

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting
TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Berndt	June Klein-Bacon
Diane Brecht	Dr. Ken Wayne
Teresa Daubitz	Richard Whitaker
Linda Dettmann	Russell Wood
Sue Gehling	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betsy Akin	Kathy Norris
Sen. Jeff Edler	Rep. Megan Srinivas
Mike Fidgeon	Jack Seward, Jr.
Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott	Terri Steinke
Don Kass	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong	Adrienne LaToure	Flora A. Schmidt
Teresa Bomhoff	Patti Manna	Susan Seehase
Lisa Bringle	Tracy Peden	Ben Shuberg
Carlyn Crowe	Mary A Petersen	Starla Varrelman
Maggie Ferguson	Peggy Petlon	Jayne Wagner
Torie Keith	Libby Reekers	Doug Wolfe
Brenna Koedam	Chelsey Scanlan	
Todd Lange	Christina Scharck	

Materials Referenced:

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Resources for Transitioning Youth_MHDS Commission Training 2.12.24

Welcome and Introductions

Russell Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31am and led introductions. Quorum was not established with 9 voting members attending virtually. Russell reviewed conflicts of interest and informed the Commissioners to disclose any conflicts of interest on voting items.

***Review and Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Voting did not occur on the January 18th, 2024, meeting minutes due to lack of quorum.

Resources for Transitioning Youth - Doug Wolfe, Transition Program Manager, explained the transition planning process for youth in Foster Care. Transition planning starts with children in Foster Care who are 14 years of age or older. Consistent planning services are provided, with information about programs and services, youth-centered meetings, and team support. There is an emphasis on the five domains of a successful transition: employment services and

other workforce support, education and education support, health and health care coverage, stable housing, and supportive relationships.

HHS/BHS Update

Theresa Armstrong provided an update from Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS).

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)

HHS is continuing planning grant work and is on track to apply for a Medicaid demonstration program in March 2024. HHS is providing individual Technical Assistance to 10 successful bidders to assist in preparation and to meet CCBHC requirements with certifications to come in the next several months.

Crisis system evaluation

A landscape analysis is underway and stakeholder engagement will follow with key informants: 988, 911, crisis services coordination, Integrated Provider Networks (IPN), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the aging, intellectual disabilities, developmental disabilities, and child welfare systems. Next steps are focus groups with individuals with lived experiences and their family members, advocates, providers of crisis, behavioral health, and prevention services, emergency response systems, MHDS Regions, and the Department of Education including school systems, and child welfare. A widely distributed survey will also be generated.

System Alignment/Service Delivery Alignment

Legislation has been proposed for a new Behavioral Health (BH) Services System. The goals for BH system alignment are a well-coordinated system with clear access points, reductions of system redundancies, elimination of administrative red-tape and duplicative efforts, and tying funding to measurable outcomes. HHS will develop a Behavioral Health state plan with stakeholder and public input with full implementation by July 1, 2025.

Legislation updates

HF 2512 HF2272 Establishes the multi-state Social Work License Compact to allow social workers licensed in one state to practice in another state in the compact.

SF2345 HF 2247 SF 472 Makes changes to judicial branch administration, including removing requirement that judicial council develop best practices for mental health advocates.

HSB502 Proposes a tiered rate structure for Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs).

HSB617 Allows an ambulance to transport a person having a mental health crisis to a mental health access center and for HHS to pay for those services.

House File 2343 Allows a licensed out-of-state counselor to be licensed in Iowa by showing evidence of a license similar to Iowa requirements and paying a fee.

HSB 689 Makes appropriations from the Opioid Settlement fund to HHS, the Iowa Finance Authority, and Iowa Workforce Development for prevention and recovery activity.

HF 2342 Allows schools to order rehabilitation services for a student caught with tobacco, alcohol or drugs rather than suspending or expelling the student.

HSB 710 Recommends repeal of numerous boards and commissions and transfers their duties, and **SSB3172** eliminates some boards and commissions.

Planning for Future Meetings/Additional Discussion

There was a discussion on future planning with the Commission.

A nominations committee should be formed in March for election of next term chair and vice chair.

Suggestions on future presentations included continued updates on the Behavioral Health bill and a comprehensive dialogue around CCBHC's, including how the Administrative Service Organizations (ASO's) and other entities interact.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment with none offered.

Adjourn

Russell Wood entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Gehling motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Richard Whitaker. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna