



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board via zoom at 1:30pm. In attendance in person and via zoom include Lisa Rockhill, Don Kass, Sue Duhn, Mark Sybesma, Dennis Vanden Hull, Abby Wallin, Shane Walter, Kim Keleher, Jerry Birkey, Kim Wermersen, Carl Vande Weerd, Cory Altena, Bill Leupold, Mike Van Otterloo, Ryan Dokter, Mavis Anema, Kim Scorza, Beth Will, ChristinaE-Posta, Janice Hill, Tim Overmire, Tim Schumacher, April Metzger, Sarah Jackson, Abby Wallin, Darren Shull (ITP), Kasey Fear, Denise Driesen, Rob Aiken, Deb Broedersen, Shawn Scholten, Brittney Funston, Mark Loutsch joined at 1:38pm, Nicholle Eaton joined at 1:49pm.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-

Wermersen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. APPROVE AGENDA-

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 4/26/22 MEETING MINUTES-

Vanden Hull made motion to approve the minutes. Kass seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

4. FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-

Dokter reported on the financial report. Schumacher made motion to approve the report. Leupold seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-

Vanden Hull asked about the Champion State of Mind dollars paid. Duhn confirmed those were part of the camp dollars previously approved. Van Otterloo asked about incentive dollars. Duhn confirmed all providers submitted those amounts and they are all listed in this claim payment. Leupold made motion to approve claims as submitted. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. Schumacher asked about the day hab dollars for Village Northwest. Duhn confirmed those are the incentive dollars for VNW. Motion carried all ayes.

6. IRSH UPDATE-

Walter discussed the IRSH update. Walter, Will, Rob Aiken, and LLS staff met this morning. Will explained the IRSH service. LLS has met the Chapter 25 rules and are ready to provide IRSH services beginning June 1, 2022. Funston asked if the home was for adults only and if something like this would be available for children as well. Walter confirmed it is for adults only and at this time no services for children are being looked at. Vande Weerd asked what the cost of this would be. Walter confirmed there is no additional costs beyond the start-up costs already provided for this home. Schumacher made motion to approve the



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LLS service and contract. Sybesma seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes. Schumacher asked again for confirmation on what services we provide for kids. Walter confirmed at this time we have crisis services at Roscrance Jackson as a residential service and at this time there is not a comparable service out there for children.

7. **FY23 PROVIDER CONTRACTS-**

Walter discussed the FY23 contracts. Duhn explained there is a sheet in the packet that lists all contracts being requested for approval. Walter did state there are services not within this request for approval as those are not yet worked out. One of those being the access center. Walter reminded the group that all dollars will go to the regional fiscal agent with dollars being sent to the counties for wages and benefits. Walter did state there is a 6% rate increase for the usual provider contracted rates. Van Otterloo asked about the Life Skills Training Center request. Walter confirmed that is later in the agenda. Sybesma made motion to approve the contracts as submitted. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. Vande Weerd asked if the providers were all on board with the dollars approved. Walter stated as much as possible they are, though they may not be getting everything they want but it is the best that can be done with the dollars. Vande Weerd asked if we should spend some additional dollars to get rid of the surplus. Walter confirmed it is not possible to spend those dollars for FY23 contracts. Motion carried all ayes.

8. **28E AGREEMENT-**

Walter discussed the new 28E. Only a few areas have changed. Walter did state he did get the County Attorney in Dickinson County to look at the 28E. Vanden Hull asked about page 10 and the wording of the dollars. Walter confirmed all dollars will go to the region. The region will pay a quarterly payment that will be sent to the counties. All Fund 10 dollars must be sent to the region prior to July 1, 2022. Kass made motion to approve the 28E agreement as submitted. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. The 28E will get forwarded to each county. As a reminder, each county must act on the 28E at their county board meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

9. **GENERAL ASSISTANCE MOU-**

Walter shared the General Assistance MOU's. They too were shared with the County Attorney in Dickinson County. He asked for some changes that Walter put into the agreements. Walter stated the MOU's are based on a per capita rate, which can be altered prior to next year. Kass made motion to approve. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

10. **MANAGEMENT PLAN-**

Walter discussed the management plan. It has been tweaked to reflect the changes at the state and regional level as well as the changes in the 28E. Wermersen asked if it had been approved by the state. Walter stated it will go to the state for approval after the Governance Board approves it. Walter stated



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the big changes are how the dollars go to the region. Schumacher made motion to approve the management plan. Funston seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

11. PRIDE GROUP-TRANSITIONAL HOUSING START UP COSTS-

Jackson discussed the transition services. They are looking at providing services to those sixty-five and over. Jackson is shooting for an October 1, 2022 starting date as long as she can find staff. Jackson is asking for start-up costs for this service. The goal is to start with four individuals, but she is open to adding additional beds if needed. Jackson is willing to alter the dollars and needs so that some of the dollars can be spent this fiscal year. Altena asked how long they would be in the transition home. Jackson confirmed it could be 3-6 month stay as they await habilitation funding for other services. The location of the home is in Le Mars and is an existing home of Pride Group. This is an unmet need. Kass made a motion to accept the proposal. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

