



**SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL)**  
**MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION**  
  
**DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON,**  
**KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN**  
**& WASHINGTON COUNTIES**

DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
February 8, 2022	1:30pm	<b>Henry Co. Court House</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room</b> <b>100 East Washington St.</b> <b>Mount Pleasant, IA 52641</b>

**Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board Regular Meeting**  
**Approved Minutes**

Present: Jack Seward Jr., Dee Sandquist, Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Tracy Liptak, Ezra Allen, Mark Schneider, Patricia Lipski, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Cheryl Plank, Leia Craff

**1. Approve Agenda**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jack Seward Jr. at 1:30 pm. The agenda was reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Tom Broeker

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes unanimously

**2. Consider Approval of January 11, 2023 minutes**

The document was reviewed via overhead projector.

Motion to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes

By Tom Broeker

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes unanimously

**3. Update from Adult and Children Advisory Committee Members**

Adult Advisory discussed legislation related topics. The advisory is aware the governing board will be discussing combining the Southeast Iowa Link and South Central Behavioral Health Regions. Consensus of the group growth is inevitable. Adult Advisory is in support of the merger and feel it is a good partnership. A concern noted, with an increase of geographical size, transportation issues should be considered.

Children’s Advisory had a general discussion of the two regions merging. The discussion was positive, identifying common benefits with the regions merging. Both regions can learn from each other. Other discussion included legislative talking points they have drafted. A new workforce shortage survey was sent out and the results identifying priorities will be added to the talking points. The workforce shortage survey asked about job openings, how long the jobs have been open and how does that impact collaboration efforts. Discussed Senate File 85 which probably died in the subcommittee. General discussion legislation that is passed can have unintended consequences beyond the intent of the legislation. Children’s Advisory will distribute their legislative talking points and workforce shortage survey results to the governing board members.

**4. Discuss and Consider Approval of new designates to the Adult and Children’s Advisory Committees**

None identified.

**5. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account as per Claims 2-8-2023**

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. Mandated and administrative claims totaled \$42,004.39, service claims totaled \$164,225.18, second quarter payroll payments to member counties totaled \$345,370.22 for a total claims to be paid of \$551,599.79 for February.

Motion to approve the fiscal agent account claims for 2-8-2023

By Mark Meek

Second Dee Sandquist

Motion passes unanimously





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**9. Discuss and Consider Approval of East Central Region and SEIL MOU for Guidelink Access Center-Screening and Assessment**

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. SEIL doesn't have a contact with the Guidelink Access Center and has piggybacked on the East Central Region (ECR) contract for services provided to SEIL residents. There are different service components at the Guidelink Access Center which are provided by a variety of providers. When a person enters Guidelink the front desk staff complete a triage screener to facilitate access to additional services within the center. The cost for the service completed by front desk staff is \$200 per person which the host region bills to the individual's region of residence. This will insure SEIL complies with paying that cost in accordance with the ECR provider contract. SEIL will only pay the \$200 for SEIL residents that go to Guidelink.

Motion to approve the East Central Region and SEIL MOU for Guidelink Access Center Screening and Assessment

By Chris Ball

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes unanimously

**10. Discuss and Consider Approval of Amended Lee County MOU for sub-fund cost**

The document was reviewed via overhead projector. The amendment reflects the modification of Ryanne being the interim CEO for South Central Behavioral Health Region. There was also a modification for Trisha Lowman who had a step increase to her wages.

Motion to approve the amended Lee County MOU for sub-fund cost

By Mark Schneider

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes unanimously

**11. Discuss HHS Reports**

**a. BHDS**

**b. 2421-MC-FFS**

**c. Iowa CBSE-Mathematica Report**

The reports were shared via email prior to the governing board meeting. Discussed the contents of the reports. The Mathematica Report will be a good predictor of future expectations from HHS. These reports are likely what was used to draft an Omnibus bill which addresses mental health and disability service regions and governance structure. The legislation proposes to have no more than six governing board members who are county board of supervisors, along with representation from an adult representative or involved family member of an adult receiving services, adult provider representative, children's provider representative, a parent of a child who utilizes services, an education representative, a law enforcement representative, and a judicial system representative. All members will be voting members. The carry forward allowed would be increased to ten percent. Community-based competency restoration is added as a core service to be funded by regions. Discussed now that the region mental health and disability services system is fully funded by the state county board of supervisors would be conflict free elected representatives for the citizens of their counties. The Omnibus bill is a draft so as of right now legislators won't know what the bill is proposing. Ryanne reached out to Jamie Cashman ISAC Lobbyist about the issue around continuing with 28E agreements. HHS says there is no reason not to continue with the 28E agreements, however, HHS isn't the authority on 28E agreements.

**12. New Business**

Dee Sandquist was reappointed by the Governor to the Justice Advisory Board.

Jack Seward was reappointed to the MHDS Commission.

Legislative update:

There are bills in both chambers regarding the mental health professional loan repayment program. If provider stops working, they stop getting the payment so they don't have to pay back. Removes some of the punitive nature of previous law.

