

Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board
Minutes
June 27, 2017

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board Meeting was held Tuesday, June 27, 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 and Julie Albright.

Members absent: Jeremy Taylor, David Van Ningen and Mike Wood.

Others present: Sharon Nieman, Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Aaron Haverdink, Dennis Butler, Kim Wilson, Mark Monson, Kim Keleher, Brenda Erickson, Don Nore, Sheila Martin, Katie Detloff, Jennifer McCabe, Nia Key, Sarah Jackson, Tony Wingert and Darin Raymond.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
 - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Don Kass to approve the Agenda of the June 27, 2017 Governance Board Meeting. Carried 2-0 (Keith Radig not present for vote).
3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2017 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 - A. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the April 25, 2017 minutes as presented. Carried 2-0 (Keith Radig not present for vote).
4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2017 PUBLIC BUDGET DISCUSSION MEETING MINUTES
 - A. Motion by Don Kass, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes as presented. Carried 2-0. (Keith Radig not present for vote).
5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 23, 2017 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 - A. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Don Kass to approve the May 23, 2017 minutes as presented. Carried 2-0 (Keith Radig not present for vote).
6. FISCAL AGENT REPORTS
 - A. Dennis Butler presented to the Board the Fund 110 and Fund 720 Reports.
 - B. Chairman Loutsch asked that Dennis Butler send out the end of the fiscal year balance when it is available.
 - C. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Dennis Wright to approve the Fiscal Agent reports as presented. Carried 2-0 (Keith Radig not present for vote).
7. APPROVE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES
 - A. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Don Kass to approve the May Mental Health expenditures as presented. Carried 2-0 (Keith Radig not present for vote).
8. UPDATE: ADVISORY BOARD, CRISIS CENTER, WORK ALTERNATIVES
 - A. Sharon Nieman reported that the Advisory Board will meet on July 5th at 10:30.
 - I. This meeting will be a combined meeting between the Advisory Board and the Transitional Housing Committee.

- B. Aaron Haverdink shared that the Work Alternatives Committee is currently working on putting budgets together and working on how to switch over from a straight block grant to a half block grant to support staff.
 - C. There were no updates from the Transitional Housing Committee other than they will be meeting with the Advisory Board on July 5.
 - D. Katie Detloff reported on the Assessment and Stabilization Center.
 - I. For the year 2017 to date, they have had 162 patients, with the average length of stay of about three days.
 - II. This year's clients included 136 from Woodbury County, 10 from Plymouth County, 6 from Sioux County, 1 from O'Brien County, 1 from Clay County and 3 from Lyon County.
 - III. They have had 331 clients since the doors have opened.
 - IV. The Assessment Center is Chapter 24 accredited. They are still waiting on T.19 to reimburse.
9. DAVID VAN NINGEN RESIGNATION
- A. David Van Ningen will resign from the Governance Board effective July 1, 2017 due to his retirement.
10. JAIL ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM. INTRODUCTION OF JAIL ALTERNATIVES COORDINATOR
- A. Nia Key introduced herself to the Board and meeting attendees and shared her background with the group.
11. NEW REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY SF504. SCHEDULE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS.
- A. Shane told the Board that SF504, in addition to the levy equity, had another portion of the legislation that required regions to put together a new Community Services Plan to implement timeframes and tools for determining the effectiveness of the plan in achieving the Department's identified outcomes for success. Also, the financial strategies to support the plan. This plan needs to be submitted to the State by October 15, 2017.
 - I. A stakeholder workgroup comprised of representatives from hospitals, the judicial system, law enforcement agencies, managed care organizations, mental health providers, substance abuse providers, NAMI and other entities, needs to convene to create collaborative policies and processes relating to the delivery of, access to, and the continuity of services and supports for individuals with mental health, disability and substance abuse issues.
 - II. The Board decided it would be best to hold a stakeholder meeting that includes entities from all three counties. The meeting will need to be held in July if possible.
 - III. It was agreed that it would be best to have a facilitator at the meeting. Patty will be in touch with Deb Burnight to see what her rates are and to also check her schedule as far as when she might be available to facilitate this meeting.
 - IV. Shane told the Board the Regional staff will meet on July 10 to decide on a date for the Stakeholder meeting. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building.
12. ARC CAMP UPDATE
- A. Patty reported that the Regional Staff had the opportunity to visit the Arc Summer Program at North Middle School.
 - I. Arc currently has 101 disabled students that are utilizing the program including 6 from Sioux County and 13 from Plymouth County. The ages of these children range from 3 to 22 years of age.
 - II. The Regional staff was able to see a number of improvements in the program, including a sensory room, made possible by the Region's provider improvement grants.
13. APPROVAL OF MOU BETWEEN REGION AND SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.
- A. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Keith Radig to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sioux Rivers Region and the Sioux City Community Schools. Carried 3-0.

14. FRIENDSHIP HOUSE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE REALTOR TO PLACE AN OPTION ON PROPERTY NOT GREATER THAN \$5,000 TO HOLD FOR TWO MONTHS.
 - A. Shane reminded the Board that they have already approved up to \$675,00 for this project, but has yet to appropriate the money. The \$5,000 would be the first installment.
 - B. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Don Kass to approve the \$5,000 as the first installment. Carried 3-0.

15. AMENDED FY18 ANNUAL SERVICE AND BUDGET PLAN APPROVAL LETTER FOR DHS.
 - A. Chair Mark Loutsch received a letter from the Department of Human Services indicating that the amended plan was approved as submitted.

16. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - A. Shane shared with the group that DHS Director Chuck Palmer has stepped down and was replaced by Jerry Foxhoven. The CEOs will be meeting with DHS on July 13th and will be meeting the new director.
 - B. The Legislative Review Committee met and one of the things they will be working on is a bill to stop DHS from forcing Regions to fund children's services if the regions don't have the dollars available. It would require DHS to provide those funds.
 - C. Another bill that is being worked on by the Affiliate is one that suggests changing the funding mechanism for mental health services from property taxes to a sales tax.
 - D. The Board decided that there will not be a Sioux Rivers Governance Board meeting in the month of July. An electronic meeting may be held if necessary.
 - E. The next Sioux Rivers Governance Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:49 p.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary

Approved by Board: 8.17.17