

Heart of Iowa Community Services (HICS) Minutes

January 18, 2021

HICS met on Monday, January 18, 2021, via a Zoom call.

Present: Clifford Carney, Guthrie County Supervisor; Brad Golightly, Dallas County Supervisor; Rick Thompson, Audubon County Supervisor (via phone) and Laurie Cooley, Provider Representative, Larry Loss, Family Member representative, Shanell Wagler, Child Provider representative.

Absent: Hannah Sanders, Education representative

Staff Present: Darci Alt, CEO; Lisa Kempf, Recording Secretary

Item 1 – Chair Clifford Carney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Item 2 – Introductions

Item 3 – *Additions/Approval of Agenda:*

- a) Golightly requested an addition to the agenda – Budget amendment for CARES Act dollars received.
- b) Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Golightly, second by Wagler. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 4 – *Approval of Minutes from November meeting:* Motion to approve November 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented by Thompson, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 5 – *Visitors:* None

Item 6 – *Discussion/Action: Payment of Bills*

- a) Kempf presented claim summary for December 2020 and January 2021. **ACTION:** Motion to receive and file claim summaries as presented by Wagler, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) Kempf presented the Budget status and Fund Balance status as of 12/31/20 for review.

Item 7 – *Discussion/Action: Genesis Development Settlement*

- a) Alt reported that Vision Bank, Genesis Development Assignee of Accounts Receivable, has accepted the offer of settlement amount by Heart of Iowa Community Services. **ACTION:** Motion by Thompson to approve and authorize chair to sign the Settlement Statement, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 8 – *Discussion/Action: Route Rides Contract for Transportation services*

- a) Alt presented the Provider Agreement and proposed rates for Route Rides LLC, a new transportation provider in the Heart of Iowa Region. Alt explained she intends to work with the Provider on the rates presented as it could become too confusing with so many rates. If these new rates come in higher, she will present them at a future meeting. **ACTION:** Motion by Loss to approve the Provider Agreement and proposed rates as presented and authorizes the chair to sign, second by Wagler. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 9 – *Discussion/Action: Budget workshop*

- a) Kempf presented a proposed amendment. **ACTION:** Following discussion, it was agreed to table an amendment until the next meeting in March 2021. Further research is required on how to proceed with the CARES Act dollars received by the Region.
- b) Kempf presented the proposed budget for FY 21/22. Thompson noted Audubon County will not levy for the Mental Health Fund for this FY. Dallas and Guthrie will both levy the maximum allowed, \$25.84 per

capita. After careful review, **ACTION**: Thompson motioned to approve the FY 21/22 budget as presented, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 10 – Addition to Agenda: *Discussion/ Action: Amendment for CARES Act dollars received*

- a) This is tabled until the next meeting in March 2021 as consultation with Dallas County Budget Director is needed.

Item 11 – Update: *CARES Act*

- a) Kempf shared a spreadsheet with the Board showing all expenditures made and anticipated expenditures.
- b) Alt reported the deadline to expend the dollars has been extended to June 30, 2021. HICS still has funds to use.

Item 12 – Updates

- a) Safe Harbor
 - i. Cooley reported that under the new Director of Safe Harbor, screening of potential Crisis admissions has become better and the acceptance rate is improving. This will reduce the Empty Bed Days, which is the most significant cost to the Region each month.
 - ii. Cooley also reported that Zion and Southwest Iowa Mental Health Center are merging.
- b) Legislative Priorities
 - i. Alt encouraged Board members to continue lobbying Legislators for the ability to increase our Mental Health levy. We have one of the lowest levy caps in the State, and have reached the point where we do not have the funds to initiate any new Intensive Mental Health services. We will need to contract with surrounding Regions to fulfill the requirements mandated by Legislature.

Next Meeting / Adjourn: Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Location or via Zoom to be determined.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Golightly, second by Thompson. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Kempf,
Recording Secretary

CLIFFORD CARNEY, Chair HICS

RICK THOMPSON, Secretary HICS