

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Akin	Kathy Norris
Sarah Berndt	Jack Seward, Jr.
Diane Brecht	Rep. Megan Srinivas
Teresa Daubitz	Terri Steinke
Linda Dettmann	Dr. Ken Wayne
Mike Fidgeon	Richard Whitaker
Sue Gehling	Russell Wood
June Klein-Bacon	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Kass
 Sen. Jeff Edler
 Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jennifer Andersen	Kathy Johnson	Denise Rathman
Theresa Armstrong	Brenna Koedam	Libby Reekers
Teresa Bomhoff	Todd Lange	Flora Schmidt
Lisa Bringle	Adrienne LaToure	Susan Seehase
Kelly Burke	Patti Manna	Jayne Wagner
Anne Crotty	Susan Martin	
Wendy DePhillips	Mary McKinnell	
Nicolle Eaton	Dawn Mentzer	
Connie Fanselow	Katie Peck	
Maggie Ferguson	Mary A. Petersen	
	Peggy Petlon	

Materials Referenced:

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ASP SUMMARY FOR MHDS COMMISSION 1-18-24
Behavioral Health System Alignment – January 2024

Welcome and Introductions

Russell Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led introductions. Quorum was established with 14 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**

Russell Wood inquired if any Mental Health and Disabilities Services (MHDS) Commission members had questions or changes to the December 7th, 2023, meeting minutes. Hearing none, Russell entertained a motion to approve both the December 7th, 2023, meeting minutes. Richard Whitaker motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by June Klien-Bacon. There was no additional discussion by the Commissioners. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Iowa Autism Support Program Overview Connie Fanselow, HHS, introduced herself and reviewed the Autism Support Program (ASP), which provides state funding for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services to children who are not eligible to receive ABA service funding through Medicaid or private health insurers and who meet certain diagnostic and financial eligibility criteria.

Children's Behavioral Health System State Board Update

Rich Whitaker reported that the Children's Behavioral Health System State Board met on January 9th, 2023. At that meeting, there were updates from The Department of Education which included a review of initiatives in place that increase school safety. There were updates from Iowa Health and Human Services regarding System Alignment, which will begin with the Behavioral Health Division. Presentations included a youth data dashboard vision and updates on Universal Screenings.

HHS/BH Update

Theresa Armstrong provided an update from HHS. Iowa Health and Human Services contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to conduct a third-party review of the delivery of 19 health and human service areas in the summer and fall of 2023. Based on HMA's recommendations, HHS will take a phased approach that first focuses on Behavioral Health System Alignment.

Through alignment, HHS plans to ensure Iowans have consistent access to health and human services, use funding more effectively to achieve outcomes, and consolidate and streamline contracting and administration. Legislation, which is expected soon, will direct the framework and this process will take place over the next 2 years. Legislation is also expected to direct spending of opioid settlement dollars.

HHS has announced the apparent successful Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) bidders in the CCBHC Demonstration Program. Eleven providers will enter into contracts to become certified as CCBHC's. Next steps include providing Technical Assistance and support, with Iowa on target to submit a proposal for the CCBHC Demonstration Grant.

Planning for Future Meetings/Additional Discussion

There was a discussion on future planning with the Commission.

Suggestions on future presentation included presentations on supports provided to families and schools by the Department of Education, an overview of the spectrum of services

available to youth, and specifically transition services, by HHS Family Well-Being and Protective Services, and Area Education Agency (AEA) Legislative Bill and impacts of the proposed changes.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment with none made.

Adjourn

Russell Wood entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Gehling motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Jack Seward. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna