



**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 9, 2021	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641 ZOOM

**Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board Meeting
Approved Minutes**

Present: Rick Larkin, Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Rochelle Phelps, Mark Schneider, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Ted Kuechmann

1. Approve Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed via screen share.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Marc Lindeen

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

2. Consider Approval of May 12, 2021 minutes

The document was reviewed via screen share.

Motion to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes

By Tom Broeker

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members

The Adult Advisory Committee discussion included bringing three items to the governing board. The first was to make sure the governing board endorses identifying the impact of legislation on the SEIL Management Plan and advocate for changes with the legislators next legislative session. The second was the American Rescue Act funding and letting the board of supervisors know some attention should be on affordable housing, trauma informed classrooms and interfacing with the 988 call system, which is the mental health equivalent to the 911 emergency number. The advisory members were asked to share ideas for American Rescue Act funds via email to Tami Gilliland. The third was the advisory's support of person centered positive behavioral supports (PC PBS) training. PC PBS focuses on the individual by putting into place a plan that helps keep them in community placements and integrated in the community.

Children Advisory Committee reported they will have a final asset map draft in July. They are still working on recruiting members. Tami Gilliland gave an overview of legislative action taken during the 2021 legislative session. There was discussion regarding the American Rescue Act funds. The committee encourages the governing board ask their local board of supervisors to give attention to use of funds for mental health needs. The committee talked about ideas for using the funds and want to know what the committee can do to make recommendations to the governing board and board of supervisors with ideas for spending the funds to meet mental health needs. The committee knows the eight counties



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will work together effectively to utilize some of the American Rescue Act funds for proactive opportunities in the mental health arena which save money in the long-term.

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of Advisory Committee designated members

None no changes to advisory committee members at this time.

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

The document was reviewed via screen share. All member county auditor's reports were submitted. Expenses reflected in the report are typical. Keokuk, Lee, Louisa and Washington Counties made payments to the fiscal agent in May; those counties are paid in full now. Revenues show an adjustment with Des Moines and Jefferson County taxes. Interest was paid for April. SEIL financials are in balance with member county auditors. Fund balances, remaining budget balances and percent of budget spent were reviewed. The Decat expenditures were reviewed, \$505.90 was spent and no reimbursement revenue was received for May.

Des Moines County has approximately \$100,000 in funds being held in Fund 16 that go back to when Des Moines County provided case management services. These funds need to be returned to Fund 10. Des Moines County should be able to transfer the money from Fund 16 to Fund 10. The funds can be transferred in early in fiscal year 2022 in a way that is easiest and cleanest for Des Moines County. When that happens this will show on the revenue detail report for Des Moines County. Having these funds returned to Fund 10 and not having services provided that were budgeted for fiscal year 2022 will increase the region fund balance.

Motion to approve the claims running totals document for May

By Tom Broeker

Second Marc Lindeen

Motion passes

6. Discuss and Consider Approval of Governing Board signatory on claims

No action taken.

7. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 6-9-2021

The document was reviewed via screen share. Mandated claims totaled \$15,178.78, service expenditures totaled \$298,992.12, children's wrap around expenses totaled \$552.80 for total claims paid of \$299,544.92.

Motion to approve the fiscal agent account claims for 6-9-2021

By Mark Meek

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

8. Receive and File Fiscal Agent Report- May

The document was reviewed via screen share. Revenue included \$1,468.00 for client services and payments to the fiscal agent from Henry, Lee, Louisa and Van Buren Counties. Total revenues was \$1,300,022.94. Expenses totaled \$353,469.89 matching May claims approved by the governing board.



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Motion to receive and file the fiscal agent report for May

By Mark Meek

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

9. Discuss and Consider Approval of FY21 Amended First Resources contract for Sigourney Peer Self-Help Drop-In Center

The document was reviewed via screen share. When program expenditures were being reconciled it was found there needed to be a contract amendment for the Sigourney drop in center. The Sigourney center reorganized staffing and is sharing a staff with the Washington Center, this increased wage and health insurance costs. First Resources is significantly underspending in crisis stabilization residential services so there are funds available to cover the increased cost. A contract amendment is needed because the cost of the Sigourney center increased from the original contract.

Motion to approve the First Resources FY21 contract amendment

By Marc Lindeen

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

10. Discuss and Consider Approval MOU with South Central Behavioral Health Region for Children's Crisis Stabilization Residential Services and Crisis Stabilization Community Based Services provided by American Home Finding

The document was reviewed via screen share. American Home Finding is a youth shelter located in Agency. SEIL has two member counties that are located in their catchment area. This provider is interested in providing children's crisis stabilization residential and crisis stabilization community based services as they already provide shelter services. They will provide community based services for three SEIL member counties. South Central Behavioral Health maintains the contract with American Home Finding and regions fund services based on that contract. This provides SEIL the benefit of services at the providers Medicaid rate and allows children from the SEIL Region to be served.

Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with the South Central Behavioral Health Region

By Tom Broeker

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

11. Discuss and Consider Approval of Optimae contract

The document was reviewed via screen share. This is a renewal contract starting July 1, 2021. Recruitment and retention was removed from the contract. Crisis assessment evaluation is a new service for all eight member counties starting July 1st. The number of urgent care appointments was negotiated based on anticipated need and is paid at the providers established Medicaid rate. The cost for jail diversion services decreased. The cost for recovery center services increased at the Jefferson County center and decreased at the Des Moines County center. Optimae will bill the region monthly based on actual expenditures not to exceed the maximum annual total allowed in the contract. This eliminates the need to reconcile program costs during the contract period.

Motion to approve the Optimae contract

By Marc Lindeen

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes



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12. Discuss and Consider Approval of Counseling Associates contract

The document was reviewed via screen share. Crisis assessments and crisis assessment team continuing education was removed from the contract. This is due to one provider completing crisis assessments for the eight counties in the region. Rates for services are at the providers established Medicaid rates.

Motion to approve the Counseling Associates contract

By Chris Ball

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

13. Discuss Great River Health System notification to not contract

Great River Health System (GRHS) made the decision not to contract with the SEIL Region for any services. It was not the SEIL Region's choice to cease contracting with GRHS. SEIL won't be able to offer 23 hour crisis observation and holding to the east side of the region. This does create a gap in the SEIL budget; with the legislative change to region revenue this does balance out the region budget to some extent. SEIL will still have access to inpatient and outpatient mental health services provided by GRHS. GRHS is hoping to increase their adult inpatient psychiatric capacity from eight beds to twelve beds during this next year.

14. Discuss legislative implications

SEIL is looking at convening the finance committee and gathering as much information as possible for their review prior to that meeting. Concerns include issues related to doing away with Fund 10 at the end of fiscal year 2022. On June 15th the Department of Management is to share with local auditors information on what will happen to adjust local budgets to the \$21.14 levy cap. How does the region make the structure work with county employees doing region work? This impacts justice involved and patient advocate staff too. Employees and no Fund 10 at the local level have to be addressed within the 2022 fiscal year. There is the issue of performance based contracts, as it relates to performance based outcomes expectations, and how this impacts the direction the region goes for service delivery of core and noncore services. This then relates to ensuring core services are provided and identifying potential impact on non-core services the region is currently funding. If there are obstacles that the region can't overcome, then SEIL has to ask state legislators to correct these in a meaningful and helpful way. At the Stakeholder meeting it was made clear with providers that fiscal year 2022 is a year of planning and trying to figure out how to strategically put SEIL in best position to move forward. The state allocation is where region revenue comes from and the region must reach performance measures and show outcomes to receive the full allocation. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is the authority that establishes the outcomes in the performance based contracts and is saying this will be done in conversation with regions. Performance based contracts are an annual contract, and these will be graduated out to reflect more expectations over the contract years. DHS and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) are realigning their departments during this time as well. IDPH oversees substance abuse and DHS oversees behavioral health and these need to be under one state authority. The regions will have to align under this new authority as well.

The Des Moines County sheriff and jail administrator are concerned about loss of jail diversion. Justice involved services are a measure in the performance based contract with DHS and this isn't a core



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service. There was a question if jail diversion could be funded at the local level without using region funding. Financing of the region system will drive the services offered regardless of what is stated in the policy component of the legislation.

Henry County is working to schedule a meeting on a Thursday with Representative Joe Mitchell. Representative Mitchell wanted questions ahead of the meeting so he could provide correct answers to the questions. Marc Lindeen will let the governing board members know when the meeting scheduled so they can attend if they are available.

15. New Business

Discussed the American Recovery Plan and the Children’s Advisory Committee does have ideas on how these funds could be spent. The SEIL Governing Board does want suggestions for the funds brought to them so those can be submitted to the member county board of supervisors for consideration. The Children’s Advisory Committee will develop a recommendation list at the July meeting to present to the governing board. There was a suggestion to ask member counties to give a percentage of their funds to the region for mental health related needs that are allowed under the American Recovery Plan. This is one time funding so it cannot be used for ongoing services.

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn
By Tom Broeker

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, June 29, 2021. MLsb