



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2023

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in person at the O'Brien County Courthouse in Primghar as well as via zoom for those unable to attend in person. Those in attendance via zoom and in person included: Kim Wermersen, Brenna Koedam, Craig Hoftzyer, Denise Driesen, Jerry Birkey, Cory Altena, Don Kass, Crystal McHugh, Abby Wallin, Sue Duhn, Mike Van Otterloo, Kevin Maughan, Beth Will, Carl Vande Weerd, Christina Eggink-Postma, Kim Keleher, Dennis Vanden Hull, Tim Overmire, Shawn Scholten, William Leupold, Brian McMillin (Neapolitan Labs), Joe Van Tol, Barry Whitsell, Kimber Box (Neapolitan Labs), Kimber Patterson, Tammy Bruinsma, and Jamie Van Voorst, Rob Aiken joined at 2pm.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Maughan introduced himself as a new member to the area. He shared his mental health background.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA-**

Altena made a motion to approve the agenda. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 5/23/23 MEETING MINUTES-**

Van Otterloo made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes. Hoftzyer seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. **FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-**

Duhn presented the fiscal agent report to the Governance Board. Birkey made a motion to approve the fiscal agent report. Overmire seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

5. **NEAPOLITAN LABS PRESENTATION-**

Kimber presented the new branding and website for Sioux Rivers. Neapolitan Labs has been working on getting the website consistent as a whole. The week of July 24 will be the website launch. Neapolitan Labs will provide training for the new site. McMillin shared the resource search area. This area will allow individuals to search for services in the region and/or county in the area. Kass likes the broad search capacity. Kass suggested making the crisis banner bigger as well as putting it more in the middle of the screen. McMillin suggested putting a message our staff leaves if the search pulls back nothing so it is not a blank search.



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6. **ITP JAIL BASED INVOICE-RECONSIDERATION OF DENIALS-**

Koedam presented the ITP past due jail invoices. Koedam and Will have had numerous conversations regarding the outstanding balances with ITP. Leupold suggested payment as the state has tasked us to take care of the clients. Van Otterloo is not in favor of paying the service, as the sheriff needs to follow the rules as the other five sheriffs have done. Kass made a motion to pay the 8/8/23 date of service and to reject payment of all other service dates. Van Otterloo seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Kass suggested meeting with Schumacher and Pluth regarding the issue as well.

7. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**

Kass made a motion to approve claims as listed. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

8. **ADDITIONAL GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING IN JUNE-**

Duhn suggested a short zoom meeting yet this week to approve additional invoices received prior to the end of the fiscal year. Hoftzyer wondered if the board could approve up to an amount. The Governance Board agreed to meet Thursday at noon for a zoom meeting to approve the final claims listing. Duhn will send an email with the link to approve additional claims at noon on Thursday.

9. **GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES: INPUT FROM REGIONAL STAFF, PUBLIC, PROVIDERS, CONSUMER, ETC.**

Scholten presented information regarding the Advisory Meeting. The next meeting will be held September 12.

10. **OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING-**

Will presented information from the statewide opioid meeting. There were other members from Sioux Rivers present from other counties. The counties need to hold stakeholder meetings. The first county report will be due to ISAC by December 1. Koedam did tell the members that if the county would like a member from Sioux Rivers to attend to reach out to Koedam and/or their service coordinator.

11. **FY24 PROVIDER CONTRACTS-**

Koedam presented the additional contracts for FY24. Koedam presented the contracts still needed. The first contract was Flowstate. As of FY24 all hospitals in the region has agreed to sign on with Flowstate in FY24 as well as all jails in the region. Flowstate has requested a quarterly report on the numbers to determine if additional dollars will be needed to include those additional on boarded hospitals that were not included in the agreed upon dollars. Pride Group is another contract that needs approved. The rate

did increase at the Primghar facility. Jackson is looking at getting the transitional home going in this next fiscal year and will likely need to move outside of Le Mars to assist in getting staff hired. The other contracts are Turning Point and Siouxland MH crisis services. The final contract is with Avera in Sioux Falls for inpatient psych visits. Hoftzyer asked about federal inmates and if Flowstate sees those too since the feds pay for those services. Koedam noted that Flowstate has become credentialed to provide those services in the jail for payment by the feds. Van Otterloo agreed to approve all five contracts presented. Birkey seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

