

**Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Disabilities Services  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Plymouth County Courthouse Annex**

**January 18, 2017  
Minutes**

**Attendance/Introduction:** David Van Ningen, Mike Wood, Shawn Scholten, Sharon Nieman, Aaron Haverdink, Theresa Jochum

**Provider Rates:**

- ► Motion by David Van Ningen, Second by Mike Wood, The Sioux Rivers Regional Mental Health and Disabilities Services Advisory Board recommends a 3% provider rate increase for FY 2018. Recommendation will be presented to the Sioux Rivers Regional Governance Board meeting on January 31, 2017.

**Provider Improvements Grants:**

- Provider Improvement requests are due February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Region has set aside \$300,000.
- Sioux Rivers Regional Governance Board will award provider grants at their February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Strategic Action Plan:**

- A Strategic Action Plan meeting took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, led by Shane Walter.
- A document is currently being developed that will summarize the identified needs the group came up with.
- The Sioux Rivers Regional Governance Board will review the completed document and decide if money's should be allocated based on the results.

**SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery):**

- SOAR is a national program designed to increase access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.
- To become a SOAR Provider you must complete the Online Course that will take 16-20 hours.
- SOAR was presented at the ISAC Spring School.
- Lyon County has a 1 SOAR Provider.
- ► Advisory Board encourages the Region to look into SOAR and share information with providers.

**ID Waiver Waiting List:**

- As of January 1, 2017 there were 2,131 individuals on the waiting list, which is down 669 since October 2016.