



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

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

SEIL identified crisis residential services as a priority and invested one hundred percent in crisis residential services. SEIL incurred the full cost of those services for the last four years. This is a Medicaid funded service. In October one provider became accredited and contracted with the managed care organizations (MCO) for crisis services. The process of accreditation and contracting took a year to accomplish. The provider has yet to be paid by an MCO for the services they have provided since October. The rate set by the MCO's to pay for the crisis residential service is less than the actual cost to provide the service. Legislatively regions have been mandated to establish five more services which are essentially the same situation as the funding for the crisis residential services. Braided funding is an issue and requires Medicaid to contribute to the cost of the services especially with the five new mandated services. Regions must know what needs to be accomplished to make braided funding work. Regions don't have access to Medicaid data on need for funding. Our region needs to be data driven with the services being developed.

4. Consider Approval of Claims as per Running Totals Document- January

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. All financial reports have been submitted by the member county auditors. Some counties paid their region contribution in full and some counties make split payments. Revenues and expenditures have been reconciled to the auditor reports.

Motion to approve the claims for January

By Mark Meek

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 2-13-2019

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. Mandated claims totaled \$28,867.57, service claims totaled \$412,295.51 and the total for all February claims of \$441,163.08.

Motion to approve the claims for fiscal agent account for February 13, 2019

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

6. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- January

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. There was no revenue paid to the fiscal agent account in January. Expenses totaled \$434,692.83 which matches the amount approved by the governing board in January.

Motion to receive and file the January fiscal agent report

By Tom Broeker

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

7. Presentation from SEIL Mental Health Advocates

Ted Kuechmann and April Krogmeier are the SEIL Mental Health Advocates. A satisfaction survey for fiscal year 2018 and brochures were handed out. Ted serves Des Moines, Henry, Louisa and Washington Counties. April serves Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee and Van Buren Counties. The advocates follow people who are court ordered to mental health treatment which includes inpatient and outpatient treatment for mental health care. Statistics reflect one in four people have a mental illness and most people who have mental illness are not on a commitment. The advocates only work with individuals who have an active commitment. The advocates don't respond to individuals under a forty-eight-hour hold.

They currently have 439 open cases. Ted has 230 open cases and April has 209 open cases.

Open cases by county:

Des Moines -	128	Washington -	42	Van Buren -	15
Lee -	117	Henry -	33	Keokuk -	12
Jefferson -	57	Louisa -	22	Juveniles -	13



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Duties include attending hearings, meeting with the individuals, collecting face sheets with demographic information, obtaining releases and providing a patient bill of rights. The advocates try to establish a relationship with the person, help make sure they are following through with treatment and help represent their interests with the court. The advocates want to help the individuals achieve the best possible life they can and make sure it is appropriate for the commitment to still be in effect. April is a C3 De-escalation trainer and Ted is on the CIT Committee. The advocates work with the coordinator of disability services and the jail diversion coordinators in the region. They make referrals to the integrated health home services as well. The advocates utilize the Community Services Network (CSN) to track data.

The advocates decide who gets the satisfaction surveys based on who they see during the time frames of the survey. The survey is handed out at meetings or at the hearing. The survey also goes to providers, judges and the clerk of court to complete. Of the forty surveys distributed they only received seven back.

8. Discuss Mobile Crisis Response and how this service relates to Access Centers

The governing board approved this last month. The mobile crisis talking points were reviewed via overhead projector. Coordinators of Disability Services met with city and county law enforcement to go over the talking points and gather input on how the service would best work for law enforcement. This information was included for developing the request for proposal (RFP). Mobile crisis is getting a mental health professional to meet the person where they are at during a mental health crisis. Mobile crisis works to address the needs of law enforcement when they go to a scene with a mental health crisis. Staffing of eight to ten people could be needed for a mobile crisis service response area. Southeast Iowa Regional Planning has been working on writing the RFP document for just over two weeks. Providers submitting a response to the RFP are required to submit a letter of support from law enforcement. SEIL could also contract with an established mobile crisis provider outside the region if that provider meets the required one hundred twenty-mile service response area. SEIL continues to encourage law enforcement to receive crisis intervention training (CIT). SEIL has established CIT and the second step is establishing mobile crisis. Then SEIL will look at establishing an access center service array. Generally, law enforcement options have been to take them to the emergency department or charge them with a crime and take them to jail if they can't resolve the situation at the scene. Mobile crisis gives law enforcement a third option.

Access centers are not in the Medicaid service array that managed care organizations (MCO) fund. A stand-alone access center would not be funded through an MCO with Medicaid dollars. The components of services in an access center are in the Medicaid array which makes having a virtual access center more cost effective. Services developed by the region need to be based on data showing there is a need for the service.

9. Discuss Finance committee recommendations as it relates to administrative expenditures and employment of SEIL designated personnel

SIACC is a 28E that operates with employees and they have challenges with money management and providing insurance. Coming together to pool resources is a plan that has worked well and there isn't a need to change this right now. If the future leads to a need to change who the region operates then this can be addressed at that time. What we work in is beyond our scope. SEIL is not in the position to move to region being an employer. If regions are not fulfilling mandates the state could take over. Having a 28E with shared employment doesn't work very well. What the region is doing does work well. The operation of SEIL administration should continue as it is.

Each member county had a coordinator of disability services (CDS) when the region began. Counties have lost CDS's since then. Through cooperation and formal agreements being implemented the loss of staff has been covered. Member counties have a point of contact. If a member county couldn't cover the obligation to have a point of contact and another member county could not provide coverage, then the region might need to take on an employee. The region doesn't have to make a change currently.



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All the CDS's are members of Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and have an affiliate organization. Access to ISAC could be lost if employees lost county employee status and this could impact data management and using the Community Services Network (CSN).

The department of human services perspective is it is fine for this system to be a separate 28E. The department of human services doesn't have to consider the residual side effects. Funding of the region is still based on a county property tax levy. SEIL is not ready to become an employer. Each year the statement of understanding is completed and is the basis of SEIL using county employees to do region work. If there is an issue or question relating to what a county employee is doing that is within region designated work this should be addressed with the governing board. There was discussion regarding personnel performance and what the management team does to address those issues. If an employee can't meet region designated work expectations the region works with the employer to make sure there is no harm done to the employer if region work is moved away from the employee.

The finance committee did not discuss the CEO stipend. The committee will review this and consider how to pay a stipend so IPERS can be applied. Once this has been discussed the finance committee will bring a couple of recommendations to the governing board.

10. Discuss and Consider Approval of date change for March Governing Board meeting because of conflict with County Day at the Capital

A consensus agreement was to hold the governing board meeting March 20th at this location if the meeting room is available.

11. New Business

The ISAC Community Services Affiliate has a legislative review committee that works with Jamie Cashman. The community services affiliate may have a different perspective on the impact of some legislation than the ISAC lobbyist. There have been sixty bills reviewed by the community services affiliate. The community services legislative review report will be shared with the governing board. Senate File 10 removes the certificate of need for acute inpatient beds, Senate File 41 offers an income tax exemption for workers providing direct services to individuals with disabilities and House Study Bill 76 implements a Medicaid report on appeals of denied funding.

Discussed speaking with Farm Bureau and the topics they have interest in along with issues the board of supervisor's feel are important. Talking points for county supervisors to use when they speak with their local Farm Bureau would help give a consistent message. Ryanne has talking points that she will share with the governing board members.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, March 5, 2019. MLsb