscatine would not have a region management plan to be able to continue to provide services. Muscatine County has to be a member of a 28E to be subject to a levy capacity and that would need to be done by March 15th.

Concerns or remaining questions expressed by SEIL Governing Board members include what if Muscatine County doesn't have a twenty percent fund balance, losing balance of membership, county population shifts to the larger counties, if Muscatine County doesn't have a twenty percent fund balance would our region subsidize them, and members are still not clear on the situation to make a decision. What are the reasons Muscatine wants out of their region and what are the reasons their region now wants them out? What happens if SEIL says no to Muscatine joining our region? If acting on this request is tabled there will need to be special meetings should the SEIL 28E need to be modified.

Across the state there have been counties request to join other regions and be denied or regions deferred allowing the requesting county to join. The Department of Human Services has denied the creation of new regions.

Motion to table the request
By Marc Lindeen

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes with one opposed



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13. Discuss and Consider Approval of Recommendation as related to Muscatine County's membership request to the SEIL Region (15 Minutes)

No action taken.

14. Discuss and Consider Approval of Unfunded Mandates letter to Director Kelly Garcia (5 Minutes)

The letter was reviewed via overhead projector. The letter pointed out that the state of Iowa needs to maximize the federal contribution for Medicaid verses utilizing one hundred percent county property tax dollars to subsidize Medicaid funded services.

Motion to approve the letter

By Dee Sandquist

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

15. Discuss and Consider Approval of CEO Evaluation (10 Minutes)

The management team reviewed Ryanne's self-evaluation and had an opportunity to provide input.

The Children's Advisory approved the CEO self-evaluation without discussion.

The Adult Advisory Committee evaluation of the CEO is Ryanne is extremely organized, bright and responsible. She is attuned to issues faced and knows the system. Ryanne is a leader in the state. Everyone feels really good about this leader. The committee is exceptionally satisfied with Ryanne's performance.

Other discussion included Ryanne was understated in her self-evaluation. The consensus of the SEIL Governing Board is exceptionally satisfied with Ryanne's performance. Ryanne is responsive to governing board member phone calls. Ryanne has the expertise to make this region work. SEIL is far and above other groups due to Ryanne.

Motion to consider approval of the CEO evaluation as exceptionally satisfied

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

16. Discuss and Consider Approval of process for CEO Evaluation (10 Minutes)

There was a brief discussion if there should be a formalized a process for evaluating SEIL CEO performance. Consensus is no alternative evaluation process is needed at this time.

17. New Business

Exception to policy (ETP) for Hillcrest Family Services. This would be a continuation of the ETP considered at the November governing board meeting. Invoices were submitted late due to personnel changes. The charges are for two invoices eligible for approval of payment for outpatient services and the total amount of the invoices is \$283.53. The claims will be processed for payment if the exception to policy is approved.

Motion to approve the Hillcrest exception to policy

By Marc Lindeen

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes



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There are still unanswered questions Muscatine County despite what the finance committee has looked at. The finance committee should look at these issues again and add more representation from the governing board members. Board members who still have questions should be on the committee. The committee will include Marc Lindeen, Jack Seward Jr., Ryanne Wood, Bobbie Wulf, Tami Gilliland and additional volunteers Tom Broeker and Bob Bartles. The committee will meet and if they have any additional questions, they will ask to meet with Muscatine County representatives.

The Children's Advisory Committee legislative priorities are:

1. Provide adequate funding to support children's behavioral health services that's fiscally responsible without impacting local property taxes.
2. The children's mental health state board oversees state departments including Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Iowa Department of Public Health, Workforce Development, Juvenile Court System, in communication to insure alignment and coordination of children's behavioral health system regulations.
3. Flexibility and local control of coordination of children's behavioral health services.

Motion to acknowledge receipt of SEIL Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee legislative priorities

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Mark Schneider

Motion passes

Ryanne will send out the legislative priorities to the governing board.

The Adult Advisory Committee considers increasing direct care worker wages as a primary legislative priority.

Seven months after Iowa Total Care managed care organization started serving the state, they don't have an operational system that pays invoices. The state of Iowa is withholding forty-four million dollars until their system starts paying bills.

18. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, January 28, 2020. MLsb