

**Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board**  
**Minutes**  
**September 25, 2018**

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

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

Members present: Mark Loutsch, Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, Don Kass, Keith Radig, Matthew Ung, Shane Walter.

Member absent: Julie Albright, Dayton Vogel.

Others present: Aaron Haverdink, Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Sharon Nieman, Ryan Dokter, Ann Landers, Nia Key, Sheila Martin, Katie Detloff, Nicolle Eaton, Kim Keleher, Sarah Jackson, Dr. Shawn Scholten, Shelly Thomson, Carl Vande Weerd, Lezlee Benz (Creative Living intern), Shawn Fick, Doug Smit.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- A. Motion by Don Kass, second by Mark Sybesma to approve September 25, 2018 Agenda. Carried 3-0.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2018 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- A. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Denny Wright to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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.

- B. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the Fiscal Agent Reports as presented. Carried 3-0.

5. UPDATES: ADVISORY BOARD, WORK ALTERNATIVES, ASSESSMENT & STABILIZATION CENTER, JAIL ALTERNATIVES, MOBILE CRISIS, HF 2456 WORK GROUPS, ETC.

- A. Shawn Scholten spoke on the Advisory Board. Their next quarterly meeting will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>, so they will report to the Governance Board at the next meeting in October.

- B. Aaron Haverdink spoke on Work Alternatives.

- I. They met and approved their individual plans/budgets for each of the work providers for their Outcomes that they are expected to get. They will measure how far they have done that in January and at the end of the year they will look at the final measurement for disbursement of those funds.

- II. Mark Loutsch asked about IPS. Aaron shared that IPS is their new employment program. Their next meeting is on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Nieman shared that three Regions are working together on this. They are going to have regular quarterly meetings for this program.

- C. Katie Detloff spoke about the Crisis Center. She reported that they have had two claims go through with United Healthcare, but they are still getting denials from IME and Amerigroup.

- I. This week they will have Accreditation on site. They are on a three -year cycle with Accreditation.

- D. Patty Erickson-Puttmann shared that Mobile Crisis is on hold until there are decisions on the Regions.

- E. Aaron reported that the Orange City Hospital has used Telehealth a few times recently and featured it in their monthly newsletter.

- F. Shane reported on the Access Centers and ACT. He said the CEOs are all cooperating on the Access Centers. They have not had any meetings recently.

6. CARF INVOICE (\$5,160.00) FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER JAIL ALTERNATIVES SURVEY.

- A. Nia Key reported that she has been preparing last fiscal year and into this fiscal year for the Regional Jail Alternatives to receive CARF Accreditation.

- I. Nia provided to the Board members information on what Accreditation is and why it is needed for this particular program.
- II. CARF has accepted the application from Nia and have set a date for the survey which is November 14 through November 16<sup>th</sup>. Three surveyors will perform the survey (maybe less because the program is so small).
- III. Board members and attendees discussed at length the CARF Accreditation and if it is transferable to other regions if Sioux Rivers dissolve and what futures costs might be.
- IV. Nia told the group that the cost of the survey may be less if less than 3 surveyors come. In addition, there will be a cancelation fee of \$1,720 if they cancel the November survey dates.
- V. Keith Radig asked Nia to get it in writing from CARF that accreditation would be transferable to a new region.
- VI. Keith Radig motioned to approve the CARF invoice contingent on transferability to new region for Woodbury, second by Dennis Wright. Carried 2-0 (Ung: Nay, Radig: Yay)

#### 7. PLAINS AREA MHC: Le Mars School Based Therapy

- A. Kim Keleher updated the Board on the situation with the Le Mars Superintendent and billing for School Based Therapy.
  - I. Superintendent Webner remains adamant if PAMHC bills for services in the schools they are out of there and will not allow space in the school buildings.
  - II. Don Kass had a conversation with the school board president to try to get things resolved, but Superintendent Webner will not change his mind.
  - III. CEO Shane Walter explained that the \$160,000 for the Region to pay for these services in full has been budgeted for this year, but it was never the intent for the Region to fully fund and that providers need to bill when they can for these services.
  - IV. Kim Keleher shared that they could probably bill half of that money (\$80,000) if they were allowed.
  - V. Board members discussed the waste of taxpayer money if this is allowed to continue.
  - VI. Aaron Haverdink stated the other two counties in the Region are billing for School Based Therapy with no issues.
  - VII. Keith Radig stated that the situation needs to be discussed publicly and suggested they attend the next Le Mars School Board meeting.
  - VIII. Chairman Loutsch stated that it should be brought to the attention of their local board of supervisors.
  - IX. Shane Walter suggested that he and Kim get together to discuss the details and then show Superintendent Webner the statistics.
  - X. Board members decided to wait until next month before any action is taken.

#### 8. REGIONAL TRANSITIONING

- A. Chairman Loutsch talked to Dawn Mentzer, the CEO of the Rolling Hills Region, and she said that she had already visited eight providers in Woodbury County. He asked Patty if Dawn had visited with the Woodbury County staff.
  - I. Patty shared that Dawn has not contacted the staff, however the Woodbury County staff did attend the Rolling Hills Governance Board meeting the week before. At that meeting, Theresa Jochum asked Dawn if she would be willing come to the office in Woodbury County to have a discussion with staff members; that meeting is tentatively scheduled for this Friday.
- B. Chairman Loutsch shared that for Plymouth and Sioux Counties the move up north to NW Iowa Care Connections Region is on hold for now because their boards are hesitant to move forward.

#### 9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. No more discussions were had.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary  
Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board

Approved by Governance Board: 10.23.18