12. DRAFT FY24 SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS CONTRACT BETWEEN 28E COUNTIES-

Koedam presented on the draft FY24 contracts for service coordinators and administrative staff in the region. Koedam asked the members to look it over and provide any suggestions and/or updates to Koedam. This will come back to the Governance Board for approval at a future meeting in either July or August. Koedam did state with the contracts it has become apparent to her the IT MOU needs to be terminated. Van Otterloo did ask what happens with the special IT projects. Koedam suggested those come before the Governance Board for approval. Koedam suggested taking this back to the counties and letting them know if these are signed, the IT MOU will likely be terminated. Kass asked if this could be an addendum to the 28E. Koedam confirmed it could be an addendum to the 28E that is currently being updated.

13. HF471 IMPLEMENTATION-ROG-

Koedam discussed the changes moving forward. The biggest change is by August 1 we need to have the 28E agreement changes to HHS. The 28E needs to change for the Governance Board purposes only. By September 30, the updated Annual Service and Budget Plan needs submitted. Our region does not need to resubmit ours as we planned for the changes when it was submitted. In addition, Aiken is also using part of ours as an example for other regions. The management plan needs to be updated as soon as possible as well to include the changes needed for additional mandates as well as additional dollars for DD and BI.

14. GOVERNANCE BOARD REDESIGN-

Koedam reminded the Governance Board that beginning July 1 the board can only be made up of 49% county board of supervisors. Two new positions were named to the board. One is judicial service position and the other is a law enforcement officer. Koedam said the staff and the Advisory Board did discuss the recommendation to appoint Kevin Maughan. Kass made a motion to approve Maughan pending his



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position meets the definition per the rules. Birkey seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Aiken confirmed he had given the approval to use a county attorney as a judicial representative to another region. Koedam suggested, based on staff and Advisory members that Jamie Van Voorst the Sioux County Sheriff be appointed as the law enforcement representative. Van Otterloo made the motion to approve Van Voorst. Hoftzyer seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Koedam reported the Governance Board currently has an education individual. The Children's Board designated Jeff Jager, the school liaison in Lyon County as the education representative. Tammy Bruinsma is the current adult member utilizing services and will continue to be on the Governance Board per recommendation from the Advisory Board. The current parent of a child utilizing services is Brittany Funston. The Children's Board will need to make a recommendation if Brittany does not wish to continue. That seat will be open until Koedam can have a discussion with Funston and the Children's Board. The Advisory Board has appointed Barry Whitsell as the adult service provider. The Advisory Board has appointed Denise Driesen as the children service provider. Koedam is asking for approval of all members except Brittany Funston from the Governance Board. Altena made a motion to approve the members as listed. Birkey seconded the motion. Scholten asked if there would be an open chair if Brittany Funston were not appointed. Koedam did state it could be open until filled. The motion carried with all ayes. Wermersen asked each county who was staying. At this point, Plymouth County is undecided. Sioux County is unknown. Altena will stay on for Lyon County. O'Brien County is undecided. Emmet County is undecided. Wermersen will stay with Dickinson County. Kass asked if an alternate could be appointed. Koedam did state in the HHS discussions a member could send a sub, but that individual could not have a vote.

15. FY24 FIRST QUARTER PAYMENT TO COUNTIES-

Duhn did report the first quarter payment would go to the counties the first week in July. Each county Auditor has been made aware, and Duhn did ask each county auditor if there is enough money. Kass did let Koedam know we need to have the 28E passed in order to process warrants. Van Otterloo asked if there were any provisions for term limits. Koedam did state at this time it has not been mandated. Kass did state he believed the chair needs to be a supervisor to prevent conflict of interest. Koedam did state a policy has been created for all members to sign. Wermersen thanked each member of the Governance Board that is outgoing.



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16. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Kass made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Duhn".

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