

NOTICE OF MEETING OF DUBUQUE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: **May 7, 2019 - 3:00 P.M.**  
**Sixth Floor – 6D - McAuley Boardroom**

PLACE OF MEETING: MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center  
Mercy Drive  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes of meeting April 9, 2019 – see page two and three
3. PowerPoint: organizational Structure of the East Central Region (Attachments 1-4)
4. Identify items to be discussed/requested or placed at the upcoming May 23, 2019 Regional Governing Advisory and or Regional Governing Board meetings. (Attachment 5)
5. Next scheduled meeting is July 9, 2019

## **Dubuque County Stakeholders Committee Minutes- 4/9/2019**

**Members Present:** Margee Woywood, Rosalie Jahn, Debbie Devenuta, Liz Walsh, Michael Peroski, Carrie Merrick, Sarah Schneider, Michelle Schmitt

**Members Excused:**

**Others Present:** Dubuque County Supervisor Chair Person David J. Baker, Dubuque County Supervisor Ann McDonough, Erin Hassler, Sue Whitty, Heather Anderson, Peter Supple, Todd Lange, Chris Corken, Peggy Petlon, Jody Jansen, Jessalyn Bader

1. **Minutes:** Minutes from 1/8/2018 were accepted without revision.
2. **Access Center Update:** Dubuque County Board of Supervisor Ann McDonough and Chris Corken presented to the committee an update on the Dubuque Access Center. Ann presented a packet detailing the Linn County Access Center's mission, service offering summary, and start-up operating expense estimate. The Linn County Access Center will be located in the old ABBE building and is tentatively planned to open on or around December 31, 2019. The Johnson County Access Center will be approximately two years behind; they are building a brand new facility from the ground up but are asking for fewer funds due to successful fundraising efforts.

Chris Corken expressed that she is happy with how the Dubuque County Access Center is coming along compared to the others due to the Dubuque County Access Center already having a strong variety of providers wanting to collaborate; the other two are having problems getting providers to commit. Chris praised the efforts of Drs. Minkhoff and Cline.

However, the Dubuque County Access Center has a few hurdles on the horizon. A project manager for the Dubuque County Access Center has not been secured yet. Also, Chapter 25 prevents the Hillcrest Family Services Seippel Rd Campus from being a legally sound location. Chris stated that Julie Heiderscheit has provided other location ideas to the group that are being explored.

Rosalie Jahn asked about the availability of labs and other emergency department services. Chris answered that the access center will be next to the mental health clinic as well as having access to treatment services (ASAC). When a consumer presents they will immediately be triaged to determine a level of care and will be transported to the hospital if necessary.

Erin Hassler asked about the follow up from previous meeting's ideas. Chris responded that the Access Center group took the ideas and are building on relationships with the MCO's for continued funding. The group is also putting together plans and handouts based on the Linn County and Johnson County Access Centers. Everybody is working together to share information, mission statements, and memorandums of understanding with providers.

Sue Whitty expressed concern about getting consumers connected to services after the initial crisis situation has resolved (i.e. meds, breaking down barriers, etc.). Chris again expressed excitement that the second phase of Access Center treatment was the strongest part of the plan which is also a key to success and sustainability. Sue also voiced worry about consumers who need services that Medicaid and 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurers do not cover, i.e. crisis. Peggy Petlon, Delaware County MHDS, informed the group that this is where Kim Gehling, the full time Regional social worker for Dubuque County (her office is located in Delaware County) comes into play – to help those without coverage if eligibility is met.

Peggy shared with the committee a new rural Access Center in Benton County with 1-2 beds. The county sheriff is helping to fund, which is still coming from county dollars like the more urban Access Centers. The local community services has extra available space to make this happen.

The group was also informed that the children’s mental health system is coming soon and will be an unfunded mandate like the Access Center. The Foundation of Greater Dubuque is already working with existing children’s providers for a smooth transition.

Ann shared with the group that the county Board of Supervisors approved some special project requests to spend down county funds as mandated in SF 504. Approved were startup funds for a new 12 bed residential care facility through Hillcrest Family Services and Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Collaboration Grant.

The meeting concluded with the determination that the Stakeholder Meetings should be held more often to align with the Regional Governing Board meetings. This will be an opportunity for the Stakeholders to remain more connected and provide more valuable input to the Board. Everyone was agreeable to this.

**Other:**

- Dubuque County Board of Supervisor Ann McDonough expressed concern about the number of Stakeholder vacancies that need to be filled – spread the word!
- East Central Region’s CEO Mechelle Dhondt is retiring in the fall
- Bi-monthly Regional Governing Board meetings have discontinued a location rotation schedule and have returned to a fixed, full time location of Jean Oxley Public Services Building in Cedar Rapids
- The Region is still short of hourly supportive community living providers in Dubuque

**Next Meeting:** May 7 at 3:00 pm at Mercy

**2019 Meeting Dates:**

- January 8
- April 9
- May 7
- July 9
- October 8