

SCCBI
JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2018

Present: Mark Shaw, Angela Youngerberg, Phil Claussen, Tom Henderson, Kathy Werner, Brian Buhmann, Sue Rynda, Cassie Sassenberg, John Glisczinski, Naomi Ochsendorf

Others Present: Amy Haas, Teri Herder-Blahnik, Gloria Smith, Mark Kossman, Julie Moniz, Nancy Houlton
Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes: Phil Claussen moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2018 JPB meeting. Sue Rynda seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Naomi Ochsendorf moved to approve the agenda. Kathy Werner seconded. Sioux Trails request for funds was added to the agenda. Motion carried to approve the amended agenda.

Public Comment: None

Nancy Houlton – Adult Mental Health Initiative Reform: Nancy Houlton of Houlton Consulting spoke about upcoming AMHI reform. She began by giving a short history about her work experience. She first worked in children’s and adult mental health at a private, nonprofit agency. Nancy reported that DHS is looking at grant-based funding to support mental health services because the early flexibility in spending AMHI dollars evolved into a system where there is no consistency around the organization of the 19 initiatives or around how the money is distributed. Meetings were triggered last spring to develop a mission and principles for adult mental health services leading to an operational plan with a focus on data. Lengthy discussion followed this introduction with the following topics being addressed by JPB members:

- Data: Collection concerns, inaccurate interpretation by DHS, lack of vision surrounding data, inconsistent application, and cost of data collection at the local level
- Reform: Concern for the next application, unclear goal of reform efforts, lack of transparency regarding equity or “rebasings” the grant dollars statewide, a significant threat to infrastructure developed locally
- Partnership: Theme by JPB members was concern that DHS and local AMHI’s are not necessarily on the same page for intent of these funds, mistrust with the department given recent decisions surrounding related crisis funding
- Investment: Currently many SCCBI counties are investing local dollars to support Community Based Coordinators to work with the mobile crisis team, but this investment is at risk through the reform efforts
- Consumers: Concern that the data being used isn’t fully capturing all the consumer impact occurring, worry about the effects of reduced funding, negative impact to essential services, concern that DHS has not asked for the consumer voice as part of the reform process

Nancy provided the following feedback:

- DHS is attempting to address the data concerns regarding quality and efficiency. She added that data by itself doesn’t tell the local story. She said that if initiatives operate off of similar data, we can start to tell our story from there. She encouraged us to include information that tells our story, even if it is not part of the data requested by DHS.
- The SCCBI’s structure is missing two pieces: 1) managed care and 2) provider voice.
- DHS is looking at quality of services and that advocates at the legislature are saying AMHI dollars are not being spent well.
- When asked directly about the reform effort, Nancy shared that she cannot speak to rebasing, but encouraged us to accurately tell our story to the legislature.

Letter of Support: Mike Pribyl has requested a letter of support from SCCBI for Horizon Homes to increase bed capacity. Brian Buhmann moved to direct the SCCBI Chair to write a letter in support of Horizon Homes increasing their bed capacity. Tom Henderson seconded. Discussion followed in which Phil Claussen suggested that a list of the counties be added to the letter. Motion carried.

DHS Update:

- Gloria Smith reported that Gloria is working with Cortney Smith on the Jan.-June 2018 reporting following notification by Jamie that the information returned to us was inaccurate. They hope to have updates next month. Cortney is currently working on 2017 data.
- The AMHI-CSP stakeholders meeting is on November 7 from 1:30-3:30 pm.

RMT Report: Amy Haas reported on the September 5th RMT meeting at Verizon Center.

- RMT members received the following reports: LAC, DHS, and JPB
- RMT Retreat – The retreat will be on November 5 and was booked to take place at Gustavus in St. Peter. Following the RMT meeting, Jamie was notified that the space had been overbooked and was no longer available. Jamie is looking at alternate venues but plans to keep the November 5th date. Meg Moynihan will be the speaker. Amy is working on ice breakers, and she, Jamie and Julie Moniz will meet to plan the agenda.
- Mental Health Conference – Registration is full. Forty spaces were allowed for students. Nametags will list meal choice and breakout session assignments. Jamie is working to contract for use of the visitor pay lot. SET Committee and RMT members will volunteer to help out. Horizon Homes Crisis Center is donating pens and pads of paper. Dr. Farnsworth did a walkthrough of the conference space and was very happy with it. \$1,000 was saved on printing costs by having MSU do the printing.
- Funding Requests – Jamie reported that she is unsure about how much underspending there will be at the end of the year but encouraged members to have requests ready when December rolls around.
- September 5th Stakeholders Meeting – The meeting went well, but there were fewer people in attendance this year with 195 surveys completed and gift cards distributed. One thing that the surveys showed is that a majority of the attendees are unfamiliar with the function and structure of the JPB and RMT. The next Stakeholder meeting may contain a short educational component about them. No dates have been set for the 2019 meetings, but the Committee is aiming for later in April and September to avoid possible snowstorms and Labor Day holiday conflicts.
- Brown Bag Lunch – Faribault/Martin County will host a Brown Bag Lunch on Tuesday, October 30 from 11:30-1:00 at the Martin County Library in Fairmont. Speaker, Mark Traxler will present on mindfulness, and attendees will receive items to begin the process of creating their own calming boxes.
- SCOPE Conference – Jim Wood and Amy Hass will present their personal recovery stories at the SCOPE Conference at South Central College on October 17.
- Person-Centered Training – The training will take place November 7-8 at the BEC Justice Center. Each county can send up to three people.

