



Present via Vidyo: Angela Youngerberg, Phil Claussen, Barb Dietz, Chera Sevcik, Suzie Nerison, Sue Rynda, Cassie Sassenberg, Mark Shaw, Naomi Ochsendorf

Others Present: Amy Haas, Jamie Hayes, Teri Herder-Blahnik, Helen Ghebre (attempted to connect, but not successful)

Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Naomi Ochsendorf moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020 meeting. Barb Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Sue Rynda moved to approve the agenda. Suzie Nerison seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

March Vendor Report: Phil Claussen moved to approve the March vendor payments. Naomi Ochsendorf seconded. Motion carried.

Crisis Grant Contract Addendum- A copy of the Crisis Grant Addendum was provided to all JPB members. It has already been signed by the JPB Chair. The addendum adds the \$22,707 in funds that was awarded for training. Since that time, DHS has sent an email allowing for increased flexibility of Crisis Grant funds to meet the needs working with those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DHS April AMHI Update Review (additional review provided for Crisis Grants)-Two emails have recently been sent from DHS assuring increased flexibility for grant funds in response to COVID-19, both with the AMHI and the Crisis Grants. Information regarding these emails was shared with the JPB.

Crisis Services Update/COVID-19- The following updates were provided by Ricki Pribyl with Horizon Homes via email and shared with the JPB on this date:

ARMHS

- *We are providing services via telephone and video.*
- *We are taking referrals and finding creative ways to complete admissions so there is not much wait time for individuals to get up and running.*

IRTS

- *Beds are almost full*
- *We do have a waiting list for IRTS but are accepting referrals*

Crisis Services

- *We have seen a bit of a decline in services, both mobile and residential.*
- *Crisis center has about 8 clients currently, which is a lot more than last week*
- *All mobile calls are being done via telehealth unless it is not possible, in which we would transport the client to our facility for a visit.*

Corporate wide and other miscellaneous items:

- *We have adapted our COVID procedures slightly. All of our staff are now masked and our clients will be masked in common spaces effective today.*
- *We are still hoping to get a resolve with the transportation issue regarding getting COVID symptomatic people to the hospitals and clinics for testing/care. I have not received any new information on that.*
- *We are offering all the same services as usual with obvious adaptations. I have a staff working on that image for you to distribute to the region.*

Telepresence Legislation Update: Angie Youngerberg provided an update regarding pending telepresence legislation. Information has support of both parties but has yet to be formally heard. The request is for \$2 million in funding to move the Vidyo platform to a cloud-based program, greatly increasing its capacity. Federally, there has been \$200 million approved in funds for telepresence, however, it appears that DHS is not seeking this funding. There are many connections statewide with the Vidyo platform, with a huge increase in utilization due to the pandemic. Many are experiencing busy networks or dropped calls on Vidyo because it is currently at capacity, this would resolve that issue and allow the platform to grow to other areas with interest. Discussion was also had about technology needs for rural individuals, including increased broadband access.

Crisis Grant and Crisis Appropriation Grant Application Update (additional update for AMHI Grant Application)-Information was provided regarding the recent applications for the Crisis Grant, Crisis Appropriation, and AMHI Grants. The AMHI Grant Application is due back to DHS July 31st. The Regional Manager has received an extension from DHS for the Crisis Grant Applications. She will request the extension be through July 31st, in alignment with the AMHI Grant Application. The grants will receive contract amendments versus new contracts. DHS has simplified some areas of the applications for the coming grant cycle. The Crisis Grant is a competitive grant, and the SCCBI/related providers will be working to come up with a budget that meets the predicted needs for Mobile Crisis and related services.

Watonwan County Technology Funding Request- Watonwan county has a funding request for \$1720 for four laptop computers, in response to deployed workers during the pandemic. It was agreed that request would be tabled until the May JPB meeting, as counties wait to hear if they will have other emergency funds they can access. Many counties reported they have had to make technology purchases to be able to deploy workers to work remotely during this time.

Other Agenda Items

- **Budget Planning/COVID-19-**Discussion was had about ideas for outreach to the community for mental health support. The clubhouse coordinators are currently meeting weekly via Zoom. The Regional Manager will connect with them about ideas for using funds that may not be spent on group activities to provide outreach. The JPB is open to expanding this beyond the SPMI populations. Discussion about a “false reality” as needs are not being seen as much in the community at this time, but are certainly present. People are isolated from supports and each other.
- **Behavioral Health Care Planning Meeting:** Update was provided to the JPB on the planning meeting, the first of these was this week. Discussion was started about both inpatient and outpatient mental health needs. The group plans to meet at least weekly to start. This group was started by the Public Health region.
- **Innovation Grant RFP** Discussion was held regarding the current Innovation Grant RFP. The SCCBI had applied for one the previous round, however were not awarded funds. Ideas were shared about need, but at this time it was determined that the SCCBI will not be applying for the grant.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, May 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Platform yet to be determined: Either Vidyo or in person at Blue Earth County Government Center

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Hayes, Regional Mental Health Manager, SCCBI