Governance Board Meeting

One Lakeshore Drive, Suite 2000

Lake Charles, Louisiana 70629

March 5, 2020

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Corlissa Hoffoss called the meeting to order at 12:04pm noting that a quorum was

present.

II. ROLL CALL

* 1. Corlissa Hoffoss, appointed by Governor Jindal
  2. Betty Cunningham, appointed by Governor Edwards
  3. Bill Sommers, appointed by Governor Edwards
  4. Rita Cole, appointed by Allen Parish
  5. Linda Storer, appointed by Beauregard Parish
  6. Angela Jouett, appointed by Cameron Parish
  7. Aaron LeBoeuf, appointed by Calcasieu Parish
  8. Kristen Cassidy, appointed by Jefferson Davis Parish

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT

* 1. Tanya McGee, Executive Director
  2. Jenny Mills, Deputy Director
  3. James Lewis, Developmental Disabilities Director
  4. Kristen Arville, Executive Assistant

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests were present at this meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members received February minutes prior to the meeting. Corlissa Hoffoss entertained a motion to approve the February minutes. Linda Storer motioned and Betty Cunningham seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Corlissa Hoffoss made a motion to approve the agenda. Betty Cunningham motioned and Angela Jouett seconded

VI. BOARD MONITORING

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

a. Law Enforcement Training for Sobering & Engagement Center

ImCal’s Sobering & Engagement Center is now open. Tanya McGee and Jenny Mills, met with local law enforcement and devised a plan for training officers on how to make referrals. For the next four weeks Tanya, Jenny and Dena Biagas Director of the Sobering and Engagement Center will rotate training Calcasieu Parish Sheriff’s Office Deputies. Basic process is that the deputies will call and speak with the Sobering and Engagement Center’s nurse. She will ask a few basic questions and determine if the patient qualifies to come to the center. This center is located in Calcasieu Parish but will take referrals from law enforcement from all 5 SWLA parishes. Tanya reminded the board that this is not for people who have committed a crime, driving while intoxicated etc. This is for people that need a place to sober up and they don’t need to go to jail or the hospital.

b. Suicide Prevention & PILOT Contract

ImCal and Southwest Louisiana Health Education Center (SWLAHEC) will partner to provide funding to help the Peer Initiative Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) program. The PILOT program focuses on Suicide Prevention. She informed that studies were conducted and it was found that students would rather talk to their peers than an adult about their issues and worries. If a teacher notices a change in behavior or any other issues they can refer the child to the PILOT program and another student will be there to talk to the troubled peer. Everything is monitored by licensed counselors. Once the assessment is completed if the child is referred to counseling the school board has a contract with the Kay Dore Counseling center at McNeese and a counselor will be sent to the school. Tanya stated that its wonderful program with lots of success but it has lost its funding. ImCal will contract with SWLAHEC to provide a Suicide Prevention Coordinator to monitor the students, and educating about Suicide Prevention. Tanya informed the board that suicide rates among students in Calcasieu Parish is higher than state average. They will first target schools that have high suicide rates based on the 2018 Community Care Youth Survey. She also mentioned there is the talk to text app where anyone can text a suicide prevention hot line. Tanya will keep the board up to date on this.

c. SAPT Block Grant Outreach Contract

Tanya informed the board that the addiction population has a high risk for HIV and STD’s. ImCal will be working with SWLAHEC to provide community outreach program. This is a requirement for ImCal since they receive block grant funding. This requires trained staff to do this and ImCal doesn’t have the manpower or trained staff, this is why working with SWLAHEC is vital. Funds from the SAPT Block Grant will be used. Bill asked Tanya where SWLAHEC will be conducting the outreach. Tanya in formed this will be a street outreach model. Workers will be going out on the streets to provide prevention and education materials. She informed Bill that SWLAHEC may be able to provide education to Office of Juvenile Justice Services. She stated she will follow up with SWLAHEC on this.

d. TEFRA Act Implementation

TEFRA was signed into act last year by Governor Edwards. It’s also known as ACT 421. Tanya provided a handout to the board. The purpose of the program is to expand Medicaid Services to families with children who have disabilities who may not qualify the Medicaid Program. James Lewis, the Developmental Disabilities Division Director informed the board families are encouraged to apply and will be awarded based on the severity of the disability. The program is expected to be implemented in January. ImCal will be contracting with LDH/OCDD to conduct the screenings for TEFRA. Another position will be needed in the entry unit. An RN will be needed to help with The state plans to provide education on this program and how to use it.

e. Network upgrade and email domain change

ImCal will be performing a system upgrade. All ImCal servers will be upgraded. ImCal employees will receive a new email domain. It’s expected to be a smooth transition. Tanya will keep the board up to date on any changes. With this update ImCal is looking to branch out to Instagram and Twitter to better help engage today’s youth. The ImCal website will also be updated.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. NEXT MEETING – April 2, 2020

X. ADJOURNMENT

Corlissa Hoffoss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corlissa Hoffoss motioned and Angela Jouett seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.