



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in person and via zoom at 1:30pm. Those in attendance included: Cory Altena, Jerry Birkey, Carl Vande Weerd, Don Kass, Mark Sybesma, Mark Loutsch, William Leupold, John Pluth, Mike Van Otterloo, Shane Walter, Kim Wermersen, Beth Will, Lisa Rockhill, Sharon Nieman, Sue Duhn, Mavis Anema, Tammy Bruinsma, Janie Baird, Ryan Dokter, Barry Whitsell, Kim Kelleher, Sherri Bootsma, Justin Jacobsma, Christina Eggink-Postma, Kasey Fear, Jason Bergsma, Sarah Jackson, John Steensma, Dayton Vogel, Doug Smit, Nicholle Eaton, and Denise Driesen.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen opened the meeting at 1:30. Wermersen welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA-**

Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the agenda. Altena seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 6/29/21 MEETING MINUTES-**

Bootsma made a motion to approve the 6/29/21 minutes. Birkey seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**4. FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-**

Dokter reported on the fiscal agent report for June 2021. Fund balance as of June 30, 2021 was \$2,572,627.47. Pluth asked about the Emmet County funds. He had heard CSS would not provide the Emmet County dollars until January. Walter and Pluth will both look into this and ask some questions. Sybesma asked what the plan was to get under the 40% fund balance we need to be at by the end of the fiscal year. Walter stated we are working on this. He stated we need to work on some unknowns yet before we know where we stand. Leupold made a motion to approve the fiscal agent report. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**

Bootsma asked about remaining May and June bills. Duhn stated most of the May invoices were in, and many of the June invoices are coming now. Kass asked about the Iowa Counties Technology bill and what that was. Duhn stated this was the annual dues for CSN. Loutsch asked about the property insurance, clarifying it was not for the building in Sioux City. Duhn confirmed it was not for the building, but for the vehicles. Altena made a motion to approve the claims. Pluth seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.



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**6. FY 20 AUDIT-**

Justin Jacobsma, with Williams and Company reported on the FY20 Audit report. The counties involved in the report at that time included Plymouth, Sioux, and Lyon Counties. As of 6/30/20, the region had approximately \$969,000. The region had \$1.5 million dollars in revenue, most of which was the property tax dollars. The expenditures were roughly \$1.7 million dollars for FY20. The expenditures were greater than the revenues in FY20. The report shows the in and out of Lyon and Woodbury Counties. Sybesma made a motion to approve the FY Audit report. Steensma seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**7. PURCHASE AGREEMENT UPDATE-**

Walter reported the purchase of the building should be concluded this month, as well as the financial transaction.

**8. STABILIZATION CENTER CONTRACT-**

Walter stated he had entered into conversations with Rolling Hills to share funding for ASC. The Governance Board last month determined an amount willing to put forward. Care Connections of Northern Iowa has agreed to participate in that agreement as well. The amount agreed to was \$136,500. Kelleher asked for the Plains Area Contract to be amended to reflect the changes. Walter stated we would work on this. Bootsma made a motion to approve the contract for the stabilization center. Steensma seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**9. EMPLOYMENT GRANT TIERED RATE PROPSAL-**

Walter reported on the Employment tiers. The providers submitted a proposal for the tiered rates to pay up to that \$60,000 based on outcomes. Duhn clarified the \$60,000 was approved in the original contract with the providers. The tiers are just to govern how the dollars are spent up to that \$60,000 based on the outcomes achieved by the providers. Sybesma made a motion to approve the tiered provider rates. Pluth seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

**10. GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING LOCATION CHANGE-**

Wermersen stated now that Emmet County has joined the region, the Governance Board may want to meet in a different location. The hospital in Sheldon has agreed to provide a conference room for the Governance Board meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Van Otterloo made a motion to meet in Sheldon. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The next meeting will be held in Sheldon at the hospital on August 24 at 1:30 pm.

**11. UPDATES-**

Sybesma asked about the dollars being spent towards the mobile crisis and the numbers being served. Walter stated the numbers are increasing within mobile crisis, and the staff continues to meet with Seasons Center to work through any issues. Mobile crisis has now expanded into the courts and child welfare system. There has been an increase in suicides within our communities. Crisis staff is working in these communities to get people services. Rockhill did add the number of people does not show how many hours are being spent. Rockhill also stated the service is valuable to sheriff offices. Eggink-Postma reported on the services mobile crisis provides.

**12. GENERAL DISCUSSION-**

Walter shared the staff is working on developing a strategic plan. The plan is to discuss where are we today, where do we need to be, and how are we going to get there. After the staff have worked on it, the communities, providers, and Governance Board will be involved to contribute to the plan. Walter plans to include everyone in this plan. Wermersen reminded everyone that we need to provide services to our communities, and use our dollars to provide those services to the best of our abilities. Nieman stated children's services are still up in the air. Walter and Nieman met with the new director at Forest Ridge. There are many changes happening there. The regions can continue to provide the services we are mandated to provide, but the biggest issue continues to be the providers are unable to obtain staff. It is feasible to have contracts and evidence based practices, but that is difficult to obtain with the lack of staff throughout the state and nation. Walter does not believe in checking boxes. He wants to ensure we have the services available, and they are effective. Wermersen also believes the partnerships with other regions is important. They also have to meet the mandated services. Wermersen wants to ensure we are providing the services to our clients in our communities. Van Otterloo did state we need to have a plan to sustain services once we develop them. Wermersen wants other board members to go back to their communities and have conversations on what services are needed going forward, based on those conversations. Vande Weed has been looking at the dollars spent in the schools. He believes we need to look at how we can continue to assist schools and children going forward. Walter did state we have new mandated services, but we also want to continue to fund services that are beneficial to our communities going forward. Nieman did state the schools have to decide if they want a provider in the schools. There are schools within our region that believe they have the problem handled within their schools. Kelleher does not believe the schools have a clear understanding they are to invest dollars. Bruinsma asked to address the board, as the consumer member on the board. As a consumer on the board, sometimes the services are provided, but there is not a lot of follow through from providers. As an example, she resides in section 8 housing, the dollars increase each year for maintenance costs, but then no maintenance is



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ever done. As a consumer you end up feeling lost and trapped because you have nowhere else to go, and are told you do not deserve more. Bruinsma did state many of the issues are insurance related. Wermersen did state we need to hear from Bruinsma and others so we know what needs to be fixed.

Anema is hosting a resource fair in Sioux County on August 18. There will be approximately 40 providers in attendance. It will be held at the Orange City City Hall from 3-7pm.

Rockhill will be assisting the statewide group with developing evidence-based contracts.

#### 13. **ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-**

A motion was made by Vande Weerd to adjourn meeting. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:37pm

Bootsma did report she would be moving out of county in the next couple of months. Therefore, a new member will be taking her place on the Governance Board in the future.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Duhn".

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