

**Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board**  
**Minutes**  
**November 27, 2018**

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

1. Chairman Mark Loutsch welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Mark Loutsch, Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, Don Kass, Keith Radig, Shane Walter, Dayton Vogel, Julie Albright.

Member absent: Matthew Ung

Others present: Aaron Haverdink, Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Sharon Nieman, Ryan Dokter, Nicolle Eaton, Kim Keleher, Sarah Jackson, Shawn Fick, Cindy Wilde, Kim Wilson, Julie Ann Madden, Darin Raymond.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
  - A. Motion by Don Kass, second by Dennis Wright to approve the November 27, 2018 Agenda. Carried 3-0.
3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2018 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2018 Board meeting. Carried 3-0.
4. APPROVAL OF FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES
  - A. Ryan Dokter presented the Fiscal Agent Reports and Regional Expenditure Reports.
    - I. At the start of October, the total resources were \$3,639,597.59.
    - II. October revenue was higher than in previous months because of the move of money from Plymouth County to the Fiscal Agent Fund which was \$284,508. Over \$2,000 in interest was earned. Total Revenue for October was \$617,000.
    - III. Total October expenditures was just over \$566,000.
    - IV. Percent used of the budget 45.72% to date.
    - V. Total Resources at the end of October was just over 3.4 million dollars.
  - B. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Dennis Wright to approve the Fiscal Agent Reports as presented. Carried 3-0.
5. UPDATES: ADVISORY BOARD, WORK ALTERNATIVES, IPS, ASC, JAIL ALTERNATIVES, MOBILE CRISIS, TELEHEALTH, ACCESS CENTERS, ACT.
  - A. Sharon Nieman reported that the Advisory Board will not meet again until January.
  - B. Aaron Haverdink reported on Work Alternatives.
    - I. In January they will do their mid-year review of employment goals for each of the five agencies. They will be eligible for payments towards the progress of their goals.
    - II. The plan is to have the workshop phased out by the end of June.
  - C. Aaron Haverdink reported on IPS.
    - I. They have hired Ashley Hanson as the new IPS Employment Specialists. She replaced Rick Koele who had transitioned to a different position at Hope Haven.
    - II. The Creative Living Center has signed on as a cooperating partner. They are willing to host monthly meetings with the job trainers to help identify people who need and would benefit from the service and use employment as a method of recovery. Plains Area Mental Health Center is also a cooperating partner in IPS.
  - D. Nicolle Eaton did not have any updates on the Assessment and Stabilization Center.
  - E. Nia Key was absent. No report on the Jail Alternatives Program.
  - F. Aaron Haverdink reported on Telehealth.
    - I. Two weeks ago Aaron met with Jay Ricke with ITP. Jay felt like things were running smoothly; they average 3 ½ hours for placement from the time they are contacted.

- II. Telehealth has been utilized 10 times since July.
  - III. It is a pilot program and the Region has committed to one year.
  - G. Shane Walter reported on House File 2456 workgroups.
    - I. Shane stated that he will have reports from all the workgroups (including ACT, IRSH etc.) for the Board at the December meeting.
  - H. Shane Walter reported on the Access Centers.
    - I. He will be meeting in Denison with the other CEOs from Regions in the area on Thursday. They will be talking about the Access Center.
  - I. Kim Wilson from Jackson Recovery Centers reported that next month on December 17<sup>th</sup>, Jackson Recovery will be moving the men's inpatient program from the Synergy Building in Cherokee to their building at 3500 W. 4<sup>th</sup> in Sioux City. That facility will house adolescent boys and girls and adult men and women. They will continue to do outpatient treatment at the Synergy building in Cherokee.
6. PLAINS AREA MHC: LE MARS SCHOOL BASED THERAPY
- A. Kim Keleher stated that she had nothing new to report.
  - B. Shane Walter stated that until something is decided the Region will continue to fund as they usually do.
  - C. Don Kass suggested that they request to be put on the Le Mars School Board Agenda and present the issue. Chairman Mark Loutsch agreed.
    - I. Plymouth County Attorney, Darin Raymond made the suggestion that they put together a document that displays the history, the value and a couple of anonymous stories.
  - II. Kim Keleher offered to put together the document.
7. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-02: ACCEPTANCE OF LYON COUNTY'S REQUEST TO JOIN SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.
- A. Chairman Loutsch stated that he had received the Resolutions from Plymouth and Sioux County to accept Lyon County into the Sioux Rivers Region. Keith Radig stated that Woodbury County's Resolution did not pass by a 3-2 vote.
  - B. Chairman Loutsch read aloud Resolution 2018-02.
  - C. Motion by Don Kass, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the resolution accepting Lyon County's request to join Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS. Roll Call Vote: Keith Radig – Abstained; Dennis Wright – Aye; Mark Loutsch – Aye; Mark Sybesma – Aye; Don Kass – Aye. Motion carried 2-0.
8. APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-03: AFFIRM WOODBURY COUNTY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.
- A. Chairman Loutsch read aloud Resolution 2018-03.
  - B. Motion by Don Kass, second by Keith Radig to approve Woodbury County's withdrawal from Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS. Roll Call Vote: Keith Radig – Aye; Dennis Wright – Aye; Mark Loutsch – Aye; Mark Sybesma – Aye; Don Kass – Aye. Motion carried 3-0.
9. APPROVE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT DUE TO DHS DECEMBER 1, 2018
- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the 2018 Annual Report. Carried 3-0.
10. APPROVE NWICC FY19 PROVIDER AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (ASC)
- A. Shane stated that the agreement is a contract for the current fiscal year for the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region to utilize the Assessment and Stabilization Center.
  - B. Aaron Haverdink shared that he had spoken to Kim Scorza, the CEO of Seasons Center and told her that if they have clients they are seeing in any of their counties, they are able to utilize the Assessment Center because of the contract.
  - C. It was recommended by Don Kass that all of the counties and providers in the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region should be notified that the service is available to them.
  - D. Motion by Dennis Wright, Second by Don Kass to approve the NWICC FY19 contract. Carried 3-0.

11. REGIONAL TRANSITIONING UPDATE

- A. Shane Walter stated that he is open to working with Dawn Mentzer of Rolling Hills on the transition and will do whatever he needs to do to assist in the transition.
- B. Shane stated that he has a budget meeting set up next week with Lyon County to determine their priorities and needs. He will report back to the Governance Board in December the results of that meeting. Shane will have a 28E that he will ask that the three counties put on their agenda for approval between now and the next Governance Board Meeting in December. They will need the signed 28E in order to levy for next year.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. No discussions

Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to adjourn the meeting. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35.



Julie Albright, Secretary  
Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board

Approved by Governance Board: 12/18/18