

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The CSS Governing Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 10AM at the Heritage Center in New Hampton, Iowa (Chickasaw County) and via Go-To Meeting.

CSS Board Members Present: Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw; Pat Murray, Howard; Greg Barnett, Butler; Doug Reimer, Clayton, virtual; Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy; Mark Hendrickson, Mitchell, virtual; Dennis Keatley, alternate for Faldet, Winneshiek, virtual; Kristi Aschenbrenner, Children's Education Rep, virtual; June Klein-Bacon, Children's Parent Rep, virtual; Dan Marx, Law Enforcement Rep, virtual;

CSS Board Members Not Present: Bruce Grant, Consumer Rep; Britney Montross, Adult Services Representative; Matt Homstad, Children's Provider Rep has resigned from the CSS Board; Ashley Neuendorf, Judicial Rep;

Non-Voting Individuals Present In-person or Virtual: Mark Doland, Tama BOS; Libby Reekers, MHA; Stephanie Kuhn, MHA; Miranda Sharp, CSS; Gloria Carr, Floyd BOS; Todd Lange, WellPoint; Sue Card, CSS; Monica Paulson, CSS; Beth Kregel, CSS; Sarah Janssen, CSS; Daphne Schlampp, CSS; Kristen Schneider, CSS; Sheri Vierkant, CSS; Jeff Bunn, Fayette BOS; Ashley Rosendahl, CSS; Kris McGrane, CSS; Megan Taets, CSS; Todd Rickert, CSS; Raina Kellogg, CSS; Emma Hall, CSS; Jackie Bailey, MHA;

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

1. There was a correction made to the November 2024 meeting minutes to add Heidi Nederhoff as present for that meeting. A motion was made by Barnett, Butler and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve today's agenda and the amended minutes of the November 27, 2024 CSS Board meeting. Motion Carried.
2. Introductions of current and new Board members. Matt Homstad, Children's System Provider Rep resigned from the CSS Board on 1.20.25. Welcome to our new CSS Board members- Mark Doland, Tama BOS; Gloria Carr, Floyd BOS; and Jeff Bunn, Fayette BOS.
3. Motion made by Barnett, Butler and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw BOS as CSS Board Chair for 2025. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to elect Greg Barnett, Bulter as CSS Vice Chair. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Hackman, Chickasaw and seconded by Barnett, Butler to nominate Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy as CSS Board Secretary. Motion Carried. Officers will serve on CSS Executive Committee- meet one time per month prior to the CSS Board meeting. Responsibilities include reviewing board mtg agenda items prior to board meeting, reviewing financial reports, approving CSS board mtg minutes prior to being published, etc.
4. There was no update from Adult Services Provider Representative, Brittney Montross as she was not present at the meeting.
5. An update from Children Services Representative, June Klein-Bacon was given. June stated that she continues to watch for changes with the HCBS Waiver redesign launch anticipated for 7.1.25 and system changes coming up on 7.1.25 relating to BH-ASO and Disability Access Point service delivery across the state.
6. There was no update from Consumer Representative, Bruce Grant as he was not present.
7. There was no update given by Youth Provider Representative, Matt Homstad due to Matt resigning from the CSS Board on 1.20.2025.
8. There was no update from Law Enforcement Representative, Sheriff Dan Marx given.
9. There was no update from Judicial Representative, Ashley Neuendorf as she was not present.

10. Updates from CSS Board and Member Counties. Greg Barnett, Butler had some questions relating to payment for services such as sheriff transports for MH committals and mental health advocates due to the Regions sunsetting on 6.30.25. Mary explained that the CEO's were told MH advocate salaries will be reimbursed by the BH-ASO's. Mary states she has not been given specific answers as to if BH-ASO's will fund the cost of psychotropic medications in jails, if the BH-ASO, Iowa Primary Care will be using Flowstate our current provider for telehealth psychiatry in the CSS jails and hospitals and how the telehealth services will be funded. If the BH-ASO Iowa PAC does not fund these services it may fall back to counties however we are just not sure as CSS has not been given specific answers on this at this time. There were also questions asked if CSS staff would be eligible for unemployment benefits if CSS does not get awarded the DAP. Mary discussed possibility of employee transition pay if continue employment with CSS through 6.30.25. Some different options were discussed however she will bring request to the CSS Board in the future if this is feasible with our CSS budget.
11. Mary McKinnell provided an update regarding HHS realignment. The statewide BH-ASO RFP was awarded to Iowa Primary Care Association who is based out of Des Moines, IA. CEO's will plan to work with them in the future during this transition however CSS has not yet been told what the transition process will look like, if CSS will be given the opportunity to give warm hand-offs of introducing individuals to their new workers, etc. CSS has not yet been notified if we will be scheduled a RFP DAP presentation at this time. Mary contacted the HHS staff who is the contact person for the DAP RFP this morning and has not heard back from him yet. The RFP DAP will be awarded by Feb 21st, 2025. Mary will keep the Board updated on any new information in the future.

Human Resources

12. A motion was made by Barnett, Butler and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve Gloria Carr, Floyd BOS as a new member to the CSS Board HR Committee. Motion Carried.
13. FY26 Employee COLA and Mileage Increases. There were no recommendations/changes from the HR Committee due to Regions sunsetting on 6.30.25.
14. Miranda Sharp, CSS Payroll/Benefit/Commitment Specialist has submitted her 2-week resignation from CSS employment. Miranda's last day of employment will be on Tuesday February 4, 2025.

Organization

15. A motion was made by Barnett, Butler and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve the November and December 2024 claims list and financial reports. Motion Carried.
16. Review Exceptions to Policies for November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025. There was no action taken.
17. The next CSS Board meeting will be held in FAYETTE COUNTY on Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 10am. (Doug Reimer, Clayton County BOS has a schedule conflict and is not able to host the meeting so asked that the location of the next meeting be changed).
18. A motion made by Nederhoff, Grundy and seconded by Barnett, Butler to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.