

## SEPTEMBER 2020 COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

The September 2020 County Social Services Board Meeting was held in Cerro Gordo County at the CSS office on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, 10:00 am and via GoTo Meeting.

Present: Roy Schwickerath, Floyd, Larry Vest, Tama. Via GoTo Meeting: Craig White, Black Hawk, Greg Barnett, Butler, Sharon Keehner, Clayton, Chris Watts, Cerro Gordo, Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw, John Pluth, Emmet, Jeanine Tellin, Fayette, Gary Rayhons, Hancock, Pat Murray, Howard, Sandy Loney, Humboldt, Barb Francis, Mitchell, Clarence Siepker, Pocahontas, Mark Campbell, Webster, Cody Williams, Children's System Provider Rep. On phone: Jamie Heard, Children's Education System Rep, Marcia Oltrogge, Adult System Provider Rep. Absent: Dennis Koenig, Allamakee, Jim Ross, Grundy, Floyd Ashbacher, Winneshiek, Eric Donat, Adult System Consumer Rep, June Klein-Bacon, Children's System Parent Rep.

Guests present: Karen Dowell, Megan Taets, Lisa Trainer.

1. Chair Schwickerath called County Social Services Board Meeting to order.
2. Motion by Siepker, Pocahontas, second by Loney, Humboldt to approve today's agenda and the minutes of July 22, 2020 and Sept. 14, 2020, with the addition of board members who made the motion and second on items 3 (Hackman, Helgevold) and 4 (Loney, White). An old draft of the 9/14/20 minutes was inadvertently sent out. Accurate version will be e-mailed to Board tomorrow morning. Motion carried.
3. Provider feedback by Marcia Oltrogge. She had also distributed a written report, detailing a CSS-CMHC CARES Act mental health awareness campaign, providers opening more to in-person services, and DHS/IDPH initiative to realign the behavioral health systems in Iowa.
4. There was no consumer feedback as Eric was not able to attend and had nothing new to report.
5. New CEO, Mary McKinnell's, start date will be Oct. 5, 2020.
6. CSS recognized Mary Egan for her 47 years of service to Allamakee County and County Social Services.
7. Motion by Vest, Tama, second by White, Black Hawk for CSS to opt out of the presidential directive to defer the payment of employee social security tax. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Murray, Howard, second by Barnett, Butler, to authorize Access Center Services rate of \$360.19/episode for individuals brought to Pathways Behavioral Services' Detox Center by law enforcement who do not meet the criteria to be admitted to Detox. Funding would be for assessment, safety checks and care coordination for individuals. Estimated fiscal year impact on the budget is less than \$19,000. Motion carried. White, Black Hawk, and Hackman, Chickasaw, abstained as they are on the Pathways Board of Directors.
9. Sara Geiger, Community Treatment Coordinator, Iowa Dept. of Corrections, gave an update on Crisis Intervention Training Oct. 5-9.
10. Bob Lincoln, Elevate CCBHC Program Director, gave an update on Mobile Crisis in Black Hawk County.
11. Motion by Murray, Howard, second by Francis, Mitchell, to accept the Mobile Crisis Response Selection Committee's recommendation for Pillar of the Cedar Valley/Elevate Housing Foundation to provide Mobile Crisis Response services within the South (by 1/1/21), East, and North (by 4/1/21) service areas in the region with the exception of Emmet County (already has Mobile Crisis). Motion carried.
12. Motion by Vest, Tama, second by Keehner, Clayton, to send the CSS 28E Addendum draft to the CSS Attorney as presented for review. Motion carried.
13. Discussion regarding Cerro Gordo and Webster Counties submitting letters of request for entry to the CICS Region as of 7/1/2021. Helgevold, Wright County, mentioned that Wright has also submitted a letter to CICS, not because they wish to leave CSS, but if they are forced to leave, they want to decide to which region they move. Loney, Humboldt County and Siepker, Pocahontas County, stated they have requested entry into the Rolling Hills Region should they be forced to separate from CSS and Pluth, Emmet, stated they are in conversation with Sioux Rivers Region as Emmet is currently non-contiguous with the CSS region.
14. Karen Dowell, CSS Chief Operating Officer and Interim CEO gave a CARES Act funding update. A copy of the Mental Health Awareness Campaign document, referenced by Oltrogge, was distributed.
15. Service Area Advisory Meetings review. There was no Board feedback.
16. Motion by Black Hawk, second by Webster to table discussion on requiring Cerro Gordo County General Relief to become a fee-for-service organizational payee with Social Security by 1/1/21. Megan Taets, CSS Training & Development Specialist, will have more conversation with their director prior to the October meeting. Motion carried, with Keehner, Clayton and Murray, Howard, voting no.
17. Motion by White, Black Hawk, second by Siepker, Pocahontas, to approve the Financial report and claims approval for July and August. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Loney, Humboldt, second by Keehner, Clayton to approve the allocation request to member counties for FY21 first half property tax with a due date of 12/4/20. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Murray, Howard, second by Pluth, Emmet to approve the Exceptions to Policy for July and August. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Barnett, Butler, second by Loney, Humboldt, to authorize the Chair to sign provider agreements and/or rate requests with Elevate Housing, Pathways Behavioral Services and Elderbridge.
21. Megan Taets, CSS Privacy Officer and Brian Blodgett, CSS Security Officer, led the CSS Board Annual HIPAA Privacy and Security Training.
22. Motion by White, Black Hawk, second by Campbell, Webster, to adjourn; next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020, 10:00 am. Board will reconvene at 1:00 pm this afternoon via GoTo Meeting for a DHS-CSS Board Work Session on finances.