

Johnson County Case Management
JCCM Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 8 12:00 PM
Via Teams

Present:, Joshua Brewster, Lisa Green-Douglass, Joseph Massa, Gabrielle Mueller, Tiffany Rowe, Richard Stapleton

JCCM Staff: Jane Wollum

Absent: Brian Bates, Jay Gatlin

Call to Order:

Gabby called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of July 14, 2025, meeting minutes: Approved by Joseph, Seconded by Rich.

JCCM Updates

JCCM Staff: A resignation letter was received from one of JCCM's Case Managers, effective September 15, 2025. She has been a Johnson County employee for 25 years and will be missed. A request has been made to Human Resources to fill this budgeted position.

JCCM Mandated Changes:

- As of August 1, 2025, Case Managers are now required to have a face-to-face visit with every member in their home every other month. The previous rule mandated a face-to-face visit every three months.
- By October 31, 2025, newly hired and current Case Managers must complete a required Case Manager Certification. The Case Manager Refresher must be completed annually following initial certification. This is approximately 20+hours of training provided by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services through their agency-identified learning management system (Trualta).
- Both changes are in response to an external evaluation conducted by Mathematica. Note, none of JCCM's staff or members were contacted for input during the evaluation process.

JCCM Department:

- The Johnson County website which housed the MHDS and JCCM pages has been updated to reflect the dissolution of the MHDS department and the creation of the JCCM department. The website still contains crisis information and a link to the East Central Region- DAP website. This board was asked to review the website and provide any suggestions for improvement. Check it out here:
<https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/department-of-case-management>

HOME Project: The timeline for combining the 7 waivers into 2 has been pushed back to 2026. In August, Health and Human Services-HHS (formally DHS) submitted amendments to the current HCBS waivers for public comment. If approved, these amendments would take effect January 2026. They are changes being made to the current waivers in preparation for the transition to the new waivers. One of these amendments is cutting the maximum number of Supported Community Living (SCL) units available per member per year in half for the Intellectual Disability Waiver and by two-thirds for the Brain Injury Waiver. Members, parents, and guardians are very concerned about this proposed decrease in services. Written or emailed comments concerning these amendments must be received no later than September 19, 2025. An email containing the details of these changes and how to submit comments was mailed to this board on September 8.

Community/Provider Up-dates:

Joseph Massa, Successful Living Director, reported that work continues on the property his agency purchased. It will be used to expand the agency, creating a community clothing and food pantry, and also offering a peer support program. This is a much-needed resource in Johnson County.

Adjournment: 12:27 pm

Next Meeting: **Monday, December 9th, 2025, Noon, via Teams.**