



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
June 10, 2020	1:30pm	ZOOM Meeting

SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK GOVERNANCE BOARD ZOOM MEETING Approved Minutes

Present: Rick Larkin, Jack Seward Jr., Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Michael Berg, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Bob Bartles, Chris Betsworth, Heather Brueck, Mark Schneider, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Codi Amason, Marc Roe

1. Approve Agenda

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

Motion to approve the agenda

By Michael Berg	Second Marc Lindeen	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker-aye	Mark Meek- aye	

2. Consider Approval of May 13, 2020 minutes

Motion to approve the May 13, 2020 minutes

By Michael Berg	Second Chris Ball	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker-aye	Mark Meek- aye	

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

Adult Advisory Committee reported there is an effort with state legislators to get frontline staff higher wages, temporary hazard pay and funding for protective equipment. Getting higher wages through Medicaid doesn't mean frontline staff funded through the county get raises. The state needs include counties in receiving part of the funding for the frontline staff that are county funded and not create an unfunded mandate of the region. The Adult Advisory Committee is asking the governing board to endorse this effort along with providers getting a pandemic cost increase.

There is a need for rural broadband services. During the pandemic telehealth has become a very important lifeline and the internet is not reliable in a lot of the communities in our area. Rural broadband being upgraded is a one-time cost and should be a priority that could be supported with federal dollars.

The managed care organizations and insurance companies are paying for telehealth now, but before the pandemic they weren't uniform in how they were paying for, it if they paid for it at all. Payment for telehealth should be uniform with how face to face services are paid and the rates paid should be uniform as well.

With contracting not all providers are treated the same and there is a need to examine the differences or disparity in the contracts. The region management team is looking at utilization, there are segments of services that aren't apples to



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apples and there are verifiable reasons for this. There was a request that the chair and vicechair of the governing board be briefed on this at a later time.

Children Advisory Committee discussed the wrap around contract awarded to SEIL by Decat and details for implementation are being worked on.

Resource guide and asset mapping work continues.

They are working on recruiting a pediatrician for the committee. The parent representative that was appointed to the governing board changed jobs and they don't have the updated contact information. Discussion was if they can't get ahold of them, they need to send back out applications and select another parent representative.

Schools are working on what the fall start of school may look like.

The SEIL Management Plan will be available for review as soon as format revisions are done. The Plan will be sent out to advisory committees, Change Agent and other interested parties.

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

All reports from the member county treasurer's and auditors were submitted. Some member counties have started sending final payments to the SEIL Fiscal Agent. Some property tax revenue came in; however, all counties are showing a shortfall on property tax revenue. Keokuk County the report is still off a few dollars and this continues to be a work in progress to reconcile, other than that SEIL reports balance with county auditor and treasurer reports.

Motion to approve the claims as per running totals document for May

By Tom Broeker	Second Marc Lindeen	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker-aye	Mark Meek- aye	

5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 6-10-2020

Motion to approve the claims for fiscal agent account as per claims 6-10-2020

By Jack Seward Jr.	Second Mark Meek	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker- aye	Mark Meek- aye	

6. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- May

Motion to receive and file fiscal agent report for May

By Jack Seward Jr.	Second Mark Schneider	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker- aye	Mark Meek- aye	



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7. Discuss and Consider Approval of amended Statements of Understanding: Louisa/Washington

An error was identified with the statement of understanding for Washington and Louisa County. Louisa County staff works thirty hours a week. Sixty percent of that time is mental health and disability services (MHDS) work split between Washington and Louisa County. Washington County pays eighteen percent and Louisa County pays forty-two percent of the sixty percent assigned to MHDS

Motion to approve the amended statement of understanding for Louisa and Washington County

By Marc Lindeen Second Michael Berg
Roll Call Vote Motion passes
Rick Larkin- aye Dee Sandquist- aye Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- abstained Michael Berg-aye Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye Chris Ball- abstained
Tom Broeker- aye Mark Meek- aye

8. Discuss and Consider Approval of cash flow processes as related to SEIL revenue reduction due to Covid-19

A spreadsheet was reviewed showing that Jefferson and Washington Counties are having cash flow issues due to reduced property tax revenue related to COVID. This morning the management team discussed this issue in order to have a recommendation for the governing board to take action. The Washington County CDS believes that the shorted property taxes will be paid over the next few months and is comfortable making their final payment to the SEIL Fiscal Agent in full. Jefferson County is in a similar situation; however, they get revenue from the fiscal agent for administration of Van Buren County. All member counties should be able to pay the fiscal agent and have cash flow for expenses the first three months of the new fiscal.

