

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

The CSS Governing Board Meeting was held on Wednesday November 27, 2024 at 10am at the Bulter County Courthouse in Allison, IA and via Go-To Meeting.

CSS Board Members Present:

Dennis Keatley, Allamakee virtual; Janell Bradley, Fayette, virtual; Pat Murray, Howard; Bill Faircloth, Tama; June Klein-Bacon, Child Parent Rep, virtual; Brittney Montross, Adult Provider Rep, virtual; Dan Marx, Law Enforcement Rep, virtual, Matt Homstad, Children's Provider Rep, virtual, Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate.

CSS Board Members Not Present:

Tavis Hall, Black Hawk; Mark Kuhn, Floyd; Bruce Grant, Consumer Rep; Kristi Aschenbrenner, Children's Education Rep; Ashley Neuendorf, Judicial Rep;

Non-Voting Individuals Present:

Sarah Janssen, CSS; Sheri Vierkant, CSS; Emma Hall, CSS; Mary McKinnell, CSS; Megan Taets, CSS; Libby Reekers, MHA; Todd Rickert, CSS; Kris McGrane, CSS; Doug Reimer, Clayton BOS; April Kiefer, CSS; Miranda Sharp, CSS; Ashley Rosendahl, CSS; Monica Paulsen, CSS; Kristen Schneider, CSS; Nicole Lawrence, Flowstate; Daphne Schlampp, CSS; Chancy Chipman, NGT, Angela Nelson, MHA;

Murray, Howard CSS Board Chair called County Social Services Board Meeting to order.

1. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw/Floyd alternate and seconded by Faircloth, Tama to approve today's agenda and the minutes from October 2024. Motion Carried.
2. Adult Services Provider Representative, Brittney Montross provided an update that she has been working with Mary, CSS regarding the new In Lieu of Services (ILOS) funding that is available for some individuals while they wait for their HCBS waiver slot. There has been some inconsistent information about how individuals qualify for this funding so we are trying to get this worked out with the MCO's. Brittany expressed appreciation and thanks to the CSS Board and CSS for being great partners and funding services for individuals when needed.
3. Children Services Representative, June Klein-Bacon stated that they are trying to prepare for the future system changes. She is experiencing challenges with finding providers who have availability to provide behavioral health children services. Some providers are having rate issues with Medicaid, housing and food insecurities, etc.
4. Bruce Grant, Consumer Representative was not present today so there was no update provided.
5. Youth Provider Representative, Matt Homstad expressed gratitude to the CSS Board and feels they are always mindful of the people we serve.
6. Law Enforcement Representative, Sheriff Dan Marx stated that they are anxious to see how things are going to change and have a lot of uncertainties for the future as it relates to funding for MH transportation, cost of psych medications to individuals in jail, etc. and feels it is important to advocate for the BH-ASO's to continue to fund these services and supports. Sheriff Marx stated that the CSS Board has always been great to work with and feels they work collaboratively with the sheriff departments to provide assistance to those with mental health issues who are in the legal system.
7. There was no update today from Judicial Representative, Ashley Neuendorf as she was not present at today's meeting.
8. There were no additional comments from the CSS Board and Member Counties.

9. Update from Mary McKinnell regarding HHS realignment. Feedback.

- Advocates- CSS has asked HHS if the BH-ASO's will be responsible for reimbursing the MH Advocates salaries and we have not been given a definitive answer on this so we are not certain of this at this time.
- General Assistance- CSS has not yet been told if BH-ASO's or Disability Access Points will be able to provide General Assistance services to the 4 member counties that we currently provide these services for. CSS wants to be sure to inform these counties (Mitchell, Grundy, Floyd, and Butler) of this as it may impact their county budgets and it is getting close to budgeting time.
- Jail telepsych and medications- CSS is unsure if the BH-ASO's will be funding the cost of MH transportation for individuals who have been committed to treatment, psychotropic medications while individuals are in jail, telepsychiatry services for individuals in hospital ED's and jails.
- Disability Access Point RFP- At the DAP bidder's conference HHS indicated encouragement for bidders to apply for providing Disability Access Points statewide. Mary has chosen to re-submit our letter of intent to bid for statewide DAP. The RFP is now due Fri Dec 20th, 2024. DAP RFP's will be awarded by Fri Feb 21st, 2025.
- Behavioral Health RFP- CSS completed the BH ASO RFP in mid October 2024. HHS chose to not give all bidders the opportunity to complete presentations. The BH-ASO RFP is scheduled to be awarded by Dec 30, 2024.

Human Resources

10. Annual HIPAA and Security Training was completed by Megan Taets, CSS Privacy Officer and Chancy Chipman, NGT Information Security Officer. The CSS Board members were asked to sign, date, and return to Megan the HIPAA/Security training acknowledgment forms upon completion of the training.
11. Mary's Annual Performance Evaluation will be completed today, Wed Nov 27th, 2024 following the board meeting. Members of the CSS Board HR committee and CSS Executive Committee will be completing Mary's annual evaluation.

Organization.

12. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate and seconded by Bradley, Fayette to approve the October 2024 claims and financial report. Motion Carried.

13. A motion was made by Faircloth, Tama and seconded by Murray, Howard to review the CSS Exceptions to Policies for October 2024. Motion Carried.
14. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate and seconded by Faircloth, Tama to approve the FY24 CSS Annual Report. Motion Carried.
15. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate and seconded by Murray, Howard to approve the CSS ending fund balance certification letter indicating a FY24 ending fund balance of \$3,450,394.00. Motion Carried.
16. A motion was made by Faircloth, Tama and seconded by Bradley, Fayette to approve the FY23 Audit Report and findings. Motion Carried.
17. Flowstate is requesting advanced payment for January and February 2025 from CSS. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate and seconded by Faircloth, Tama. Motion Carried.
18. Rotation of voting and alternate Board of Supervisors to serve as CSS board members will switch on January 1, 2025. Those supervisors who served as alternate board members will be voting board members on Jan 1st and those supervisors who are currently serving as voting board members will be switched to alternates on Jan 1, 2025. At the January 2025 CSS board meeting officers for the CSS Executive committee will be voted on.
19. Motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw, Floyd Alternate and seconded by Faircloth, Tama was made to authorize Chair to sign provider agreements and/or rate requests with:
 - BHGMHC

Motion Carried.

20. The next CSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00am in Chickasaw County at the old Heritage Center.
21. CSS Board meeting was adjourned with no action.