

SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met via zoom at 2pm. Those in attendance: Sue Duhn, Melissa Drey, Kim Wermersen, Kim Keleher, Crystal McHugh, Jerry Birkey, John Pluth, Amy Schlotman, Dawn Mentzer, Mavis Anema, Tammy Bruinsma, Sarah Jackson, Mike Van Otterloo, Lisa Rockhill, Bill Leupold, Don Kass, Beth Will, Karen Rosengreen, Dan Ries, Denise Driesen, Rob Aiken, Taylor Wadsworth, Cory Altena, Abby Wallin, Tim Overmire, Doug Wilson, Deb Brodersen, Janice Hill, Mae Hingtgen, Sheila Martin, Mike Reynolds, Nicky Eaton, Carl Vande Weerd, Dennis Vanden Hull, and Melissa Loehr.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-

Wermersen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. APPROVE AGENDA-

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 6/28/22 MEETING MINUTES-

Birkey made a motion to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Kass seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

4. PLAINS AREA TRAINING REQUEST-

Wermersen discussed the request from Plains Area. Keleher stated two of the three therapists are new to Plains Area. One will be in the school in Le Mars. The other is working in Spirit Lake. Vande Weerd asked if this request was for FY23. Wermersen confirmed it is a FY23 request. Kass asked if other therapists in our region are certified. Keleher did state that she did not know if anyone else in the area was trained. Vande Weerd stated he was concerned the request would open a precedent. Kass stated he believes this is an opportunity, due to time sensitive nature, to address now. Kass made a motion to approve the request. Leupold seconded the motion. Van Otterloo asked if this was a part of the original request from FY22. Keleher confirmed this was a carve out of that original request. Van Otterloo would be in favor of the request, but is concerned about opening the door for providers to request old requests. Wermersen did state the providers could put requests in for funding. However, at this point, we are not looking back. Anema stated there is a line item in the budget for training requests. Motion carried with one nay.

5. UPDATED FY23 YES CENTER CONTRACT AND ADDENDUM-

Duhn explained the rate changes with the FY23 contract and addendum. Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the contract and addendum. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF CEO-

Kass and Wermersen received a resignation letter via email from Shane Walter on Friday, July 8, 2022. Wermersen read the letter. Walter was at 60% of his time for the region. The region felt it was time to



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have a full time CEO. Kass made a motion to approve the resignation. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with one nay. Wermersen would like to have one representative from each county as well as an outside CEO on the committee to hire.

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES-

No additional discussion or updates.

8. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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