

Governance Board Minutes

November 26, 2019

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Sioux Center Council Chambers, 335 1st Avenue NW, Sioux Center, Iowa.

1. Chairman Mark Loutsch welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
Members present: Mark Loutsch, Don Kass, Mark Behrens, Shane Walter and Mavis Anema.
Others present: John Steensma, Sherri Bootsma, Kim Wermersen, Dr. Shawn Scholten, Sharon Nieman, Abby Wallin, Jason Bergsma, Jamie Van Voorst, Dayton Vogel, Tammy Bruinsma, Kim Keleher, Lisa Rockhill, Shayne Mayer, and Matt Buley.
2. CHAIRMAN LOUTSCH ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion made by Kass and seconded by Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried 2-0.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Behrens and seconded by Kass to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 2-0.
4. APPROVAL OF FISCAL AGENT REPORTS AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES
 - a. Anema presented the October FY20 Fiscal Agent Reports and provided info from Ryan that all three counties paid in their taxes to the fiscal agent fund in October, so we saw a nice jump in the fiscal agent fund balance. We are sitting really good on expenditures as we are just under 25% expended for FY20.
 - i. Total Revenues for the month of October were \$780,414.88
 - ii. Total Expenditures for the month of October were \$207,114.23
 - iii. Ending Balance as of October 31, 2019 was \$1,318,928.10
5. UPDATES:
 - a. Scholten stated the advisory board will be meeting in January. She also stated that she had provided names for the Advisory Board to Chairman Loutsch.
 - b. Walter state that Mobile Crisis will be up and running in January hopefully. They are still working on getting staff hired in Plymouth County. More will be talked about later.
 - c. Anema gave an update on the ASC that was provided by Nicky Eaton. It was reported that they did get all of the repairs done at the assessment center and had deadbolts installed on many of the doors for added safety. They are still waiting for some of the equipment to arrive for the camera installation, but it should be coming soon and then they will get started on the installation of that as well. Rolling Hills and Sioux Rivers

were both granted a \$1,000.00 grant from ICAP to help lower the cost to the Region for installing safety equipment.

- d. IRSH- Walter stated he had met with Sara Jackson from The Pride Group. Sara plans to put together a budget and plans to provide this service. Walter stated the State seems to be committed to provide funding at a U9 level, which is about \$310.00. They may even go to the highest service code of a U10 for up to 6 months.
 - e. ACT- Walter stated he continues to work with Seasons to provide ACT.
 - f. Jail Diversion- Walter stated he is meeting with Lyon County Dec. 3 and had met with Plymouth County recently and they will get the program up and going. Walter stated that Mavis has been working out at the Sioux County jail. Anema stated that it has gone well. I appreciated the willingness of all the staff out at the Sioux County Jail. We have used the ITP and that has been successful. Bergsma did ask how many more appointments we were allowed to use before being charged every time. Anema will look into that situation. Keleher stated the Plains offers that service as well.
 - g. Children's Mental Health- Nieman stated that we had met this morning and had a small but good group. Barriers and gaps was a main discussion of the meeting, also asked providers to get services to Anema. Nieman stated we are working with Rolling Hills Region. Again at this point, there is still no funding. The next meeting will be in January. We need to have the report into the state by April 1. Chairman Loutsch stated he will set up the committee as soon as he sees fit.
 - h. ARC- Nieman continues to attend a monthly meeting in Sioux City. We need to work to find staff. Fundraising will need to take place. For the next year we will need to have kids attend Woodbury County program, however they may have a wait list. Transportation was an issues. Kids on an IEP are able to attend this program. It is typically about 5 ½ weeks long and runs Monday thru Friday from 8:30-2.
6. APPROVAL OF DICKINSON COUNTY REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO SIOUX RIVERS REGION
- a. Wermersen spoke on behalf of Dickinson County. He passed along best wishes from William Leupold the Chairman of Dickinson County Board of Supervisors. Wermersen stated he felt that Dickinson County will bring stability, financial and good staff. He feels they will be a great fit to the Sioux Rivers Region and he appreciates the consideration. He feels we provide loyalty to the people we serve.
 - b. Kass commented he hopes NWICC can remain as a region and it's important that we all continue to work together.
 - c. Behrens stated when Lyon County was previously in the NWICC Region. He stated he enjoyed the small region and the employees are top notch. Behrens had concerns that our region doesn't grow too fast. He does like the counties that are joining the Region.
 - d. Lyon County Attorney, Shayne Mayer had concerns of the Region growing too fast as well. She would like to have some information to provide to the Lyon County Board of Supervisors such as: tax dollars, levy amount, providers, and services. She feels like we need to have a free flow of information. She also was curious as to what is going on with Osceola County? Walter stated he and Chairman Loutsch had been to Osceola County this morning and it sounds like they are going to stay with NWICC. Walter stated he likes our new 5 county Regional makeup.

- e. Walter asked if there were any provider concerns. Keleher stated she heard there has been some issues with providers and not receiving services, perhaps it is people are unaware of services. She encouraged to keep open the lines of communication.
- f. Wermersen stated that this was a huge thought process to change Regions. He feels that we have good providers, which is in the best interest for the clients. Sioux Rivers has good leadership, he didn't feel it would benefit Dickinson County to grow to the East and commended Sioux Rivers for what we do. When Compass Pointe went away that have had more issues. We need to have legislative help.
- g. Motion was made by Kass and seconded by Behrens to approve Membership for Dickinson County to the Sioux Rivers Region. Motion carried 2-0. Bootsma stated on behalf of O'Brien County, they are happy to have them as part of Sioux Rivers Region.

7. FY BUDGET UPDATE

Walter stated the team is working on the budget. Walter stated we have a good team and work well together. Kass asked if the Crisis Center had been contacted about the budget. Bootsma stated that the split of 75%/25% is very generous of Sioux Rivers. Walter stated he hopes to negotiate that to 85%/15%.

8. APPROVE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON 28E

Motion made by Kass seconded by Behrens to approve signature. Motion carried 2-0.

9. FORMALIZE O'BRIEN COUNTY'S REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Loutsch officially welcomed O'Brien County and the process is complete.

10. APPROVE MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE CONTRACT WITH SEASON'S CENTER

Walter stated Mobile Crisis will be implemented fully in January. They are still in the hiring process, they do have some people hired though. No action as the agreement will be sent to the County Attorneys for review.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- a. Abby Wallin, our Mental Health Advocate introduced herself. She gave a brief overview. She works with civil commitments and currently she has 175 clients on her case load. Wallin stated Plymouth County has lots of committals, however we get several from other Regions that come into our Region. Plymouth County has 75 cases. Sioux County, she has closed several cases. Wallin stated that she sends Anema information and then Anema bills that time out to the other Regions for reimbursement to Sioux Rivers. She provided a hand out of her services and what is and what is not billable. Bootsma stated that Wallin does an excellent job.
- b. Kass spoke with a State Senator. He asked if there were some MCO concerns. Keleher stated there has been no improvement. There are several large agencies that have gone out of business due to lack of funding. Kass states to come to the December 11 meeting with some documentation.

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Behrens, seconded by Kass to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

Mavis Anema, Secretary

Mavis J. Anema

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