





## **SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL)**

### **MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION**

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

The claims were reviewed via overhead projector. All reports have been submitted by the member county auditors. This report reflects January and February changes to revenues and expenditures. The reports have been reconciled and match the SEIL record. Henry, Jefferson, Van Buren and Washington Counties have payments due to the SEIL Fiscal Agent.

Motion to approve the claims running totals for February

By Marc Lindeen

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

#### **5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 3-20-2019**

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. Service claims totaled \$506,144.43, mandated claims totaled \$9,875.12 and total claims to be paid is \$516,019.55. The service claims will be processed for payment on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for payment.

Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 claims for the fiscal agent account

By Tom Broeker

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

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

The report was reviewed via overhead projector. The fiscal agent report of expenditures paid matches the amount of expenditures approved by the governing board last month. Revenue for February was a payment from Washington County of \$239,000.00 and interest. Interest has been posted for January and February. Jefferson County has made a payment to the fiscal agent and that will show in the March report.

Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report

By Tom Broeker

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

#### **7. Receive and File Audit Extension for SEIL FY18**

Anderson and Larkin requested that SEIL request an extension with the state auditor for the filing of the region audit. The CEO did request the extension and has gotten the approval for the extension from the state auditor. This is the first-year claims for services were processed at the fiscal agent level, so this should allow for the annual audit to be completed sooner. As long as Des Moines County continues to use Anderson and Larkin as their audit firm the fiscal agent will continue to be audited by them. As the auditing firm for the SEIL Region a letter of engagement is needed between the region and Anderson and Larkin.

Motion to receive and file the request for extension and accept the letter of engagement

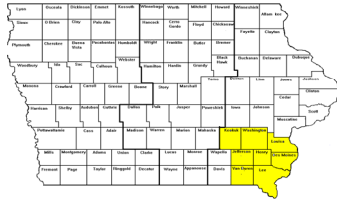
By Marc Lindeen

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

#### **8. Discuss and Consider Approval of North Bay letter of intent/prospective MOU to participate in Housing Project**

A letter from Community Housing Initiatives was reviewed via overhead projector. The letter was regarding North Bay Apartments in Fairfield. Community Housing Initiatives is acquiring the property for renovation using Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Sandy Stever, Jefferson County Coordinator of Disability Services, was asked to do some investigating on this property. Sandy reached out to Matt Hauge of Community Housing Initiatives to get more information. Mr. Hauge wasn't aware that Jackson Point apartments in Fairfield was a tax credit property. Mr. Hauge also suggested Sandy talk



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with Washington County to get more information. Sandy discussed the Fairfield property with the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. The building is a two-story apartment complex. There is no elevator to access the second floor of the building. Concern was expressed that this building may be a substandard building and has a history of frequent calls for law enforcement to respond to the property. It was recommended that action be tabled on this until more information can be gathered.

Motion to table action on this agenda item

By Tom Broeker

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes

#### **9. Discuss and Consider Approval of FY20 SEIL Annual Service and Budget Plan**

The report was provided via email for the board members to review. The plan is for fiscal year twenty and is due to the department of human services (DHS) by April first. This report is to be completed in the same format by all the mental health and disability service regions. In the past DHS has required modifications to the contents of the report. The scope of service shows that the SEIL Region has accomplished a lot. The annual report identifies this is a locally managed system and should not be impeded on by an entity that is not local. The budget in the report doesn't contain funding for marketing and public awareness. There are crisis line billboards in Henry County to promote public awareness. These were funded by a federal grant obtained by another entity in Henry County. The billboards have increased calls to the crisis line from Henry and Van Buren Counties.

Motion to approve the Annual Service and Budget Plan for FY20

By Mark Meek

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

#### **10. Discuss service access concerns within the SEIL Region and ways to mitigate risk across the geography of SEIL**

SEIL is going to work with the local providers to identify to identify difficulties at the local level with identifying who is Medicaid eligible and outstanding claims payments. These issues that were brought up with in the meeting with legislators and Director Randol at County Day in March. Senator Taylor organized this meeting to discuss issues and invited Director Randol. Discussion included payments that are in the rears with managed care organizations (MCO) and ways to mitigate the issue. It was consensus that discussions at this meeting didn't accomplish potential for change. The legislators are concerned about the services that will be lost. This issue needs to be addressed with the governor. There needs to be a concise communication to public officials the issues being faced with the MCO's. This needs to be sent to the board of supervisors, the governor and legislators. Paige Thorson is from the governors office and wants to hear about issues she can relay to the governor. Tom Broeker is willing to send to her the correspondence on the issues we are discussing today.

SEIL needs data on how many claims relate to DHS and MCO's with Medicaid eligibility, what is related to CPT codes and modifiers that create problems with getting claims paid. If the Medicaid provider array is insufficient then the SEIL provider array is insufficient. Providers closing service location limits access to services and stops the expansion of services, which is not acceptable. The document needs to be something easy to read and short. Identify problems then focus on one problem



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specifically and close the correspondence a potential solution. Chris Betsworth of Hillcrest was asked to pick out outstanding claims based on Medicaid eligibility potentially. Management team will work on this gather needed information and compile a statement. The final draft will be given to the governing board to submit to elected officials in Des Moines.

#### **11. Discuss Current legislation as relates to:**

##### **a. Funding MHDS Regions**

Senate File 548 increases the carry forward to thirty percent for all regions. Nothing about levy increases or state contribution.

##### **b. Children's Mental Health**

Senate File 479 identifies core services for children puts the regions front and center for services, puts a staff member in place for children's services at the region level. School board member not an area education agency should be on the governing board, adds a second advisory board for the children's services at the region. A children's system is needed, and regions have the best probability to get this going, but we need new money. Regions hire the children's system coordinator. This is a policy bill and not an appropriation bill, so no funding is identified.

##### **c. Commitments (125/229)**

House File 722 is legislation that combines Iowa code sections 125 and 229 into one commitment process. A committee worked on modifying Iowa Code relating to commitments. The legislation extends forty-eight hour holds to seventy-two hour holds. Substance abuse funding is with the Iowa Department of Public Health and mental health services is the department of human services and the regions. Regions potentially become financially obligated to pay costs related to substance abuse services. This is a policy bill and not an appropriation bill.

##### **d. Other pertinent legislation**

House File 610 is legislation on guardianships. The significant points with this legislation include providing for an attorney and guardian ad litem for the respondent, requires an evaluation of the respondent's decision-making capacity and requires background and criminal history checks on the proposed guardians. Potentially these are costs the county may be required to pay.

Dee Sandquist talked with sheriff's at County Day about proposed legislation. The sheriff's use different language and have different expectations of service delivery for people with a mental health crisis. Sheriff's thought legislation takes care of the issue of addressing the needs of individuals during a crisis. The issue of commitments being taken to an access center was discussed. It became apparent that the way the legislation was passed does not allow access centers to take people under an initial commitment due to this being an outpatient service and not inpatient hospital service. There needs to be a meeting with the sheriff's and the governing board so that everyone's expectations become clear and a discussion can be had on what has been legislatively mandated. Access centers provide crisis



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assessment, twenty-three-hour observation, crisis stabilization residential and subacute services. They do not have the ability to hold people in a locked facility.

#### **12. Discuss and Consider Approval of Legislative Forum meeting with local legislators regarding current realities pertaining to SEIL and SEIL provider network**

To meet with legislators during session that would require going to Des Moines. To meet with them here locally that would have to be after session ends.

#### **13. Discuss and Consider Approval of joint meeting between SEIL Governing Board, Sheriff's, and SEIL Management team to discuss Commitments, MHDS Services, and process development to enhance efficiencies for all involved**

There needs to be a joint meeting with the SEIL Governing Board, sheriffs and the SEIL Management Team. The management team will collect information from the providers and plan to have law enforcement partners there to meet with legislators.

#### **14. New Business**

At the ISAC Spring Conference there was a session on prescription benefit managers. Wapello County a pharmacist was reading minutes of county board meeting and saw bills for prescriptions the county was paying for the jail. He brought it to the attention of the board of supervisors the county is paying more for prescriptions than the pharmacy was charging. Wapello county now saves three thousand five hundred dollars a month on prescription costs. It turns out there are three prescription benefits managers with two forms of pricing, spread pricing and pass-through pricing. Spread pricing doesn't charge an administrative fee. They charge for the prescription and make their money on the spread between the discounts they get. Pass-through charges the cost of the prescription and then two or three dollars to fill the prescription. There is a bill at the state level being sponsored by a pharmacist on this issue. Senator Grassley is going to be holding hearings in Washington DC on this issue. Check with your insurer to see if it is the pass-through benefit or spread pricing.

#### **15. Adjourn**

This meeting is at the Henry County Courthouse in April.

Motion to adjourn

By Chris Ball

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, April 2, 2019. MLsb