



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
March 11, 2020	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board Meeting
Approved Minutes

Present: Jack Seward Jr., Marc Lindeen, Tom Broecker, Dee Sandquist, Michael Berg, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Bob Bartles, Heather Brueck, RYANNE WOOD, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Rochelle Honey-Acerment

1. **Approve Agenda** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Chris Ball

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

2. **Consider Approval of February 12, 2020 minutes**

The minutes were reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the February 12, 2020 minutes

By Mark Meek

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes

3. **Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members**

The Adult Advisory discussed the Governor’s proposal for funding region mental health and disability services costs. The original proposal would have reduced the amount of funds the SEIL Region would have access to by \$700,000. A new proposal added four million dollars in funding for children’s mental health across the state. The seed for the idea of this new option started with RYANNE WOOD and her analysis of the original proposal. The Adult Advisory Committee endorses option three of the new proposal. There is a requirement state funds are to be used for core services only. There are other key services funded that are not core but are very helpful to the people SEIL serves. The adult advisory would like to see requirement to only use state funds for core services removed. The Governor may come to Burlington to speak on her sales tax plan; the commitment has not been finalized.

There are still issues with providers not being paid or not paid timely by the managed care organizations.

The adult advisory committee also supports the SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan.

The Children’s Advisory continues to work on the data base for a children’s services resource guide, funding and how that works. There was discussion about the SEIL budget for fiscal year 2021.

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

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. All county auditor reports were received. The balances on this report match the county auditor reports. Most member county budgets have not been expended. Member counties still owe \$1,942,685.75 to the fiscal agent. Des Moines and Washington Counties are making three payments to the fiscal agent and other counties are making one or two payments. The



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9. Discuss and Consider Approval of ETP for Client ID#89752-Ryanne

This individual was discharged from jail to a site home outside of the SEIL Region. SEIL agrees to pay for services for thirty-day to allow for transition when a region funded individual moves to another region. There was an attempt to submit an interim assistance reimbursement (IAR) due to their SSI being pended while they were in jail. The link to the IAR didn't happen. SEIL paid for the cost of rent and utilities for thirty days which was to be paid to a contracted provider. Due to the process being unfamiliar to this provider location they didn't submit the invoice within the timeframes required by SEIL.

Motion to approve exception to policy client ID #89752

By Tom Broeker

Second Mark Meek

Motion carries

10. Discuss and Consider Approval of SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan- FY21

The SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan was reviewed via overhead projector. This plan is subject to change depending on the outcome of Senate Study Bill 3116. Areas that still need to be updated are highlighted. The member county's approved budget information is needed for the final version. Budget and revenue information is based on our current status. The narrative in the plan explains how the region finances services. In the plan SEIL identifies what services are eligibility or non-eligibility based and what funding streams pay for the service. The plan is used as a platform to explain issues experienced in the region along with obstacles and challenges that occur as we meet required mandates. Examples of issues experienced include financing has been unsustainable for the last six years, impact of Medicaid funding, changing fund balance requirements, Medicaid claw back, loss of county case management and reduced property taxes. There is broader funding for adults with region funding, Medicaid and occasional third-party payments. Children's funding comes from Medicaid, DeCat, public health and schools. The region is the default payor to address gaps to access services. If another funder doesn't pay the region pays as we are mandated to provide access. An example of services Medicaid should fund and has not is crisis stabilization residential services. This is a service Medicaid pays for and Medicaid has contributed little funding to pay for this service.

Motion to approve the SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan FY 21

By Mark Meek

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion carries

11. Discuss SSB3116

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. There is a new financing proposal which reflects two regions losing funding and SEIL now gaining around \$250,000 in funding. The CEO group has decided to support this proposal as long as there can be negotiation to revisit the required core services and what non-core services are being provided that contribute to the continuum of care. In the event state doesn't make full allocation to the regions the request is regions be allowed to increase property taxes to compensate for any shortfall. This leaves the ability to raise property taxes, if deemed necessary, with the local board of supervisors. Only change in this new plan is an increase of the state per capita. Being an appropriation bill, this isn't subject to funnel. There is a question if an appropriation bill can mandate the state allocation be used for core only when core services is contained in Iowa Code Chapter 331. This proposal is being endorsed by a number of groups. The initial



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appropriation comes from the general fund then the three-eighths of the one cent sales tax finances services after that. Continuity of care needs to be addressed in utilization of state funds and expectation they be used for core only. Discussed services that could be lost statewide if the state allocation can only be used for core services. Examples locally of lost services include drop in and recovery centers that are valuable community-based services and jail diversion services which means the loss of coordination to services for individuals discharging from jail. A statewide loss is residential care facilities that are not considered core. If RCF's are not funded this creates an issue of how serve an influx of individuals in the community-based service array. The regions should not be required to eliminate established services to accommodate new services.

12. New Business

On Monday, March 16th at noon there will be a census representative in Fairfield. It is important to complete the census for federal funding.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

By Dee Sandquist

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, March 26, 2020. MLsb