



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in Primghar and via zoom at 1:30pm. Those in attendance: Beth Will, Abby Wallin, Lisa Rockhill, Mavis Anema, Sue Duhn, Shane Walter, Carl Vande Weerd, Stacey Feldman, Jerry Birkey, John Pluth, Don Kass, Mark Loutsch, Dennis Vanden Hull, Shawn Schoelten, Tammy Bruinsma, Christina Eggink-Postma, Kim Keleher, Ryan Dokter, Kim Wermersen, Denise Driesen, Tim Overmire, Mike Van Otterloo, April Metzger, Mark Sybesma, Sharon Nieman, Crystal McHugh, Kim Scorza, Kasey Fear, Dayton Vogel and Nicholle Eaton at 1:39pm, Sheila Martin joined the meeting at 1:43pm, Tim Schumacher arrived at 2:10pm, Bill Leupold arrived at 2:18pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-

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

2. APPROVE AGENDA-

Pluth made motion to approve the agenda. Birkey seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 6/9/22 MEETING MINUTES-

Vanden Hull approved the June 9, 2022 minutes. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

4. FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-

Dokter reported on the May financial report. In June, the region did expend quite a bit of money. Kass asked about provider requests and if the dollars had all come in. Walter confirmed they had. Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the fiscal agent report, Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-

Walter discussed the claims. Duhn confirmed county payments are a portion of the claims. Kass made a motion to approve claims. Birkey seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

6. FY23 PROVIDER CONTRACTS-

Walter discussed the provider contracts. The contracts include ITP, Seasons Center, Turning Point (Plains Area), and Access Center in Sioux City. Walter discussed things would be done with ITP a bit differently this year. The plan is to share the cost with the hospitals. Meetings occurred with the hospital CEO's and ITP to share the costs in FY23. The hospitals are willing to collaborate with the region. Will did tell the group that all hospitals have been included in the agreement, even those that may not be currently utilizing the services. All hospitals have the opportunity to participate. Vanden Hull made a motion to approve the FY23 ITP contract addendum. Pluth seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.



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Plains Area is an amended addendum to include Turning Point. \$22,556 was the approved amount for Turning Point. Kass made a motion to approve the FY23 amended contract agreement to include Turning Point. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Walter reported that he has been working with Rolling Hills and Siouxland MH for a FY23 contract for those services. Walter reported that roughly \$118,000 is the contract for that facility, with an additional cost of roughly \$214,492 for subacute. There was a bit of confusion on these amounts, as they differed from the contract provided by Rolling Hills. Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the FY23 contract addendums with Rolling Hills for Siouxland MH. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Walter discussed the Seasons Center FY23 contract addendum. The contract includes mobile crisis, community based services, and crisis residential services. Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the contracts with Seasons Center. Pluth seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

7. **COMMITMENT TO FUND IRSH HOME IN FY23-**

Walter discussed the IRSH home the state has asked us to fund for one year. The start-up costs and the service for one year will be roughly \$1.2 million dollars. We are currently working with Lakes Life Skills to put together another home. They are up and running with the first home with MCO funding. Lakes Life Skills have been to Glenwood to visit with potential consumers for the second home. Loutsch asked if the contract allowed for only residents of our region. At this point, the first home is all residents of our region. The second home will be residents of Glenwood at least initially. Sybesma made a motion to make a commitment to LLS for \$1.2 million. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. Kass asked if there were other projects like this going on across the state. Walter confirmed that every region has been asked to introduce a home. Walter confirmed we are committed to one year. In FY24, the MCO's are to cover the costs. Rockhill did state LLS is ahead of the game and is already interviewing people and has an advantage to pick the clients they can work with. The motion carried with all ayes.

8. **LLS CONTRACT ADDENDUM-4 BED IRSH & START UP FEES FOR FY23-**

Vanden Hull made a motion to approve the FY23 contract addendum. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

9. **MH ADVOCATE AGREEMENT-**

Walter discussed the MH Advocate agreement. The counties appoint the mental health advocate and then an agreement with the region happens. Kass made a motion to approve the MH Advocate Agreement. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

10. MH UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION-

Wallin reported on the job description. It is the same except for Wallin no longer does GR so the agreement was updated to reflect that change. Sybesma made a motion to approve the updated job description. Birkey seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

11. 28E AGREEMENT UPDATE-

Walter reported the 28E has been signed by all counties. It is complete and needs filed with Secretary of State.

12. STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN UPDATE-

The strategic plan continues. A follow up meeting is scheduled for June 19. Walter is pleased with what is coming out of those meetings. There was great response from the surveys that were sent out. Those responses will help us focus our energies going forward.

13. PLYMOUTH COUNTY SERVICE COORDINATOR-

Crystal McHugh is the new service coordinator for Plymouth County. She started yesterday. Wermersen asked her to introduce herself. Crystal introduced herself. She had previously worked at West HS. She has her masters in school counseling. Wermersen welcomed her to the staff. Wermersen thanked Nieman for her years of service. Nieman did state mental health is forever changing and there have been difficulties throughout her career.

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES-

Dr. Shawn Schoelten reported on the Advisory Committee. Robin did retire from her position on the committee. The Committee hopes to grow their committee. The legislation did nothing to assist with the appropriations of children's services in the next year. The next meeting is September 13 at 1pm. Kim Keleher asked if the county supervisors have received any dollars from the Opioid settlements. Keleher was told that 50% would go to counties and cities of 10,000 plus. At this point, no counties have received any dollars. Scorza reported on her agency. Another emergency shelter is decreasing in bed numbers. The average census in April was 18. The needs continue to be intense without family support. Scorza will follow up with regions to discuss what partnerships can occur to help the kids. Christina from Seasons Center reported on Camp Autumn. Camp Autumn is finishing the fourth week of camp. Seasons Center has been moving forward with the crisis services. Walter has met with Dan and Karen at Seasons Center regarding the periods and services. Wermersen asked the group to enjoy their cake to celebrate Nieman's retirement before moving forward to the closed session.



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15. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5 (1) (I)-

Wermersen went into closed session at 2:25pm. Wermersen asked for roll call of those in attendance as well as county representing. Schumacher-Emmet, Sybesma-Sioux, Overmire-O'Brien, Birkey-Lyon, Vande Weerd-Sioux, Pluth-Emmet, Loutch-ex officio, Kass-Plymouth, Vanden Hull-O'Brien, Leupold-Dickinson, Walter-CEO, Wermersen-Dickinson, Duhn-Secretary, Van Otterloo-Plymouth via zoom, Dayton Vogel-provider via zoom, Tammy Bruinsma-consumer via zoom. . Kass made motion to leave closed session. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. Roll call vote to leave closed session. Schumacher-aye, Sybesma-aye, Overmire-aye, Birkey-aye, Vande Weerd-aye, Pluth-aye, Kass-aye, Vanden Hull-aye, Leupold-aye, Wermersen-aye, Van Otterloo-aye via zoom. Voting members all aye. Board moved into open session at 2:58pm.

16. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Schumacher made motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes to end meeting at 2:59 pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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

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