



# CICS

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## **CICS Adult Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 13, 2020 @ 1:30 pm**

**SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:** Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting was provided via zoom:

### 1. Welcome and Introductions: Roll Call of Committee Members:

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order, those present: Diana Dawley, Kathy Hanzek, Nikki Fischer, JD Deambra, Tamara Morris, Mary Nelson, Jeff Vance, Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Swope, Julie Smith, and Sherry Becker. Also present Russell Wood, Linn Adams, Wendy Schmitz, and Karla Webb joined as the meeting was in session.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Dawley to approve the agenda, second by Becker, all ayes, motion passed.

### 3. Approval of 7/14/20 meeting minutes

Motion by Vance to approve the 7/14/20 minutes, second by Deambra, all ayes, motion passed.

### 4. Highlights of Regional Governing Board

Smith gave a brief update of the last Governing Board meeting, including the CARES Act grants and the request of counties to join CICS, both of which are topics of the agenda.

### 5. Requests from Cerro Gordo County, Webster County and Wright County to Join CICS Region

Wood reported on the requests of Webster, Cerro Gordo, and Wright Counties to join CICS. There was legislation the State adopted directing DHS to work with CSS Region to split the region. He reviewed information contained in the handout for the meeting. He reported that the CICS Governing Board will vote on this at their next meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If approved the Administrative Team will begin planning for the transition.

### 6. CARES Act COVID-19 Funds

Wood reported that CICS has received \$3.2 million through the CARES Act related to the pandemic. Funds are being used to mitigate COVID related issues in local offices and grants have been offered through RFPs. Non-competitive grants up to \$10,000 have been offered and applications are due tomorrow for competitive grants of up to \$75,000. Further rounds of grants may be offered. Providers are encouraged to apply.

7. Service Coordination FY20 Report

Adams provided a highlight of the Service Coordination report. Applications have declined since the onset of COVID 19, have seen a reduction of individuals in RCF, increase in funding and individuals served for Medicaid waiting list services, number of ETPS has decreased.

8. Recognition of Advisory Committee Member Terms Ending 12/31/20: Hardin, Hamilton, Franklin, Jasper, Boone Counties

Webb noted the terms ending 12/31/20 and thanked the committee members for their service, suggested if a member would like to continue serving on the Committee to reach out to their local CICS staff member or Karla. Individuals can serve 6 consecutive years before needing to take a 1 year break. Recognition certificates will be sent to committee members once their terms are complete if they do not renew for another term.

9. Agency Update/Information Sharing

Deambra reported NAMI CI is serving about 5-6 people/day in the Wellness Center; Fischer reported BOOST has all contracts completed and preschools are operating; Swope reported are getting 10-15 people/day at the drop-in center are looking to purchase more tables to assist with distancing people; Smith reported things are going well at Capstone, are providing telehealth and in-person services, opened a 3 bed SCL home and are starting services in a school; Nelson reported are able to serve 10 people/day at the drop-in center and are really appreciative of ability to purchase safety supplies from the CARES Act grant funding; Vance reported had damage at the office and 12 homes from the derecho, all day programs are going well with modified programming in place; Becker reported John Derryberry is replacing Sherry, IPS is not up to full capacity since COVID 19 in Hardin and Franklin, not one person served in IPS has lost their job due to COVID 19, are hoping to expand IPS through out Iowa; Ellis reported are having a virtual and in-person open house for new 5 bed waiver home on 10/20/20, 5 individuals will be moving into the home.

10. Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2021 @ 1:30pm

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm

