Call to order: 3:00 pm

Introductions: All

Amend or Accept Agenda:
Steven made a motion to approve agenda; Tony seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes from March:
Sandi made a motion to accept the March minutes; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: Bethany/Ex-Officios
Bethany shared the March 2023 financial report.

Tony made a motion to approve the March 2023 report; Steven seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
**Introduction of new Stearns County Adult Mental Health Supervisor:** Naimo Ali
Naimo was introduced by Julie E. and gave a brief overview of her work history.

**Community Advocate Board Representative Update:** Bethany/Ex-Officios
Lori Long retired from the Board position and Polly Brown is replacing her.

**HCBS-FMAP Contracts:** Bethany/Ex-Officios
Home and Community Based Services FMAP contracts have come in from DHS and are fully executed for both crisis services and AMHI. We will be sending our contract for the crisis portion to CMMHC soon.

**HCBS-FMAP RFP and Funding:** Bethany/Ex-Officios
i. RFP Update/Results – reviewed both renovations and technology. Renovations came in under for requests and anticipate fully funding them. Technology requests were a little over and anticipate fully funding them as well. Unspent dollars are around $30,000.
ii. Funding Updates

Moving forward, the Ex-Officios would like to use their discretion in scheduling trainings. Julie E. recommended cultural training regarding mental health and the challenges unique to other cultures. Jill agreed and said their county has been growing other cultures as well.

DHS will allow us to shift dollars for HCBS-FMAPs between the four areas (technology, renovations, training, and joint powers coordinator). Currently anticipate underspending in Joint Powers Coordinator as well as training. Should have better idea how much we will underspend in a few months, at that point the Ex-Officios will propose reallocating funds.

The Ex-Officios will use their discretion in reallocate funds as this falls under their duties.

**Community Advocate Per Diem:** Bethany/Ex-Officios
Community Advocate per diem is currently $50 plus mileage. If they participate in additional workgroups, they receive an addition $50. Bethany contacted other AMHI’s across the state and rates varied from $35 to $100.

Ex-Officios feel $50 is fair but would like to consider raising to $75. If an Advocate reaches $600/year, the county will send a 1099 Form for tax purposes, although advocates can decide not to receive per diems if that is more beneficial for them.

Tony made a motion to increase the per diem to $75; Jill seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Flex Funds Budget Line-Item:** Victoria/Ex-Officios
Over half of the flex fund budget for 2023 was spent by the end of March and we do not anticipate a reduction in requests. The Ex-Officios recommend that $10,000 be reallocated to flex funds from other line items.
First recommendation is from IRTS non-MA (has not been utilized in 2023 nor was it in 2022). Other options are from Housing Vouchers or Training.

Sandi made a motion to reallocate $10,000 from the IRTS non-MA to the Flex Fund line item; Tony seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

i. July 6th at 3:00 pm - Benton County Board Room and via Zoom

ii. September 7th at 3:00 – Benton County Board Room and via Zoom

iii. November 2nd at 3:00 – Benton County Board Room and via Zoom

**Adjournment:**

Julie D. made a motion to adjourn; Polly seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.