



# CICS

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## Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

Story County Administration Building

**Board Members Present:** Kendra Alexander, Phil Clifton, JD Deambra, Andrea Dickerson, Scott Hand, Jerry Kloberdanz, Richard Lukensmeyer, Julie Smith, Brandon Talsma, Allie Wulfekuhle. **Members Absent:** Lisa Heddens, Dennis Quinn, Gary Rayhons. **Leadership Team Present:** Meghan Freie, Liza Maxwell, Robin McKee, Jen Sheehan, Betsy Stursma, Karla Webb, Russell Wood. **HHS Representative Present:** Don Gookin.

**Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 agenda. Motion by Smith, second by Lukensmeyer. All ayes, motion carried.**

Russell Wood, CEO began the discussion regarding the Iowa Department of Human Services Health and Human Services Realignment.

HHS is changing the concept of Mental Health Regions and the Integrated Provider Network. They are looking at taking the Regions and combining them together into seven Behavioral Health Districts. A draft map of potential regions was provided. The potential is that some of the CICS counties will be moved to other BHD's. The state has provided three different options of how business will potentially be done in the future. CICS has invested in administrative staff to plan and develop programs throughout the region. CICS has moved towards a more formal approach for funding programs and has been fiscally responsible historically with investment of funds. A bill will be introduced next week. From a fiscal steward and human service perspective combining SUD and MH is a good step for individuals. Long term services and supports may go to Aging and Disability Services.

Kloberdanz pointed out that the maps do not align. Wood stated that has been a concern throughout this process. Part of the conversation is where is the traffic flow and where do people go for services. Don Gookin, HHS stated that the map is fluid, and this is early on in the process of coming to a finalized map. Latifah Faisal, Story County guest, wanted to know what the impact would be to County support for SUD services. Wood will share with HHS.

Wood discussed the next steps to take. How do we make sure this works for our clients. It is unknown how Governing Boards will be structured in the future, however it is important to let legislators know that all counties would like a say in what and how their region works in the future.

**Motion to adjourn by Clifton, second by Talsma. All ayes, motion carried.**

Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Lisa Hill, Recording Secretary

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Jerry Kloberdanz, Board Co-Chair