

Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board
Minutes
April 25, 2017

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board Meeting was held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4th Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

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

Members present: Mark Loutsch, Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, Don Kass, Keith Radig, Shane Walter, Mike Wood and Julie Albright.

Members absent: Jeremy Taylor and David Van Ningen.

Others present: Aaron Haverdink, Sharon Nieman, Mike Wood, Dennis Butler, Dan Gillette, Doug Smit, Dayton Vogel, Kim Wilson, Mark Monson, Patrick Schmitz, Kim Keleher, Don Nore, Gary Turbes, Scott Witte, Kathy Roberts, Sheila Martin, Todd Harlow, Greg Stallman and Tony Wingert.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
 - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the Agenda as submitted for April 25, 2017. Carried 3-0.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2017 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING
 - A. Mark Loutsch pointed out one correction in the minutes, a typo in Mark Sybesma's name on page two.
 - B. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Don Kass to approve, with the name correction, the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Governance Board meeting. Carried 3-0.
4. FISCAL AGENT REPORTS
 - A. Dennis Butler presented to the Board the Fund 110 and Fund 720 Reports.
 - B. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the Fiscal Agent Reports as presented. Carried 3-0.
5. APPROVE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES
 - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the March Mental Health expenditures as presented. Carried 3-0.
6. UPDATE: ADVISORY BOARD, CRISIS CENTER, WORK ALTERNATIVES
 - A. Sharon Nieman reported that the Advisory Board met on April 19, 2017.
 - I. Discussions were had regarding the ongoing need for finding and defining transitional housing.
 - a) The Advisory Board would like a subcommittee formed for further discussion on transitional housing and the needs in each community.
 - i. They would like to have a Governance Board member, a couple of residential providers as well as other providers on the committee.
 - ii. Clayton Tonjes has joined the Advisory Board. He has a family member with a mental illness and has expressed interest in serving on the committee.
 - II. Aaron Haverdink shared that they also need an appointee from the Governance Board to the Advisory Board.
 - III. Chair Mark Loutsch asked Board members if anyone would be willing to serve on the Advisory Board or Transitional Housing Committee.
 - a) Dennis Wright offered to serve on the Advisory Board.
 - b) Mark Sybesma volunteered to serve on the Transitional Housing Committee.
 - IV. Next Advisory Board meeting will be on July 19th at 10:00 a.m.

- B. Sheila Martin presented for the Assessment & Stabilization Center.
 - I. The Center has had 172 admissions in the last year.
 - II. They are continuing to do marketing and outreach to improve the numbers.
 - III. They will be holding an open house with the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce on May 9th at 6:30.
 - C. Aaron Haverdink reported on the Work Alternatives.
 - I. Through the Work Alternatives program 89 people have been placed in supportive employment.
 - II. They are in the middle of an ad campaign to promote the benefits of hiring individuals.
7. LEGAL NOTICE FROM NICC REGION REGARDING CONSUMER PAYMENT
- A. Shane Walter shared with the Board information on the legal notice from Northwest Iowa Care Connections regarding repayment on a consumer.
 - I. Board members requested that Shane send a formal letter stating the reasons the Sioux Rivers Region is declining to pay.
 - B. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Dennis Wright for Shane to send the formal response to the NICC Region. Carried 3-0.
8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: PASSAGE OF MH LEVY EQUITY BILLS/RECERTIFY FY18 BUDGETS
- A. Shane reported that the Legislative Session is over. On the last day of the Session, the Senate legislation (SF504) was taken up by the House and approved.
 - B. The Board discussed different options as to what to do with the tax levy and FY18 Budget
 - C. Shane suggested that a group of Board members, Dennis Butler and Regional staff meet in the next week to discuss different scenarios. The Board can decide based on what is discussed at that meeting.
 - I. Board Members Keith Radig, Mark Sybesma and Don Kass all offered to attend this meeting.
 - D. Shane will send out an email to the list of meeting attendees to schedule a date and time.
9. UPDATE: JAIL ALTERNATIVES COORDINATOR/APPROVAL OF RELOCATION STIPEND
- A. Shane shared with the Board an offer for the Jail Alternatives Coordinator has been extended to Jason Franklin of Illinois and he accepted. Ed Gilliland has recommended that the Board offer a stipend to help defray the cost of the moving expenses incurred when moving from Illinois to Iowa.
 - B. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Dennis Wright to approve a moving expense reimbursement of up to \$1,500 pending receipts. Carried 3-0.
10. FUNDING REQUESTS: FRIENDSHIP HOUSE BUILDING/PLAINS AREA BUILDING/PEER SUPPORT PROPOSAL.
- A. Aaron Haverdink reported that the Peer Support Committee met and discussed what firm numbers would look like for peer support expansion in each of the counties.
 - I. Woodbury County is now looking at 5,000 sq. ft. at an estimated cost of \$675,000. They have decided on one new peer support staff at a cost of \$40,000.
 - II. Plymouth County can work with \$275,000 to purchase their building. A \$32,000 increase was already approved for additional staff for their peer support.
 - III. Sioux County asked for \$80,000 which was approved in February.
 - IV. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Dennis Wright to approve the \$675,000 cost of the SMHC Friendship House Building, the \$40,000 for peer support staff at the Friendship House and the \$275,000 cost for the Plains Area Drop-In Center with a five-year reversion on the buildings back to the Region if either agency pulls out. Carried 3-0.
11. REMODEL OF ASC TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE
- A. Shane told the Board that an office is needed for the administrative assistant at the Assessment & Stabilization Center so they are looking at remodeling one of the laundry rooms to serve as an office.
 - B. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the office remodel at the Assessment & Stabilization Center. Carried 3-0.

12. DISCUSSION: TRANSITIONAL BEDS – HOW TO IMPLEMENT WITHIN THE REGION

- A. The Transitional Housing committee will be meeting regularly to decide how to address the need for transitional beds within the Region.
- B. Chair Mark Loutsch asked that the Board be updated at the next meeting regarding the ideas from the Transitional Housing Committee.

13. DISCUSSION: PEER SUPPORT TRAINING AND SERVICES EXPANSION

- A. The Board discussed this agenda item earlier in the meeting.

14. VISIONING/STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING (11/23/16) SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION.

- A. Shane updated the group on what was accomplished at the Visioning/Strategic Planning Meeting.
- B. It was suggested that a Visioning/Strategic Planning Meeting be held each November.

15. GENERAL DISCUSSION: CEO MEETING ATTENDANCE, LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, ACT SERVICES, CHILDREN'S MH, MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE, TELE-HEALTH, HIPAA, ETC.

- A. Shane shared that the CEOs get together at least once a month.
 - I. They will be having a conference call to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding among the Regions in the State.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary

Approved by Board: 6.27.17