



**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
December 14, 2022	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

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

Present: Rick Larkin, Jack Seward Jr., Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Tracy Liptak, Mark Schneider, Patricia Lipski, Rynanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sarah Berndt, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland, Bobbie Wulf, Deb Moeller VA, Peggy Dickey VA, Cheryl Plank, Leia Craff, Taylor Collins legislator

**1. Approve Agenda**

The board chair called the meeting to order meeting at 1:30 pm. The meeting began with introductions by those present. The agenda was reviewed via screenshare.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Chris Ball

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

**2. Consider Approval of November 9, 2022 minutes**

The minutes were reviewed via screenshare.

Motion to approve the November 9, 2022 minutes

By Jack Seward Jr.

Second Tom Broeker

Chris Ball abstained Motion passes

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

Adult Advisory discussed the Stakeholder presentation by Iowa Works. The Domestic Violence Intervention Program has hired two staff. Jack Seward shared the MHDS Commission advocated for MHDS Regions to be allowed to have an eighteen percent fund balance. Discussed the CEO of the South Central Behavior Health Region has resigned and support the SEIL CEO being appointed as the interim CEO for that region. There will be benefits to sharing leadership among the two regions.

Children Advisory had a discussion about legislative priorities. They are reaching out to all groups advocating for MHDS and children’s issues with a goal to speak with one voice. They have a subcommittee to talk about priorities and this will be brought back to the governing board in January. It is important to come to legislators with a united voice on important issues. Discussed the MHDS Commission report that is going to the general assembly. The MHDS Commission recommended an eighteen percent carry forward for the regions. Other input regarding carry forward varies from seven to ten percent. The board of supervisors on the MHDS Commission spoke about the need for an eighteen percent carry forward in rural Iowa. The MHDS Commission members supported the eighteen percent carry forward not a lesser amount, members felt this is what is needed.

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

None noted







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**13. New Business**

Mental Health and Disability Services Commission met December first. Pathways was approved to become a community mental health center. 988 is still going well with current staffing being able to maintain answering the call volume. 988 will be screening for dispatch to mobile crisis services. 988 will do a warm handoff to the mobile crisis dispatch which will increase the time the 988 operator spends on the call. HHS is starting to look at collaborating between 911 and 988. Over one hundred entities are answering 911 calls. There are a lot of options on how to collaborate. The state is going work on pilot counties for 988 and 911 call transfers. SAMHSA has technical assistance for 988 and 911 call transfers. California has worked on this and has made some progress. When a call comes into 911 there is an expectation of emergency services being dispatched. When calls come into 988 this is a conversation and eighty percent of the needs of the caller are met and not referred further for a face-to-face dispatch.

The state is providing funding to strengthen their volunteer disaster response teams trained in responding to and debriefing when a disaster occurs.

The Department of Justice consent decree with the Glenwood Resource Center has been signed.

There are currently three intensive residential service homes open in the state.

HHS is working on the waiting lists for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. They are making sure the individual is on the right waiver waitlist and are looking at functional assessments. There are seven HCBS waivers and many of them have the same services. HHS is assessing if there are too many waivers. HHS is referring people to the MHDS Regions to access some services while they are on a waiting list.

Rick Larkin was thanked for his years of service to the SEIL Region.

**14. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn

By Mark Meek

Second Chris Ball

Motion passes

Minutes submitted by Marc Lindeen, Secretary, December 29, 2022. MLsb