12. PROVIDER REQUESTS-

Walter discussed the additional provider requests. Walter did state there will be no other options for additional funds as the fiscal year is coming to an end. Walter stated the first request is from the Crittenton Center. Scorza discussed her request. Many of her kids that come to the Center have significant mental health needs. Many of the kids are waiting months to get to other placements. Scorza did state she has a request into Rolling Hills and Care Connections of Northern Iowa for funds. Scorza discussed the renovation of space. Vanden Hull asked what the amounts were from the other regions. Scorza is asking for the same amount from Rolling Hills for the boy's side, and a slightly smaller amount from Care Connections of Northern Iowa for the telehealth room. Kass asked if we had already paid some dollars to the provider. Walter did state there were dollars paid to them before for different services. Kass did state the juvenile detention centers across the state are full. Scorza did state they get many kids from the detention centers because there is not a place for them to go. Kass asked if the Crittenton Center could keep kids past 18. Scorza confirmed if they are in the supervised apartment living they can be in one of those six beds past 18, but all other kids have to leave when they turn 18. Kass made motion to approve the requested amount. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Eggink-Postma discussed the crisis services. Care Connections approved a significant amount of money towards the remodel of the building. They have the approval of the contract on their agenda next week. The Seasons Center Board approved the services at their meeting today. Eggink-Postma discussed their provider requests. The first being food bank items, the second being ASIST Training that have been provided quarterly, the third being IT Infrastructure Upgrades, and the fourth being Vehicles. Vanden Hull asked how much money was being requested for training. Eggink-Postma stated \$5,000 - \$10,000 for ASIST training. Rockhill asked Keleher if their funding was coming to an end. Keleher did state their

training has not ended. They have several trainers that can provide the training to anyone that asks for it. Schumacher asked about the vehicles and their placement. Eggink-Postma stated that based on staff the vehicles will likely be in Dickinson, O'Brien, and Sioux Counties to get staff to clients within the community. Rockhill asked if all counties would have access to the food bank even if they do not have an office in their counties. Eggink-Posta confirmed all counties would be eligible. Van Otterloo asked if the funds could be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Schumacher made a motion to approve the requested dollars for food bank needs to Seasons Center. Sybesma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Kelleher provides the ASSIST trainings to the community for no dollars. Van Otterloo made a motion to approve \$5000 for ASSIST training to Seasons Center. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kass cast the lone no vote. Vande Weerd made motion to approve the IT requested dollars to Seasons Center. Kass seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes. Van Otterloo made motion to accept the request for vehicles to Seasons Center. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Hill discussed her request for dollars to the day habilitation sites at Life Skills Training Center. Schumacher asked about the cost for the commercial grade laundry machine and how many were being purchased. The cost requested is for one commercial grade washing machine. Since the request, the price has gone up to \$33,000. Kass asked about the truck search. Hill said that has been difficult. The closest vehicle they can find is over \$100,000 in Kansas City. The total request is \$83,000 with an increase for the price of the washing machine (\$33,000). The Water Softner System has increased by \$5,300. Van Otterloo made a motion to approve \$83,000 towards Life Skills Training requests. Schumacher suggested amending the motion to \$100,000. Schumacher made a motion to amend the motion to \$100,000. Kass seconded the amended motion. Motion on the amended motion carried with all ayes. The original motion with the amended motion carried with all ayes.

Vande Weerd suggested the other providers should come up with ways to spend the dollars. Sybesma suggested an email vote with additional provider requests for payment in June. After discussion it was decided provider requests need to be received by June 3rd. The Board will meet via zoom on June 9th at 1pm to make decisions on those requests. All invoices from the providers are due by June 14th at 4:30pm. Duhn will send an email to all providers and board members. Duhn will send a zoom link with the email as well.

13. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE-

Walter discussed the double bottom line. There is a meeting scheduled June 8th via zoom as a follow up to



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the work being done now.

14. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION/UPDATE-

Walter reported the legislature came back to work this week. They are moving the appropriations bills through. The fund balance request has been bumped from 5% to 10%. Walter hopes this gets done this week. Will did state we had talked at a staff meeting about setting up a meeting with the legislators in the Fall, but would need to schedule a date to get it on their calendars. Staff will work on setting something up.

15. PLYMOUTH COUNTY SERVICE COORDINATOR UPDATE-

Walter did state there is one more interview to be held Thursday for this position. They have visited with three others as well.

16. GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES-

Anema thanked the board for the Joe and Jesse meeting. There were about 60 participants. Sybesma asked if we could pay our providers more for their employees. Kass talked about the Good Life being discussed with the commission, and that he has heard good things. Will did state The Good Life was at the Community Provider meeting as well, and several providers have already started utilizing their changes and have seen great benefits. Eggink-Postma provided an update on the summer respite camp. Kids will start coming out in June.

17. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn. Altena seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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

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