Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS

Governance Board minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met via zoom. Those in attendance via zoom included: Kim Wermersen, Don Kass, Carl Vande Weerd, Cory Altena, Beth Will, Sue Duhn, Tammy Bruinsma, Dennis Vanden Hull, Barry Whitsell, Denise Driesen, Jami Van Voorst, Kevin Maughan, Mike Van Otterloo, Shawn Scholten, Sarah Wurm (Seasons Center), and Tim Schumacher.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**
   Wermersen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA-**
   Vanden Hull made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Van Voorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 5/27/25 MEETING MINUTES-**
   Vande Weerd made a motion to approve May 27, 2025, minutes as submitted. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. **GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES: INPUT FROM REGIONAL STAFF, PUBLIC, PROVIDERS, ETC.**
   Sarah Wurm gave an update on Seasons Center. Seasons Center currently has twenty-one clients in ACT. Five of those clients are from Sioux Rivers Region, and sixteen from Care Connections. Seasons Center currently has open positions within their ACT team. They recently onboarded a new RN. There are currently nine individuals on the ACT waiting list. Sarah also provided an update on crisis services with Seasons Center.
   Shawn Scholten discussed the flood dollar usage. Seventy-six people have been in attendance so far in the flood groups. Scooters even donated food and coffee. Shawn thanked the Sioux Rivers board and other community partners for their help in promoting and assisting with the groups.
   Wermersen expressed his gratitude to the providers and wished the providers well and asked them to continue to do great work.

5. **FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-**
   Duhn presented on the fiscal agent report. Kass made a motion to approve the report as presented. Bruinsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**
   Duhn presented the claims listing. At this time, $877,940 will be returned to the state. This leaves us enough for the FY26 budget. Duhn did state she had tried to get invoices from the MHIs, but was told

those were not yet ready. There are several months still unpaid at the MHIs. Whitsell made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Driesen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

7. **MHDS REGIONAL OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE 2025-02-**
   Duhn explained the Guidance that was received from HHS. This was the letter that approved the Close Out Plans so Sioux Rivers could continue their closure procedures. The guidance also talked about sending money back to HHS, final reporting, and FY26 audits. Duhn explained we would not need a FY26 audit as we would not have $100,000 in expenses towards FY26.
8. **ICTS RESOLUTION OF 28E WITH SIOUX RIVERS AND APPOINT CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS-**
   Duhn presented the 28E ICTS Resolution for termination. This will terminate with ISAC effective December 31, 2025. Duhn discussed the option to have each county be their own custodian of records verses Sioux County doing so for all counties as the fiscal agent. Vande Weerd made a motion to terminate 28E as of December 31st with each county be the custody of their own records. Kass seconded the motion. Wermersen asked for a roll call vote. During the roll call vote, all members voted aye.

9. **28E RESOLUTION/TERMINATION-**
   Duhn presented the 28E for termination of Sioux Rivers and the six counties. The termination will be effective July 31, 2025. Altena made a motion to approve the resolution. Van Voorst seconded the motion. Wermersen asked for a roll call vote. During the roll call vote, all members voted aye.

10. **DAP UPDATE-**
    Will reported on DAP updates. Will has been meeting with clients and DAPs to get individuals transitioned. Clients being served in LTSS services through the DAP will continue to receive their services just as they are today, through December 31, 2025. The state has been coordinating training for all DAP staff in the last couple weeks. The DAPs are working through issues and should have all clients transitioned by July 1.

11. **ASO/PCA UPDATE-**
    Provider contracts have gone out. Many providers were upset because not all services were included in the contract. Providers have been reaching out to the ASO to update contracts as needed. Navigators are getting hired. Duhn did receive some information regarding invoicing for mental health committals. More information will be coming soon. Will discussed the lack of a contract, as of yet, for Avera in Sioux Falls and how this would impact counties if not received. Will is still working with Avera on this.

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12. **MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT-**
    Duhn reported on the May expenditure report.

13. **DISCUSSION ON FINAL MEETING DATE-**
    The group discussed options for the final meeting. It was decided to meet via zoom only on July 29, 2025, at 1:30 pm to approve claims and any final matters. This should be a short meeting.

14. **ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-**
    Wermersen thanked everyone on the board, the providers, staff, and everyone in attendance for their great work through the years. Sioux Rivers accomplished great things. Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kass seconded. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

    Sue Duhn, Secretary

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