Motion to approve the cash flow reduction process as related to SEIL revenue reduction due to Covid-19

By Tom Broeker Second Michael Berg
Roll Call Vote Motion passes
Rick Larkin- aye Dee Sandquist- aye Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye Michael Berg-aye Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye Chris Ball- aye
Tom Broeker- aye Mark Meek- aye

9. Discuss and Consider Approval of Great River Health System contract

At the request of Great River Health System (GRHS) there was a reduction of costs in community education and recruitment and retention. Over the last few years public education has been a collaboration with other community partners; GRHS turned over arranging public education programs to the other parties. The crisis team CEU's remained the same amount the Behavioral Health Assessment Team (BHAT) only has one therapist. BHAT no longer includes the crisis telephone line. The daily rate went from \$1,173.25 to \$1,089.24 for the FY21 contract. The management team is working with GRHS on developing 23-hour observation and holding services to replace the BHAT service.

Motion to approve the Great River Health System contract

By Dee Sandquist Second Tom Broeker
Roll Call Vote Motion passes
Rick Larkin- aye Dee Sandquist- aye Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye Michael Berg-aye Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye Chris Ball- aye
Tom Broeker- aye Mark Meek- aye



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10. Discuss and Consider Approval of Hillcrest contract

The crisis team continuing education, recruitment and retention and public education remain the same amount for this contract. There was a reduction in administration fees and a slight increase in crisis coordination costs, overall the contract reflects a reduction of about \$10,000 dollars annually. Crisis care coordination and integrated health home rates are based on the providers established Medicaid rate for those services.

Motion to approve the Hillcrest contract

By Michael Berg	Second Tom Broeker	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker- aye	Mark Meek- aye	

11. Discuss and Consider Approval of Optimae contract

Community education, back up for on-call fee and WRAP services were removed to allow Optimae to have other service rates increased. SEIL holds providers to an increase of no more than three percent. The management team is looking at changing contracting so that providers can negotiate rate increases. Providers are not paid the same rates for similar services, there are several factors that cause rates to be different. Medicaid rates are not the same for similar services across providers. There was a request to bring contracts to the governing board in April and May. It was explained that the management team looks at the providers financial information for nine months so that is why contracting starts in March.

Motion to approve the Optimae contract

By Marc Lindeen	Second Tom Broeker	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker- aye	Mark Meek- aye	

12. Discuss and Consider Approval of Tenco contract

First Resources and Tenco have been in talks and have entered into a merger agreement that will take effect July 1st of this year. First Resources will assume Tenco operations and the name Tenco will cease June 30th of this year. There will be no changes in service delivery. Contract rates were established based on cost reports. Beginning July 1st the crisis stabilization residential services (CSRS) will have a therapist involved for the first five days of admission. By adding a therapist Medicaid can be billed for the first five days of crisis stabilization services. First Resources do have therapists available to provide that function at the CSRS.

Motion to approve the amended contract changing Tenco references to First Resources

By Jack Seward Jr.	Second Michael Berg	
Roll Call Vote	Motion passes	
Rick Larkin- aye	Dee Sandquist- aye	Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye	Michael Berg-aye	Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye	Chris Ball- aye	
Tom Broeker- aye	Mark Meek- aye	



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13. Discuss and Consider Approval of Southern Iowa Mental Health contract

Southern Iowa Mental Health Center (SIMHC) provides 23-hour observation and holding which is a Medicaid funded services. They provide crisis stabilization residential services (CSRS). If a SEIL Region resident needs that service, SIMCH are expected to seek services at the Tenco or Hope Haven CSRS before admitting to their service. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) was added to the contract as this is a service that regions are mandated to fund. SIMHC has been providing ACT for a year and were struggling to fill their slots; they felt they could expand to SEIL and provide the service. ACT is a Medicaid funded service and they focus on serving Medicaid eligible individuals. ACT is a prescriptive service, requiring the service to be provided face to face, and is considered a higher level of care than twenty-four-hour habilitation site services.

SIMHC also provides the mandated access center services. Once they are designated as an access center SEIL will contract for that service. The mechanism to pay for access center services is still to be determined.

Motion to approve the Southern Iowa Mental Health Center contract

By Tom Broeker Second Jack Seward Jr.
Roll Call Vote Motion passes
Rick Larkin- aye Dee Sandquist- aye Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye Michael Berg-aye Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye Chris Ball- aye
Tom Broeker- aye Mark Meek- aye

14. Discuss and Consider Approval of UIHC contract

This contract is for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT). The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics can only serve part of Washington County due to accreditation standards. The contract rate is the Medicaid rate for ACT.

Motion to approve the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics contract

By Marc Lindeen Second Tom Broeker
Roll Call Vote Motion passes
Rick Larkin- aye Dee Sandquist- aye Mark Schneider- aye
Jack Seward Jr.- aye Michael Berg-aye Kristine Skinner-
Marc Lindeen- aye Chris Ball- aye
Tom Broeker- aye Mark Meek- aye

15. Discuss issues of region related to Covid-19

Des Moines County opened up to the public this week. They are screening people before they enter the building. People are asked to wear masks and they provide those if needed. Plexiglass barriers are in place at the offices. They want to get the Courts open as soon as possible.

Henry County buildings are open, and it is up to each department to set their guidelines for serve to the public. Next month the governing board can meet at Emergency Management with precautions.

Jefferson County opened the first day that were able to. The treasurer is busy. Board of supervisor meetings are being offered through Zoom. Social distancing has been implemented and people do use masks. No chairs are in the lobby to reduce loitering. Optimae is still doing telemedicine. The recovery center is hoping to open within the week. Tenco Center Village residential care facility is not able to admit new people.

Keokuk County treasurer is by appointment only, all other offices are open for business as usual. Some offices have installed a plexiglass barrier. There have been no COVID related deaths in their county. Community Services is



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open to the public and many people still want to do business by internet or mail. They had ten people hospitalized related to mental health about a week ago. The drop-in center is looking to open on Monday.

Lee County Board of Supervisors voted for a soft opening, people can come into the building by appointment. Someone from the department escorts the person to the department and once they are done with their business, they must leave the building. People are required to wear a mask. They don't want a crowd accumulating waiting for services. During March through May 15th they had fifteen cases with COVID and they have had an additional fifteen cases since May 15th. Community Services is open by appointment only.

Louisa County has 375 COVID related cases. The courthouse remains locked. General assistance is by appointment only.

Van Buren is fully open for business, the treasurer requires an appointment and plexiglass has been installed. The board of supervisors are still having meetings on Zoom and are using social distancing when the public attend in person.

Washington County buildings are still closed, the treasurer did begin to open by appointment only a couple of weeks ago. Buildings are likely to remain closed through June and considering a week or two of being open by appointment only after that. They have had nine COVID related deaths. Drop-in centers have been offering services by appointment only, no groups. There are people who are struggling and there has been an uptick in commitments and hospitalizations. Hillcrest crisis services have seen a slight increase in people accessing services. Hillcrest just began offering face to face services at a limited capacity. There is an expectation they will start to see an increase of people seeking services.

Superintendents have been meeting weekly talking through issues and possible scenarios related to opening schools in the fall. July first they will begin planning for what to do when bringing students back to school and will follow public health guidelines. They might do a survey about broadband internet access.

At Christamore the Department of Human Services just lifted the ban on home passes, outside workers are being allowed in the building and on campus visits are happening.

Hope Haven is cautiously letting visitors on campus as they continue to try and keep people safe.

16. New Business

Discussion included writing a letter to legislators regarding funding for higher wages for frontline workers and hazard pay as mentioned in the advisory committee report. Consensus was for RYANNE WOOD and RICK LARKIN to draft a letter to be sent on behalf of the SEIL Region Governing Board. Each member county was encouraged to contact legislators as well.

Marc Lindeen will talk with public health regarding holding a face to face meeting safely in July and will make the Emergency Management available. The option of attending via Zoom will also be available.

17. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Michael Berg

Second Jack Seward Jr.

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, June 19, 2020. MLsb