



# SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL)

## MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION

DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON,  
KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN  
& WASHINGTON COUNTIES

DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
December 11, 2019	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

### SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Approved Minutes

Present: Rick Larkin, Jack Seward Jr., Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Michael Berg, Chris Ball, Bob Bartles, Heather Brueck, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Felicia Toppert, Rochelle Phelps, Santos Saucedo, Jeff Sorensen

**1. Approve Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm and included introductions.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Michael Berg

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

**2. Consider Approval of November 13, 2019 minutes**

The minutes were reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes

By tom Broeker

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

**3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members (12 Minute)**

The adult structure of mental health services is complicated and not set up to serve the needs of the people who access them. The system is complex and not effectively delivered. There is a survey from the Iowa State Auditor that was sent to about one hundred thirty providers who are members of the State Association of Community Providers. The survey is asking about managed care organizations (MCO's). It would be a good idea if this survey went to regions to complete. This would be validation to what the providers are reporting. The MCO Amerigroup is proposing if you get more than twenty-four mental health and addiction services in a year you have to preauthorize after those hours are exhausted. This is a total of 24 between the mental health and addiction services. If providers are not aware of the services a person is accessing one provider might not get paid for services provided if they were not aware the twenty-four hours were utilized and didn't preauthorize. Another issue with Amerigroup is a person is admitted into services at a specified level of need and at thirty to sixty days the MCO presses to reduce the level of service, despite the fact the persons needs have not changed. The provider operates at a loss if needs are higher than the amount authorized. Prior to the MCO's a person would be authorized for services for a year and then service needs would be reviewed annually. Medicaid/MCO rates for mental health services and some other services pay below the actual cost of the service. The governing boards and board of supervisors say once a person is on Medicaid as funder of services, they don't need more funding from the region. There was a suggestion for SEIL to write a letter to the state auditor on the rates issue. The state auditor,



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Rob Sand, was at the District 5 county officials meeting and he was made aware that with low Medicaid reimbursement federal matching funds are replaced with property tax dollars.

The children's advisory committee is still getting formalized. The secretary and vice chair positions were filled. They are still awaiting applications for a parent representative. The committee tabled drafting legislative priorities because they want the Department of Human Services most recent recommendations. They are developing a list of resources and distribution list. Nicole Mann and intern support through her office will help work on this.

#### **4. Consider Approval of Claims as per Running Totals Document- November**

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. The county ledger report from Keokuk County has not been submitted. The Keokuk County October or November reports are not available yet to be able to confirm financials. Percent of budgets are starting decrease due to payments to the fiscal agent. Each county has paid some funds to the fiscal agent. Revenues are property tax dollars. There was a reimbursement from Social Security in the amount of \$8,381 from an interim assistance reimbursement. No interest was posted for November.

Motion to approve the claims running totals document for November

By Marc Lindeen

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

#### **5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 12-11-2019**

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. Mandated claims totaled \$7,282.42. Service claims totaled \$457,930.44. Total of all claims paid is \$465,212.86.

Motion to approve the fiscal agent claims 12-11-19

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

#### **6. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- November**

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. Revenues were the Social Security payment and payments to the fiscal agent from Des Moines, Jefferson and Keokuk Counties. Revenue totaled \$770,469.07. The claims paid amount was \$502,660.25 and matched the amount approved by the governing board.

Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report for November

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes

#### **7. Presentation of Jefferson and Van Buren Jail diversion coordination- Rochelle (12 minutes)**

Rochelle handed out a graph related to the charges detainees are booked into the jail on. She is contracted to provide jail diversion services ten hours a week in the Jefferson and Van Buren County Jails. She has learned she needs to focus on making sure the people she works with get to court as probation violations are a lot of the charges at booking. During the 2018 calendar year Rochelle



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worked with sixty-eight detainees. For this calendar year through September she was worked with seventy-two detainees. Rochelle identified homelessness is the number one issue she sees as a need.

### **8. Discuss and Consider Approval of FY21 Budget Recommendation- Finance Committee (35 Minutes)**

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. There was a reminder that there was a one-million-dollar reduction in the amount requested from member counties in fiscal year twenty. This is why the request from member counties is higher for fiscal year twenty-one. There is five million nine hundred thousand dollars in expenses for the region. The cost for Transition Link jail diversion services is \$2.11 per capita and the cost for Optima jail diversion services is \$1.45 per capita. However, there are some differences in the service delivery of the two programs. The services and cost of the service was reviewed. Some service costs have gone down. It is anticipated there will be an access center located in Wapello County and one in Johnson County. Funding was included for pediatric services as required in the children's services legislation. Local administration cost increase is estimated at three percent. Region total cost with services and administration is 6.88 million dollars. The per capita for services is \$36.46 for the region. The average levy is \$42.28 and that is the levy recommendation. Tami Gilliland will send out a letter to each county explaining the dollars needed for service and administration and levy amount. There is a need to build in a thirty percent carryforward balance for administrative costs as will to bridge the time when counties are waiting for tax revenues.

Motion to adopt the fiscal year 21 budget proposal

By Tom Broeker

Second Marc Lindeen

Motion passes

### **9. Discuss and Consider Approval of CAMI talking points to legislature regarding funding of the Children's Behavioral Health system policy legislation (10 Minutes)**

The Children's Advisory Committee tabled action on talking points they are endorsing until January. CAMHI4Kids is one group with legislative priorities and there are other groups with talking points. The Children's Advisory Committee wants to make sure talking points don't undermine regions before they support them. There was a suggestion to look at the Iowa Hospital Association, NAMI and the Iowa Association of Community Providers who have legislative talking points. No action taken.

### **10. Discuss processing fee for claims related to Fiscal Agent account and planning for the future (10 minutes)**

This discussion is in regard to the cost related to processing fiscal agent claims. It is important for SEIL to know the cost of the fiscal agent services. Cost Advisory Services Inc. (CASI) establishes what the cost is to process a claim, not a check, for Des Moines County. Cost for claims processing is in the positive because we get interest on our account. There has been discussion about auditor integration with CSN which will save money. There have been issues prohibiting getting auditor integration completed with the Des Moines County Auditor. It is good business to integrate and save money. Once auditor integration is complete CASI will do a new cost estimate for fiscal agent



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services. The SEIL Management Team will continue to ensure we move forward with the fiscal agent to reduce those costs. Management have internal operations aligned for the adult system which should help us to be ready to develop the process and manual for children's system.

### **11. New Business (12 Minutes)**

Juvenile court suggested having an efficient system to apply services, DHS needs to list all the services they provide on their application form. There was a question as to what services the application is for because they are not listed on the form. The DHS application is for services for child welfare services along with food assistance, waivers and Medicaid. On the application for services you have to write on the application what services you want to access, there needs to be check the box with service options. It would be helpful for the juvenile court officer to provide a copy of what they are looking at to help with facilitating action on this.

### **12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn  
By Michael Berg

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, December 26, 2019. MLsb