Phil Claussen thanked Amy for the quality of her work and passion for her mission to support and advocate on behalf of people with lived experience.

August Vendor Report: Brian Buhmann moved to approve the August Vendor Report. John Glisczinski seconded. Motion carried.

Regional Crisis Line Services/Contract Addendum for Horizon Homes

In response to the cut in grant funds for Mobile Crisis, a meeting was held with Horizon Homes to look at the budget and address the added expenses they incurred after they added the crisis line in July. The cost of the crisis line far exceeded their initial projection of \$40,000 and currently project another \$30,000 as they transition the crisis line to the mobile team (for services to be provided through the end of December). Following notification of the budget cut, the Executive Committee, under guidance of the JPB, directed Horizon Homes to operate the crisis line only through the end of September. Horizon Homes calculated the expense to operate the crisis line from July 1 to September 30 totaled \$45,891. There is \$30,000 available in the Mobile Crisis budget and additional funds in Crisis Appropriation which will be returned to DHS if not spent. Brian Buhmann moved to write a contract addendum with Horizon Homes to pay them \$45,891 for crisis line services provided from July 1 to September 30, utilizing funds from the Crisis Appropriation Grant. Phil Claussen seconded. Motion Carried. The crisis line as a formal service will end after September 30th, but Mobile Crisis will continue to field every call. The impact is that Mobile Crisis staff will receive more phone calls which

might increase on-call costs if calls come in while staff is meeting with a caller. Phil added that this needs to be part of the story, that due to budget cuts action needed to be taken to discontinue a formal service.

Crisis Grant – Contract Award Notification and Budget Planning

- Our application request was for over \$2,000,000. We received \$1,000,000 for the two-year budget cycle, which is a cut from the current grant of \$240,000 per year.
- A new budget is supposed to be submitted to DHS by October 5th.
- The Executive Committee was charged to negotiate a new budget with Horizon Homes and to send out an email for an email vote on a new budget.

PTACC (Police Treatment and Community Collaborative) Discussion

- Angie and Phil explained that the \$10,000 in technical assistance award to BEC is foundation money that cannot be used for training and staff. It is to be used for something sustainable with long-term, lasting effect.
- The Civil Citation Network offers an app that performs street level assessment, referral and data gathering in about 30 seconds.
- Two meetings will be required. Jac will meet with Phil & Angie to provide consultation. Others (law enforcement, counties) will be invited to attend the meeting later in the day. The second meeting will be with Luke, who will first meet with BEC and Yellow Line people to provide education on the data platform/app and subscription information. The meeting will then open up to others.
- The app includes a one-year subscription.
- Contract finalization is in the works. Language was removed that would commit BEC beyond the initial year.
- Angie will draft an invitation for law enforcement, counties and others to attend the open parts of the meetings.

Regional Manager Update:

- Psych Formula 2019 Recommendation – Recommending no changes because the numbers are close and on target. There is some movement with potential new hires, but that can be addressed if they come to pass. Brian Buhmann moved to reaffirm that there will be no changes in the 2019 Psych formula. Tom Henderson seconded. Motion Carried.
- Fall Stakeholders Update – Freeborn County was well-represented at the meeting with 36 consumers and six staff. Attendance was lower than previous years which could be due in part to the meeting taking place close to the Labor Day weekend or that more consumers are now working. If increasingly employed consumers is the case, then we may need to consider moving the meeting to the evening.
- Spirit of Agreement with Express Personnel – Naomi Ochsendorf moved to approve the contract with Express Personnel outlining their evaluation-to-hire option and fees, pay rate and bill rate for Teri's Administrative Secretary/Office Support position. Tom Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Sioux Trails: SCCBI received a request from Sioux Trails Mental Health Center to fund their regular crisis line in the amount of \$9,258 and for continued funding of their DBT crisis line in the amount of \$5,898. SCCBI currently funds the DBT crisis line with \$5,200 out of the Crisis Appropriation Grant. Members questioned whether S.T. crisis line expenses were, or could be, included in their service and DBT rates. The submitted funding request also lacked a breakdown of DBT calls and regular crisis calls. Discussion followed. Sioux Trails' request died due to lack of a motion.

As there was no further business, Mark Shaw signed the Spirit of Agreement contract, and the meeting adjourned.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, October 19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Nicollet County Human Services, North Mankato

Respectfully submitted, Teri Herder-Blahnik, SCCBI Administrative Secretary/Office Support