



Present via GoToMeeting: Angela Youngerberg, Barb Dietz, Chera Sevcik, Suzie Nerison, Sue Rynda, Cassie Sassenberg, Mark Shaw, Klea Rettmann, Naomi Ochsendorf

Others Present: Amy Haas, Jamie Hayes, Teri Herder-Blahnik

Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Sue Rynda moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting. Barb Dietz seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Klea Rettmann moved to approve the agenda. Naomi Ochsendorf seconded. DHS Questions was added to the agenda. Motion carried with the addition.

Public Comment: None.

April Vendor Report: Suzie Nerison moved to approve the April vendor payments. Cassie Sassenberg seconded. Motion carried.

May RMT Report: Amy Haas reported on the May 14th RMT meeting. This was the first meeting held since March and was the first time that the meeting took place remotely via GoToMeeting. It was well-attended with five of the eight consumer members present. County representatives provided updates on May is Mental Health Month and clubhouse activities. Jamie provided an update on grant applications and gave the Q1 budget review. Discussion followed about any or potential COVID-19 impacts on budgets. Committee updates were given. Jamie received helpful feedback regarding her response to three questions posed by DHS.

Watonwan County Technology Funding Request, previously tabled: Watonwan County submitted a funding request last month for \$1,720 for four laptop computers purchased in response to deployed workers during the pandemic. It was agreed to table the request until the May JPB meeting while counties waited to hear if they would have other emergency funds they could access. Watonwan County learned that FEMA will not reimburse telecommuting technology expenses. Watonwan County has already spent their staffing allocation, so they are unable to draw funds from there. Sue Rynda moved to approve Watonwan County's request for \$1,720 for four laptop computers for telecommuting. Chera Sevcik seconded. Discussion followed about other counties that have purchased technology and how this might open the door for additional request. It is still unknown when, if, or what type of funding will be available through the Cares Act. It was agreed that SCCBI would need to be payor of last resort. Motion carried.

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.

Budget Review: Jamie reported that the Initiative has not received any funds from DHS for any of the grants, and this is the first year we did not receive an advance. Tracey has been in contact with DHS, and she was told that we could expect to receive the funds last week, but they still have not arrived. There has been no explanation from DHS as to why the funds have not been distributed. Jamie wrote DHS to remind them that the SCCBI is its own entity and therefore will not use County funds to pay our bills. Mark will write a letter to DHS requesting timely distribution of Initiative funds as well as maintaining an advance of funds in the second year of the budget cycle. If DHS continues to delay distribution of funds, counties may no longer wish to serve as fiscal hosts.

- **AMHI Grant** – The grant is on target at 27% spent, but Public Education is 590% overspent (\$600 budgeted, \$3,542 spent). IRTS is 0% spent, but Jamie has a \$33,000 bill that is still in negotiation with BCBS.
- **Crisis Appropriation (Crisis Center)** – The report shows that the grant is currently underspent at 6%, but it does not include payment for the first bill which Jamie recently received from the crisis center. As things stand now, it appears that the grant may be underspent at the end of the year. However, there is a chance that the crisis center may see more admissions from displaced patients sent over from inpatient behavioral health

units if there is a surge in COVID patients using the BH beds. There is concern that insurance may not reimburse some or all of crisis bed expenses.

- Mobile Crisis Grant – The grant is currently underspent, but Jamie has not yet received the bill for the first part of the year. Jamie added that the grant will be overspent because Mobile Crisis expenses exceed the budget.

2020 Q1 Psych Allocation Review: The psych allocation should be 50% spent by now (includes Q4 2019). Overall, it is 43% spent. Psychiatry is 45.65% spent, and urgent care is 32.18% spent. Freeborn is overspent (73.47% in psychiatry and 53.42% in urgent care). Jamie will reimburse them up to the 100% mark of their allocation.

- Slot Utilization – FCMHC is right where they should be at this time of the year with 50% slot utilization, so it is concerning that their allocation is overspent by almost 20%. The psych formula may need to be adjusted in response to changes in scheduling and client numbers in light of COVID-19. BECMHC is at about 40% slot utilization. Prior to COVID, psychiatry was seeing 35-40 people per day. In March the average went down to 16 clients when service delivery transitioned to telehealth. April numbers averaged in the mid to upper 20's.

Planning Discussion on Community/Large Group Events

- Stakeholders Meeting – Planning is flexible because the Initiative has not been required to pay a deposit on the Event Center space. The June meeting was cancelled, but the same agenda and speakers will be used for the September meeting which remains on the schedule. The event may need to be offered in an alternative format utilizing livestreaming. The SET Committee may need to have some other county supervisors at the table to help with planning remote viewing of the livestream if that is the direction they wish to go.
- Fall Conference – There is much less flexibility regarding the fall conference. It requires significant planning hours, coordination and financial investment. In addition, many potential attendees have already completed their training hours during COVID downtime. Jamie requested input from RMT about their thoughts regarding not doing the conference this year, and members unanimously agreed that there is too much uncertainty about COVID restrictions/possible surges to justify the work and expense involved in planning the conference. Also, since there will only be one Stakeholder meeting this year, conference revenue may not be needed to fund the meeting. Jamie added that with the growth of the conference and the staff time involved, she and Teri will need assistance from others when planning the next conference.
- Committee Meetings – RMT, Integrated Services and Crisis Committee have all met remotely in response to COVID social distancing. The SET Committee has not yet met because all planning for the recently cancelled Stakeholders had been completed. Committees will continue to meet remotely for the foreseeable future.

Grant Application Updates

- AMHI – The application is due at the end of July. Jamie sent the staffing allocation spreadsheet to the counties early (two weeks ago) to allow coordination with fiscal supervisors. Jamie will be able to complete the application when each county submits a breakdown of how they plan to spend the staffing allocation in the coming budget cycle. Responses are due back to Jamie by June 12.
- Crisis Residential and Mobile Crisis – Applications are due at the end of June. Jamie is working on the narrative with Horizon Homes staff and will be meeting with the Exec. Committee to work on the budget.

Crisis Services during COVID, Update on Utilization (report included in meeting attachments): There has been a considerable increase in the use of telepresence since COVID began, but Mobile Crisis numbers decreased in April. Total call numbers remain consistent. There were no children's mobile assessments in April, but some adjustments have now been made to allow limited use of telepresence for children. Referrals from law enforcement continue to go up. No people were referred to the hospital or emergency department in April.

Other Agenda Items

DHS Questions: JPB provided feedback regarding the response Jamie drafted to three questions posed by DHS.

1. How have needs shifted in your community as a result of COVID-19?

2. What programmatic/service delivery changes have been implemented in your community, including by service providers and counties?
3. What challenges do you continue to face?

The formal response is due back to DHS by May 20.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, June 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Platform yet to be determined:

Respectfully submitted, Teri Herder-Blahnik, Administrative Assistant, SCCBI