

Heart of Iowa Community Services (HICS) Minutes

November 20, 2020

HICS met on Friday, November 20, 2020, 9:00 a.m. via a ZOOM call.

Present: Clifford Carney, Guthrie County Supervisor; Brad Golightly, Dallas County Supervisor; Rick Thompson, Audubon County Supervisor and Laurie Cooley, Provider Representative.

Absent: None

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

Item 1 - Chair Clifford Carney called the meeting to order at 9:05 pm.

Item 2 – *Additions/Approval of Agenda:*

- a) Motion to approve the agenda by Golightly, second by Carney. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 3 – *Approval of Minutes from September meeting:* Motion to approve September 21, 2020 meeting minutes as presented by Thompson, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 4 – *Visitors:* None

Item 5 – *Discussion/Action: Designate Governing Board Members from Children’s Advisory Board Recommendations:*

- a) Alt reported the following persons were recommended by the HICS Children’s Advisory Board to fulfill mandated positions on the Governing Board:
 - i) Shannel Wagler – Children’s Provider
 - ii) Hannah Sanders – Education
 - iii) Larry Loss – Family Member
 - iv) Vacant – Parent Representative
- b) Terms are for 2 years with a limit of 3 consecutive terms served. These representatives are appointed by the Regional Children’s Advisory board, with approval by the Governing Board.
- c) Alt reported she will be looking for the Parent Representative from Audubon county, so equal geographic representation can be achieved.
- d) **ACTION:** Motion to approve recommendations by Thompson, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 6 – *Discussion/Action: Payment of Bills & Budget Review*

- a) Kempf presented claim summary for October and November 2020. **ACTION:** Motion to accept bills as presented by Thompson, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) Kempf presented the budget status as of 11/30/2020. At 42% of the year, 39% of the budget has been expended. The Fund Balance summary was reviewed by the Board.
- c) Kempf presented an updated Long-Range Funding Projection. With all Counties in the Region levying \$25.84 this fiscal year, Dallas County is projected to end with a negative fund balance.

Item 7 – *Discussion/Action: FY/20 Budget Amendment*

- a) Kempf presented a proposed amendment. **ACTION:** Following discussion, it was agreed to table an amendment until February 2021 so it will align with amendments the individual counties may possibly do.

Item 8 – *Discussion/Action: Genesis Settlement*

- a) Alt explained a proposed settlement offer was submitted to the Genesis attorney in October. She has received receipt of the settlement, but no action has been taken by Genesis. Alt questioned if the Board

was still in agreement with our initial settlement offer. Carney, Golightly, and Thompson all agreed they are. ACTION: None taken.

Item 9 – Discussion/Action: Laura Miller contract

- a) Alt reported Ms. Miller is a licensed therapist with Advanced Correctional Healthcare and is available to do jail-based therapy at the Audubon and Guthrie County Jails as needed. ACTION: Motion to approve the Provider Agreement as presented by Golightly, second by Thompson. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 10 – Discussion/Action: Heart of Iowa FY20 Annual report

- a) Alt presented the annual report due to the Department of Human Services on December 1st, 2020 for review by the Board. ACTION: Motion to approve the Heart of Iowa FY20 Annual Report by Golightly, second by Thompson. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 11 – Update: CARES Act Dollars

- a) Kempf shared a spreadsheet with the Board showing all expenditures made and anticipated expenditures.
- b) Discussion was held on how to track these dollars in the appropriate budget. Kempf will contact the Dallas County Operations Administrator and the State Auditor for advice.
- c) Discussion was held on absolute transparency with these dollars. All agreed that an Audit request will be forthcoming on these dollars, so complete and accurate records are a necessity.

Item 12 – Updates

- a) Safe Harbor
 - i. Alt reported there has been a change of Director's at Safe Harbor. Melinda Austin is the new Director.
 - ii. Several staff positions are currently being reviewed, and additional training is taking place.
 - iii. The Board voiced their concern with the number of Empty Bed Days the Region is being charged for each month. Both Alt and Cooley assured the Board steps are being taken to reduce this charge.
- b) Legislative Priorities
 - i. Alt presented the ISAC Legislative Priority for 2021, with funding of the mental health system being the number one priority.
 - ii. All but one county in the state is not able to levy the allowed maximum of \$47.28 per capita. Many counties are finding that fund balances are being exhausted and all but mandated services will need to cut.

Next Meeting / Adjourn:

- a) Next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via a ZOOM call.
- b) Motion to adjourn meeting by Golightly, second by Thompson. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Kempf,
Recording Secretary

CLIFFORD CARNEY, Chair HICS

RICK THOMPSON, Secretary HICS