

February 21, 2013

Charles Palmer, Director
Iowa Department of Human Services
Hoover State Office Building
1305 E Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

RE: Letter of Intent for MH/DS Regionalization

Dear Mr. Palmer,

Please accept this letter of intent approved by the following counties for the purposes of regionalization for mental health and disability services as required by Senate File 2315:

Boone County
Franklin County
Hamilton County
Hardin County
Madison County
Marshall County
Story County

This proposed region complies with the requirements outlined in Senate File 2315 as follows:

Region has at least three counties: This proposed region has seven counties. Although Madison County is not contiguous they have a 17+ year 28E Agreement with Boone County for case management services and other administrative MH/DS functions. Legislative support for this is being sought during the current session.

Region has capacity to provide required core services and perform required functions: The counties in this proposed region currently provide core services and will continue to do so under contract with appropriate providers. The counties also have the capacity to perform the required functions related to contracting, budgeting, financial reporting, and outcome measurements.

Region has at least one CMHC: This proposed region has four CMHC's:
Berryhill Center – Franklin and Hamilton Counties
Center Associates – Hardin and Marshall Counties
Eyerly Ball – Boone and Story Counties
Crossroads – Madison County

Region has a hospital with an inpatient psychiatric unit or a state MHI: Mary Greeley Medical Center located in Ames, Iowa.

Regional administrative structure: A regional 28E board will be formed according to stipulations outlined in Senate File 2315. A Management Team will consist of current Community Services Directors who will elect a chair who will report to the 28E board. An Advisory Committee will be formed to provide stakeholder input on development and operations of the regional system.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of intent.

Sincerely,

Boone County
Board of Supervisors

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Hamilton County
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