

The July 24th, 2025, Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region Governing Board (Disability Access Point District 7) meeting was brought to order at 1:02 pm. The meeting was located at Johnson County Health and Human Services, 855 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240 and by Zoom.

Board Members Present: SHIRLEY HELMRICHS DELAWARE CO | SAMI SCHEETZ LINN CO | DIANE BRECHT ADULT PROVIDER REP (ZOOM) | JOHNNY HILL LAW ENFORCEMENT REP (ZOOM) | LAURA SEMPRINI ADULT & FAMILY PEER REP | LORI SHEELER PARENT REP (ZOOM) | RON TIPPITT BENTON CO (ZOOM)

Board Members Absent: RICK COLPITTS CHILDREN'S EDUCATOR REP | JONATHAN DEGAN IOWA CO

Public Comment: None

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the July Regional Governing Board agenda.

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the previous meeting minutes of the Regional Governing Board.

No conflict of interest noted.

Julie Davison requested approval of June claims in the amount of \$2,173,423.55.

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the June claims presented.

Deb Seymour-Guard requested the 4th quarter payment to the fiscal agent in the amount of \$11,113.32 with 444 checks written.

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the 4th quarter payment to the fiscal agent.

Deb Seymour-Guard presented the June Financial Report including total revenues in the amount of \$59,290 with YTD \$26,284,154 (102%). Miscellaneous reimbursements were 169%, miscellaneous reimbursement of SSI payments 337%, and reimbursement of prior year expenses 180%. Expenditures in the amount of \$2,173,424 with YTD \$31,397,587 (93%) or \$2,364,699 under budget with \$72,003.87 returned to the state to be compliant. Expenses for adults were \$23,309,636 (93%) and \$3,394,312 (107%) for children. Core Services represent the bulk of service expenses followed by other Congregate with all under budget with the exception of other information services. The sub-domain services were over budget. The cash position was a net loss of \$5,113,433 which is normal on a cash basis with a total cash balance of \$4,381,274.93. County expense data shows actual expenses are less than payments made to the counties with some counties that have yet to submit data and changes the outlook.

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the March Financial Report.

Julie Davison presented the contracts. Removal of First Resources Corporation as they are not in our district.

- Imagine the Possibilities – Individual Placement & Support – \$78,700
- Hope Haven Area Development Corp. – Individual Placement & Support – \$40,000
- Goodwill Industries of NE Iowa – Individual Placement & Support – \$200,000
- Abbe Center for Community Mental Health – Intensive Residential Services (IRSH) – \$484,100
- Trilix – Website Hosting & Maintenance – \$1,600 monthly

M/S/C: Scheetz & Semprini to approve the contracts as presented.

Julie Davison informed the board of regional asset transfers to the DAP since the Governing Board approval of the transfer. Asset protection is being worked out by staff. Jones County isn't signing over assets until employees are rehired and location of assets defined. Dubuque County on June 16th made verbal consensus to transfer the assets, including vehicle title. Since that meeting Dubuque has decided

to seek legal counsel. The regional attorney recommends withholding any additional assets or funds processing to Dubuque while litigation is being worked out.

Julie Davison shared feedback from the 28E work session today prior to this meeting with a good small group discussion. Recommendations for the Governance were:

- Every county that signs the Agreement will have seat on the Governing Board
- 50% makeup of county representation
- Advisory Committee member 1 – 2 based on composition needs
- Rotation is based on calendar year.
- Two-month notification for resignation from the board.
- Distribution of assets will be approved by the Governance Board if the 28E Agreement would be dissolved.

These recommendations will be incorporated into a new 28E Agreement for final board approval at the August meeting and presented to all 14 counties in District 7 for invitation to sign.

The Interim CEO provided updates:

Staffing updates all four individuals that were terminated by their counties in Jones and Dubuque are now back employed with the DAP. There have been two resignations by staff members, Chelle Klootwyk Administrative Assistant and Cecila McCrea, Navigator.

Board Member Resignation Amy Grask, Children's Provider Representative due to other commitments.

The DAP Roll Out Process all staff have jumped in where needed and new staff are being trained. The first payment from HHS has been received and the DAP must meet four deliverables to meet the next payment with 3 of the 4 having been met to date. Getting things in place with Linn County as the fiscal agent

Advisory Committee Process the application has been approved by HHS. The Advisory Council must have 9 members with 50% with lived experience or caregivers. The members of the Advisory Council must be approved by HHS once the applicants are received and will meet quarterly beginning in September. Sami Scheetz, Laura Semprini, and Diane Brecht volunteered to assist with review of applications.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM. These minutes were approved by the Regional Governing Board.