

SOUTHERN HILLS REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

**CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Each mental health and disability services region shall submit to the department of human services an implementation plan to implement the children’s behavioral health services described under section 331.397A, as enacted in HF690, no later than April 1, 2020.

A. Creating A Regional Children’s Advisory Committee

The Region values community stakeholder input and is in the planning stages of developing a plan to establish a Regional Children’s Behavioral Health Services Advisory Committee.

1. Process and Time Frames

Targeted Completion Date	Activity
12/19/2019	Community/regional needs assessment meeting.
3/19/2020	Mental Health Coalition meetings in which referrals and suggestions for regional advisory committee members were gathered.
6/1/2020	The target date for completing this has been negatively affected by the COVID19 closures. Emails went out with suggested meeting dates and places. Due to gathering restrictions and closures, the response was limited and further meetings were put on hold. Meetings will be planned for May if current restrictions are lifted.

2. Regional Children’s Advisory Committee

Member	Representing
Kristina Richey	Parents/Actively Involved Relatives of a Child who Utilizes Children’s Behavioral Health Services
Unfilled	The Education System
Unfilled	Early Childhood Advocates
Unfilled	Child Welfare Advocates
Morgan Christensen, Crossroads CMHC	Children’s Behavioral Health Service Providers
Unfilled	The Juvenile Court System
Unfilled	Pediatricians
Unfilled	Child Care Providers
Jeff Vanderwood, Adair County Sheriff	Local Law Enforcement
Ron Riley, Union County	Regional Governing Board

B. Regional Governance Board Changes

The Regional Governing Board is ultimately responsible for: (a) the advancement of a regional management plan; (b) the development of access to a regional service system for adults with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and to children with serious emotional disturbances; and (c) the administration of the non-Medicaid funded Mental Health Disability Services (MHDS) and children’s behavioral health services as outlined in Iowa Code. The Region is in the planning stages of identifying the time frames to change the Regional Governance Board composition.

1. Process and Time Frames

Targeted Completion Date	Activity
7/1/20	Again, this process has been disrupted by COVID19 closures. It is the intent of the Region to proceed with the designation of these members in a timely manner when meetings can resume. The Region will then amend their 28E agreement to include these members

2. Regional Governing Board

Member	Representing	Voting Member
Ron Riley	Union County Board of Supervisors	Yes
Scott Akin	Adams County Board of Supervisors	Yes
Jerry Murphy John Twombly	Taylor County Board of Supervisors Adair County Board of Supervisors	Yes
Kris Richey	Adults/Actively Involved Relatives of an Adult who Utilizes Mental Health and Disability Services <i>(designated by the regional adult mental health and disability services advisory committee)</i>	Yes
TBD	Parents/Actively Involved Relatives of a Child who Utilizes Children’s Behavioral Health Services <i>(designated by the regional children’s behavioral health services advisory committee)</i>	Yes
TBD	The Regional Education System <i>(designated by the regional children’s behavioral health services advisory committee)</i>	Yes
TBD	Regional MHDS Adult Service Providers <i>(designated by the regional adult mental health and disability services advisory committee)</i>	No
TBD	Regional Children’s Behavioral Health Service Providers <i>(designated by the regional children’s behavioral health services advisory committee)</i>	No

C. Regional 28E Agreement Amendment

There is an existing regional 28E agreement between the counties in The Region. The Region is in the planning stages of identifying the time frames to amend and file the regional 28E agreement.

1. Process and Time Frames

<u>Targeted Completion Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
7/1/20	The Region's 28E agreement shall be amended to update governing board memberships, include the formation of a children's advisory committee, and voting procedures
6/15/20	Obtain all required approvals/signatures
6/15/20	File the Regional 28E agreement with the Secretary of State.

D. Regional Staff Changes

The Region is in the planning stages of identifying staffing needs by the Region to implement the new children's behavioral health services coordinator requirements and other anticipated staffing needs, including timeframes.

1. Process and Time Frames

<u>Targeted Completion Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
3/1/20	Children's Disability Services coordinator has been designated via a contract with Crossroads Behavioral Health. The coordinator is a staff member with Crossroads Behavioral Health and has a bachelor's degree with a background in children's services.

E. Regional Management Plan Changes

The Region is in the planning stages of identifying the timelines and integration of the new children’s behavioral health services requirements into the Regional Policies and Procedures Manual and the Regional Annual Service and Budget Plan.

1. Process and Time Frames – Regional Policies and Procedures Manual

<u>Targeted Completion Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
6/1/20	The Regional Policies and Procedures manual will be updated to include diagnostic and financial eligibility and application and enrollment procedures.
6/1/20	Submit Amended Regional Policies and Procedures to Advisory Boards for approval.
6/1/20	Submit Amended Regional Policies and Procedures to Governing Board for approval.
6/15/20	Submit Amended Regional Policies and Procedures to DHS for approval. (Rules require Regions to submit the amendments to DHS 45 days prior to implementation.)

2. Process and Time Frames – Annual Service and Budget Plan

<u>Targeted Completion Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Resources (Low–Medium–High Staff Time, Funding, Etc.)</u>
5/1/20	Update the Annual Service and Budget Plan framework.	