

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES 28E GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The CSS Governing Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 10AM at the Fayette County Courthouse (first floor assembly room 114 N. Vine in West Union, IA) and via Go-To Meeting.

CSS Board Members Present: Jacob Hackman, Chickasaw; Doug Reimer, Clayton, Heidi Nederhoff, Grundy; Mark Hendrickson, Mitchell; Mark Faldet, Winneshiek; Greg Barnett, Butler, Virtually; Kristi Aschenbrenner, Children's Education Rep, Virtually; June Klein-Bacon, Children's Parent Rep, Virtually; Brittney Montross, Adult Provider Rep, Virtually.

CSS Board Members Not Present: Dan Marx, Law Enforcement Rep; Ashley Neundorf, Judicial Rep;

Non-Voting Individuals Present In-person or Virtual: Emma Hall, CSS; Sheri Vierkant, CSS; Kris McGrane, CSS; Megan Taets, CSS; Mary McKinnell, CSS; Todd Rickert, CSS; Kayleen Dunt, CSS; Charity Anfinson, CSS; Charlie Woodcock, NEIBHC; Jeff Dunn, Fayette; Pat Murray, Howard; Dennis Keatley, Allamakee; Lexi Rustad, Chrysalis; Todd Lange; Justin Brandt, Black Hawk; Jason Howes, CSS; Sue Card, CSS; Kristen Schneider, CSS; Monica Paulsen, CSS; Libby Reekers, Tama MHA; Ann Smisek, Ahlers & Cooney; Daphne Schlampp, CSS; Jamie Schriever, CSS; Angela Nelson, MHA; Ashley Rosendahl, CSS; Beth Kregel, CSS; Sarah Janssen, CSS; April Kiefer, CSS; Stephanie Kuhn, MHA; Gloria Carr, Floyd;

Hackman, Chickasaw CSS Board Chair Called the County Social Services Board Meeting to order.

1. Motion by Faldet, Winneshiek and second by Reimer, Clayton to approve today's agenda and the minutes from January 2025 board meeting. Motion Carried.
2. Brittney Montross, Adult Services Provider Representative reported providers are concerned about Medicaid cuts for persons being served to maintain living in the community.
3. June Klein-Bacon, Children Services Representative stated she is also concerned about the Medicaid and SNAP (food stamp) cuts being made. CSS plans to participate in Read Across America in 62 classrooms throughout the CSS Region next week. Bookmarks with contact information about 988, crisis line will be provided to the children and teachers. On April 4th CSS staff will be wearing Blue to support Child Abuse Prevention and we welcome others to participate as well. CSS is hosting a Youth Mental Health First Aide Training on March 13th in West Union IA. CEU's are available for this YMHFA training. In April 2025, CSS is hosting another YMHFA training to 90 employees at Oelwein Community School District.
4. There were no updates from Consumer Representative as this position is open.
5. There were no updates from Youth Provider Representative as this position is open.
6. There was no update from Law Enforcement Representative, Sheriff Dan Marx as he was not present.
7. There was no update from Judicial Representative, Ashley Neundorf, as she was not present.
8. CSS Board and Member Counties update- Justin Brandt, Black Hawk is replacing Tavis Hall on the CSS Board.
9. Mary McKinnell, CSS CEO provided an update regarding HHS realignment. CSS applied for the BH-ASO RFP which was awarded to Iowa Primary Care Association. CSS applied for the statewide Disability Access Point RFP which was awarded yesterday, 2.25.25 to 5 MHDS Regions. CSS was not one of the Regions so therefore CSS will start to work on transitioning services and our organization as we will be sunsetting on 6.30.25. The East Central Region (ECR) and Central

Iowa Community Services (CICS) will be serving individuals as the DAP within our current Region. CSS will be working with them during the transition process to minimize gaps as soon as possible. CSS will be sending HHS a reconsideration letter within 5 days as required. If anyone has any supporting documentation or recommendation letters, please send them to Mary soon. Thanks to the CSS Board and CSS Employees who have worked and helped in so many ways throughout this re-alignment process. It is uncertain of what things will look like after July 1, 2025 as there may be some employees that may need to continue employment with CSS after this time to close out CSS as the single employer and to process claims, etc.

Human Resources

10. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and second by Nederhoff, Grundy to approve the FY26 ISAC Insurance Renewal Data from Assured Partners. Motion Carried.
11. A motion was made by Barnett, Butler to approve a step increase for each employee who remains employed by CSS. The step increase would be paid out at the end of each month in the amount of \$1,000 for March 2025, \$2,000 for April 2025, \$3,000 for May 2025, and \$4,000 for June 2025 totaling \$10,000 for each employee if employed through 6.30.2025. There was no second to this motion. Motion dies.
A motion was made by Reimer, Clayton and second by Hendrickson, Mitchell to remove “resignation” language from the Separation Agreement document prepared by Ann, attorney with Ahlers and Cooney. Motion Carried.
A motion was made to authorize the Transition Pay request recommended by the CSS Board HR Committee to be paid out on June 20th, 2025 in the amount of \$15,000 for each employee. Roll Call: Butler- Nay; Chickasaw- Yes; Clayton- Yes; Grundy- Yes; Mitchell- Yes; Winneshiek- Yes; June Klein-Bacon- Yes.
6 Yes, 1 Nay, Motion Carried.

Programs:

12. A motion was made by Hendrickson, Mitchell and Seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to request the CSS Chair and CEO to sign redesignation letter for Elevate’s Intensive Residential Service Home (IRSH). Motion Carried.
13. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to authorize \$30,410.74 requested by Chrysalis Children’s Center. Motion Carried.

Organization.

14. Discussion on ISAC request for information from counties.
15. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Reimer. Clayton to approve the January 2025 claims list and financial reports. Motion Carried.
16. Reviewed CSS Exceptions to Policy for December 2024, January 2025, and February 2025.
17. Discussion on Disability Access Point transition.
18. The next CSS Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10AM. The meeting will be held in Floyd County.
19. A motion was made by Faldet, Winneshiek and seconded by Nederhoff, Grundy to adjourn the meeting at 11:20am. Motion Carried.