

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

May, 2016 - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Teleconference Meeting

Number: 1 (866) 685-1580, Code: 515.242.5994

MEETING MINUTES

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Bouska
Jody Eaton
Marsha Edgington
Lynn Grobe
Kathryn Johnson
Sharon Lambert
Geoff Lauer

John Parmeter
Rebecca Peterson
Michael Polich
Patrick Schmitz
Rebecca Schmitz
Jennifer Sheehan

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Thomas Broeker
Senator Mark Costello
Representative David Heaton
Brett McLain

Senator Liz Mathis
Representative Scott Ourth
Marilyn Seemann

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Sara Allen	Iowa Hospital Association
Theresa Armstrong	MHDS, Bureau Chief, Community Services and Planning
Mechelle Dhondt	CEO, MHDS of East Central Region
Gayla Harken	Iowa Association of Community Providers
Ashley Lutgen	County Social Services MHDS Region
Peter Schumacher	MHDS, Community Services & Planning/CDD
Rick Shults	DHS, MHDS Division Administrator

Welcome and Call to Order

Patrick Schmitz called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm and Peter Schumacher took roll. Quorum was established with twelve thirteen members on the phone. No conflicts of interest were identified.

Administrative Rules regarding the process for approving subacute mental health care facility licensing applications to the Department of Inspections and Appeals – Theresa Armstrong and Rick Shults

Theresa Armstrong thanked the Commission members for their work on these rules and for holding a special meeting to get them moving in the rule-making process as quickly as possible. Theresa said the rules had been reviewed by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) and the MHDS Regions.

Theresa presented the Notice of Intended Action to the Committee.

John Parmeter asked if DIA had the option to not review applications as 25.118(2) says “may” rather than “shall”. Theresa said the rule is phrased that way because the Department cannot write rules that direct another department. DIA will be responsible for their review, and the Department will evaluate applications based on the information available.

Becky Schmitz asked about the Department considering all comments made within twenty-one days. She expressed concern that some bodies like County Boards of Supervisors may have difficulty meeting those deadlines given their meeting schedules. Theresa answered that the Department had considered this, but said that the application process would encourage providers to notify stakeholders in the area, and so the Boards of Supervisors would be aware that this timeframe would be coming before the comment period would begin. Becky responded that this would make sense.

Geoff Lauer made a motion to approve notice of the rules as presented. Marsha Edgington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peter Schumacher.