

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

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Berndt	Mike Fidgeon	Sen. Sarah Trone
Diane Brecht	Kellee McCrory	Garriott
Linda Dettmann	Kathy Norris	
Sue Gehling	Jack Seward, Jr.	

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betsy Akin	Dr. Kenneth Wayne
Sen. Jeff Edler	
Don Kass	
June Klein-Bacon	
Terri Steinke	
Rep. Megan Srinivas	

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Allison Andrews	Patti Manna
Anne Crotty	Elizabeth Wolfe
Carlyn Crowe	Billi Mitchell
Wade Eperts	Katie Peck
Maggie Ferguson	Cheryl Plank
Natalie Ginty	Libby Reekers
Dylan Keller	Christina Schark
Todd Lange	Stephanie Smith
Adrienne LaToure	Kelsey Thien
Carrie Malone	

Materials Referenced:

MHDS Commission June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes DRAFT
2024 MHDS Commission Cost Increase Letter-DRAFT

Welcome and Introductions

Diane Brecht, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32am and led introductions. Quorum was not established with 8 voting members attending virtually. Diane reviewed conflicts of interest and informed the Commissioners to disclose any conflicts of interest on voting items.

Kellee McCrory, who was present, has been appointed to the Commission and introduced herself.

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

There was no voting on the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes as quorum was not achieved.

***Review and Vote on Cost Increase Letter**

Diane Brecht inquired if there was any additional discussion on the drafted 2024 Cost Increase Letter, which was reviewed at the June 20, 2024, meeting. There was no additional feedback. The letter was approved by the Commission by email vote on 7/23/2024. Sue Gehling made a motion to approve the letter, Sarah Berndt seconded the motion. Eleven members of the Commission voted to approve the letter; none voted against the motion. Kathy Norris abstained from voting.

Behavioral Health Highlights – Commission Members

Diane Brecht opened a discussion with the Commissioners on significant events that occurred during the recent past regarding Behavioral Health.

Jack Seward shared information regarding publicly held mental health events in Dubuque and Centerville.

Kathy Norris shared that there was a bill passed resulting in more specialized care for the 2 Mental Health Institutes (MHI), Cherokee and independence. The changes allow the MHI's to increase bed space for more forensic individuals and serve more children and youth. Wait list times have been positively affected.

Commission Planning Calendar

The Commission Planning table with timelines was reviewed and committee membership was reviewed. Kellee McCrory joined the Regional Services Committee. Initial meetings will be scheduled beginning in August 2024.

Planning for Future Meetings/Additional Discussion

Commission members were asked for input into future meetings, with no suggestions given. There was a discussion on how the members of this group can continue to be active participants in the system after the Commission sunsets in July 2024. Carrie Malone, Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) Director of Government Relations, shared that robust discussion has begun regarding the layout of the HHS Council, the duties that have transitioned to them, and whether subcommittees will be developed. Additional information regarding these changes will be shared as it become available.

Public Comment

There was an opportunity for public comment.

Todd Lange, who is a member of the Integrated Health Planning and Advisory Council (I-PAC), gave an update on the work of that Council. Highlights include that I-PAC workgroups met on several topics, there were peer run organizations presentations, and discussion has begun on the effect of legislative changes on the future of the block grant.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Manna