



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

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agenda being discussion of legislative issues. There will also be a presentation of a project being launched by Rhonda Rairden from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

They are talking about a subcommittee on services rollout for child behavioral health and unmet needs. The time of the meeting will be announced later based on member availability.

There is concern with juveniles presenting to emergency departments with repeated suicidal ideation or attempts; there are no crisis beds or inpatient beds around, so they are released with little or no follow up. There is no provider that will succeed at providing crisis beds on a no eject no reject basis business model. The state has to provide or at least support the service.

Hope Haven started an adult program for higher needs people about two months ago and can't find staff for the program, so it is operating at one-third capacity at this time. Bob Bartles learned that this programs service level is an intensive residential services home (IRSH). For the program to be recognized as an IRSH Hope Haven would have to offer the service on a no eject no reject basis, meet the additional staff training requirements and provide a higher staffing ratio the IRSH rules require. The rules for the IRSH reflect what was written into law. There is also the need for back up psychiatric support through tertiary care inpatient psychiatric services. This is a service the state was mandated to set up and has not been done to date.

During Adult Advisory Committee the providers expressed heartfelt appreciation for the Cares Act funding the region was able to provide. This funding makes a difference.

A staff member of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program is attending the adult advisory.

Adult advisory has a person who is receiving services who may want to be appointed to the SEIL Governing Board. They are active in participating in the adult advisory meetings.

Staff shortages needs attention statewide.

Telehealth has been a life savor during the pandemic. Private health insurance companies are saying they are not wanting to fund this form of service delivery any longer. The Managed Care Organizations continue to pay for telehealth. Telehealth needs to continue, it is vital in rural areas, and there is no clinical reason not to continue with this method of service delivery.

There have been crisis assessment request for proposals submitted and these are currently in review.

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

The document was reviewed via screen share. All member county auditor reports were submitted. The blue font on the spreadsheet reflects addition of or changes to November revenue with Jefferson and Keokuk Counties. Jefferson County is still out of balance by three cents.



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8. Discuss Fiscal Year 2022 budget strategy

The finance committee has not met. The projected budget will be presented at the January governing board meeting. Member counties have to begin the budget process for fund ten. Three years ago the projection was SEIL would flatline by the end of fiscal year 2021. For fiscal year 2022 SEIL is at the pinnacle of expenditures. SEIL is not at the cap with levy capacity and will need to maximize revenues at the cap for fiscal year 2022 budgets, which is \$42.60 per capita for the SEIL Region.

There is a plethora of mandated services that will surpass the regions levy capacity. In projecting obligations of the region the maximum levy needs to be available to the region for mandated services. If the region is over the forty percent fund balance SEIL would have to encumber funds for mandated services. There was a question with mandated services will SEIL have to limit funds to projects or cut funding for current non-mandated services? Core services are the services the region is obligated to fund. However, there has been a shift from the Department of Human Services (DHS) indicating they are not contributing funds to regions, regions are doing the best they can do with funds available, so they are going to let what regions are doing ride. DHS has approved the annual service and budget plans and management plans that were updated to reflect the addition of children's behavioral health services. There is nothing in writing from DHS on this perspective so the only direction to regions is what is currently in the Iowa Code. If regions aren't getting direction from DHS, by default they can do what they need to do, i.e. remain funding as is or reduce funding for non-core services. This isn't just about money, there needs to be a workforce to be able to provide the mandated services. Another question was is there a plan to prioritize the current service array with rolling out additional mandated services? The management team is trying to track utilization and outcomes to identify service priority. Not a lot of people are paying attention to what is needed based on utilization or looking at is it fiscally responsible to spend funds on an expensive service that may not be utilized.

There was a statement made based on what is being seen right now SEIL is a great region, but we are back to where we were eight or nine years ago. The region is still better off because of services being provided to our residents and this is because of regionalization.

People in Des Moines don't know what local needs are. Regions know what their needs are and need to be the ones to decide what the priority is for services that meet our residents needs. There was a suggestion to schedule a Zoom meeting with the legislative representatives for the SEIL Region. The finance committee needs to meet and put together the data to show the financial issues SEIL is facing. The legislative session starts January 11th, the SEIL meeting needs to occur prior to session starting. The dates of December 28th at 3:00 pm or December 29th at 6:30 pm for a one-hour meeting were settled on to offer the legislators as options to meet. There should only be three or four talking points for this meeting. Marc Lindeen will contact Representative Mitchell, Tom Broeker will contact Senator Cahoon, Representative Kerr and Senator Goodwin, Jack Seward Jr. will contact Senator Kinney and Representative Klein and Dee Sandquist will contact Senator Reichman, Representative Shipley and Mariannette Miller-Meeks. Legislator responses with availability to attend are to be sent to RYANNE with contact information and she will send out the Zoom meeting invitation.



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9. New Business

Matt Smith who is a social worker for the Fairfield Community School District and a CommUnity mobile crisis coordinator will be interviewed to highlight mobile crisis on KMCD Radio December 17th.

Gratitude was expressed to Michael Berg for his service on the SEIL Governing Board, his term as a Keokuk County Board of Supervisors ends this month.

It was noted that efforts need to continue with public outreach and education of what SEIL does in the region.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Tom Broeker

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes

Roll Call Vote

Rick Larkin-yes

Tom Broeker-yes

Dee Sandquist-yes

Chris Ball-

Mark Schneider-yes

Jack Seward Jr.-yes

Marc Lindeen-yes

Michael Berg-yes

Mark Meek-

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, December 14, 2020. MLsb