

Heart of Iowa Community Services (HICS) Minutes

September 21, 2020

HICS met on Monday, September 21, 2020, 1:00 a.m. at the Guthrie County Courthouse.

Present: Clifford Carney, Guthrie County Supervisor; Brad Golightly, Dallas County Supervisor; Rick Thompson, Audubon County Supervisor (via phone) 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 1:05 pm.

Item 2 – *Additions/Approval of Agenda:*

- a) Alt requested an addition to the agenda, ITP Provider Agreement addendum.
- b) Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Golightly, second by Carney. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 3 – *Approval of Minutes from June meeting:* Motion to approve June 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented by Thompson, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 4 – *Visitors:* None

Item 5 – *Discussion/Action: Payment of Bills*

- a) Kempf presented claim summary for July, August, and September 2020. **ACTION:** Motion to accept bills as presented by Carney, second by Golightly. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 6 – *Discussion/Action: Budget Review*

- a) Kempf presented the Budget status. At 25% of the fiscal year completed, 22% of the budget has been disbursed. **ACTION:** None.

Item 7 – *Discussion/Action: ITP amended provider agreement*

- a) Alt explained that Central Iowa Community Services is the Host Region for Integrated Telehealth Partners (ITP) and negotiates a yearly Provider Agreement with them. However, ITP also has a Provider Agreement with each Region in order to specify any Region specific rates. An Agreement was signed with ITP for FY21 already by HICS, but rates for services in the Member County Jails were not included. This addendum corrects Attachment A of the FY21 Agreement and adds the jail rates. **ACTION:** Motion by Golightly to approve the amended Attachment A to the Integrated Telehealth Partners FY21 Provider Agreement and authorizes the chair to sign, second by Carney. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 8 – *Discussion/Action: Genesis Development Settlement*

- a) Alt reported she has reviewed the billing detail submitted to her by Genesis for the months in question. Based upon this review, she has determined that a settlement can be offered to Genesis which is below the amount they billed HICS.
- b) The Governing Board agreed they want the depreciation expense that was billed monthly to HICS to also be deducted from the billed amount.
- c) The Governing Board is in agreement with Alt's recommendation. Alt will proceed by meeting with the Dallas County Attorney to draft a formal settlement. **ACTION:** None.

Item 9 – *Discussion/Action: Dallas County Jail Alternatives Position/Service Coordination*

- a) Alt explained a Service Coordinator for Dallas County has resigned leaving a vacancy in the Dallas County staff.

- b) Alt would like to change the position from a Service Coordination position to a Jail Alternatives/Service Coordination position.
 - i. She believes when the new Dallas County jail begins to operate at a full capacity, there will be a need for additional staff in the jail due to increased number of inmates. It is her intent to also change the position so that Jail Coordinators will follow the client even when released from jail. Currently, a client is handed off to one of the Service Coordinators to continue services if needed.
 - ii. She advised this request was presented to the Dallas County Board of Supervisors, as the County of Employment, and they approved the change, contingent upon any action taken by this Governing Board.
- c) **ACTION:** Thompson moved that the position be re-hired and it be changed to a Jail Alternatives/Service Coordination position. Second by Carney. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 10 – Discussion/Action: CARES Act

- a) Alt reported HICS has received a part of the 30 million dollars allocated to the state's 14 mental health and disability service regions for ongoing services and increased needs by the federal CARES Act. The intention is to alleviate funding shortfalls for our Community Providers and School Districts located in our member counties. The funds are to be utilized in a manner that complies with applicable state and federal funds and must be spent by December 31, 2020.
- b) HICS Region has invited MHDS Providers and School Districts to apply for a grant from these dollars for new or existing programs, or any other need created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- c) Alt shared grant applications that have been received. Determination of requests will be based on guidance set forth by the federal Department of Treasury's interpretation of the limitations on the permissible use of Fund payments.
- d) Alt will be consulting with the Dallas County Attorney to develop a Memorandum of Understanding/Award Letter in order to alleviate any liability for denial to the Region. **ACTION:** None.

Item 11 – Updates

- a) Safe Harbor
 - i. Alt reported there was some damage done to the facility from the Derecho, but the Landlord is responsible to make needed repairs.
 - ii. Cooley reported the management team at Safe Harbor has been restructured. Melinda Austin has been hired as the new Director.
 - iii. There was a security incident in the past month. More fencing and security cameras are to be installed.
- b) Legislative Priorities
 - i. Alt reported the need to speak with Legislators on the issue of MCO's not paying Providers appropriately for services. They are paying below the industry standard and expecting Regions to fund the balance.
 - ii. There has been indications the Director of DHS is moving towards merging Iowa Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services. It remains to be seen how this will affect the MHDS Regions.

Next Meeting / Adjourn: Next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the Dallas County Human Services campus.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Golightly, second by Thompson. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa Kempf,
Recording Secretary

CLIFFORD CARNEY, Chair HICS

RICK THOMPSON, Secretary HICS