

## Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS

### Governance Board Minutes

June 23, 2020

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board members met on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Annex Building other attendees attended via Zoom.

1. Chairman Mark Loutsch welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Members present: Mark Loutsch, Don Kass, Carl Vande Weerd, Mark Sybesma, Mark Behrens, Jerry Birkey, Shane Walter, and Mavis Anema. Others present: Dayton Vogel, Ryan Dokter, Kim Keleher, Lisa Rockhill, Kim Wermersen, Sue Duhn, Beth Will, Shawn Fick, Nicky Eaton, Janelle Hultquist, Scott Witte, Sarah Jackson, Sharon Nieman, Jason Bergsma, Jamie Van Voorst, Jay Ricke, and Christina Eggink-Postma.

2. CHAIRMAN LOUTSCH ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion made by Kass and seconded by Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Sybesma and seconded by Vande Weerd to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

4. APPROVAL OF FISCAL AGENT REPORTS AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

- a. Dokter presented the May FY20 Fiscal Agent Reports.

- i. Total revenues for the month of May were \$170,995.72

- ii. Total expenditures for the month of May were \$86,126.13

- iii. Ending balance as of April 30, 2020 was \$1,039,388.11

- b. Motion made by Vande Weerd and seconded by Kass to approve the Fiscal Agent Report. Motion carried 3-0.

5. UPDATES:

Witte from Hope Haven gave an update on the IPS Pilot Project. As far as Sioux Rivers there were 2 new referrals since the last meeting. There are 13 active and the staff can carry a case load of 20. Since the beginning of the program in 2018 they have served 42. As of today, 28 have kept their employment. Seven consumers were employed before Covid 19, 6 will return to work, 1 has already returned however 2 consumers have permanent job losses. Hope Haven has been part of a work group called "Voice Project". There are 2 major components: one in which is a Statewide Policy which is spreading IPS throughout the State of Iowa. The second part is having a reliable funding stream, Medicaid has made a 1-year exception to policy which all of this is great news. My Choice had decreased 44% on leave due to the covid-19, today 60% of the consumers are back to work.

## 6. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Walter stated the staff have had 2-3 meeting to discuss job descriptions. It is Walter's goal to acknowledge and use staffs' talents. Walter states since we are a Region it is important to work across the entire Region, not just our individual counties. Walter feels this will evolve over the next year or so. If things don't work out, we will revisit the situation. Sharon will be the Children's Behavioral Health Coordinator. Mavis' focus will be on Jail Diversion and Public Relations/Marketing. Lisa has gifts for an eye for detail. She will work on Marketing brochures, quality assurance and web site development, she will also be the backup expert user. Abby will continue to work as the advocate. Beth works well with kids transition and has a passion for that area and also on commitments. Sue will be the administrative support person as she is an expert user for CSN, she will complete documents, contracts and will take over as Secretary to the Board.

There were different points brought up for clarification. Sharon and Mavis work at 75% for the Region and 25% for their County. Sharon included as we specialize in our different areas rather than all staff attending meetings only 1 person would go. Behrens asked why there was no percentage on Lisa's job description. Walter stated she is 100% Region; however, she does general assistance for Lyon County above and beyond her work time for the Region. Chairman Loutsch asked about Abby's 85%/15% split and asked if that 85% included serving consumers from NWICC. It was stated that we as the Region bill out her services, so the 85% includes her advocate time for everyone she serves. Kass stated really Abby's is an agreement, not technically a job description. Kass stated we as a Region offer good coverage with basically 1 staff per County. Sybesma added it provides that staff an opportunity to make relationships with the clients. Lisa asked if this was the same job description that she had seen on Friday or if it was amended. Walter stated he did make some changes of what she had requested. Chairman Loutsch stated he would like to table this until next meeting to pass the job descriptions as they will include O'Brien and Dickinson Counties as they will be part of the Region at that point.

## 7. APPROVAL OF POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- a. Walter explained this is a guide as to how the Region will conduct business. We had to make some changes due to the fact of adding Children's Services and the new adult mandates and the change of the Regional makeup. Walter credited Rockhill for making it look good. There is one change that needs to be made which is the date of July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2020.
- b. Motion made by Sybesma and seconded by Behrens to approve the Policies and Procedures. Motion carried 3-0.

## 8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ITP

- a. Walter stated this agreement reflects the Statewide memorandum of understanding with all Regions. Ricke from ITP stated there is an overall decrease of 35% and they have gone to a fee for service model.

- b. Motion made by Vande Weerd and seconded by Kass to approve the agreement. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 9. APPROVAL OF NWICC ASC AGREEMENT

- a. Walter stated this is for use for the Crisis Center. It had been discussed prior to add an additional usage fee on top of the rate. Walter had visited with Kim Wilson and Kim Scorza and when ACT was developed by Seasons we did not pay for infrastructure for that program. Walter stated we have benefited from ACT and suggested that we work together and not assess an additional fee. They will continue to pay \$400 a day for use. Sybesma did ask if ACT was a core service. ACT is a core service. Seasons provides this in Sioux, Lyon, O'Brien and Dickinson counties.
- b. Motion made by Sybesma and seconded by Behrens. Motion carried 3-0.

#### 10. LEGISLATIVE AND MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING UPDATE

Walter stated nothing much was accomplished for mental health. Polk County received 5 million. The Governor may vest the DHS Director to stave off some of the mandates. Loutsch asked how did Polk County get all the money? Walter responded with because they are Polk County. They gave the option to split the CSS Region in half. Director Garcia can facilitate the split. It was asked if there was a decision on Emmet County. Director Garcia will assign them to a Region, not sure on a time frame due to the Covid-19. Nieman stated Bob Lincoln resigned from his position the next day after the bill passed.

#### 11. General Discussion

- a. Eaton stated there has been a lot of media coverage lately. One segment will be airing on KWIT tomorrow (June 24, 20) at 12 p.m.
- b. Hultquist from Seasons stated mobile crisis line has gone to doing some work via telehealth. Orange City Hospital used it and it went well. They will continue to provide this service.
- c. Eggink-Postma from Seasons stated they are providing ACT and it is up and running. However, they do need additional staff.
- d. Keleher with Plains shared the CCBHC program needs to be up and running by the end of August. They will provide ACT for Plymouth County. They are adding SUD services up north.

#### 12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Vande Weerd seconded by Kass. Motion carried 3-0. Next meeting will be held on July 28, 20 at location to be determined.

Mavis Anema, Secretary

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