

Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board
Minutes
June 25, 2019

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 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.
Members present: Mark Loutsch, Carl Vande Weerd, Don Kass, Mark Sybesma, Keith Radig, Matthew Ung, Shane Walter, and Julie Albright.
Others present: Sharon Nieman, Ryan Dokter, Mavis Anema, Nicolle Eaton, Theresa Jochum, Ann Landers, Brenda Erickson, Dr. Shawn Scholten, Lori Bush, Dawn Mentzer, Sarah Jackson, Kim Wilson, Mark Behrens and Rose Nicoson.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
 - A. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Carl Vande Weerd to approve the meeting Agenda. Carried 3-0
3. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MAVIS ANEMA AS SECRETARY TO SIOUX RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS BOARD.
 - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, seconded by Don Kass to approve the appointment of Mavis Anema as Board Secretary. Carried 3-0.
4. APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2019 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 - A. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Board meeting. Carried 3-0.
5. APPROVAL OF FISCAL AGENT REPORTS AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES
 - A. Ryan Dokter presented the May FY19 Fiscal Agent Reports.
 - I. Total Revenues for the month of May were \$1,418,854.92
 - II. Total Expenditures for the month of May were \$206,928.41
 - III. Ending Balance as of May 31, 2019 was \$2,922,612.88
 - B. Motion by Carl Vande Weerd, second by Don Kass to approve the Fiscal Agent Reports as presented. Carried 3-0.
6. UPDATES: ADVISORY BOARD, IPS, ASC (CRISIS CENTER), ACCESS CENTER, ACT, IRSH
 - A. Advisory Board did not meet this month, Dr. Scholten reported she will have an update at the July meeting.
 - B. No report from IPS.
 - C. Nicolle Eaton reported on the Assessment and Stabilization Center.
 - I. Nicolle gave an update on the transition to the Rolling Hills Region, as we partner together with Sioux Rivers for Mobile Crisis.
 - II. As far as this month goes, the numbers are low again at the ASC. Discussion was held on ways to improve this. Marketing is going to be the number one priority for FY20. Social media was an idea and also a potential to speak with our counties to add a link to our Counties websites. Charles Tilley has been a good referral resource as of date. Education to area providers was discussed as well.
 - III. Financing also continues to be a concern. Last month approximately 80% of claims were billable, however this month only 3 to 4 consumers are billable. A consumer must be at the facility a minimum of 8 hours, under the 23 hour observation status to be able to be billed for.
 - IV. Keith Radig questioned, "What does transitional bed mean?" Nicolle stated a transitional bed is used in the event a consumer could be dangerous to themselves or others. A transitional bed is not a billable service.
 - D. Shane spoke about the potential of having an Access Center. This is going to be a core service mandated by the state, that will need to be provided FY21. There has been a team discussing the potential to use the Crisis Center as an Access Center. There is a meeting on July 2 to continue further discussions of this possibility.

- E. Mark Sybesma asked about the impact of Jerry Foxhoven's resignation. Dawn Mentzer stated this was a shock statewide. Selection of an interim director has been made, which is the director from the Department of Public Health. This should have minimal impact on the regions.
 - F. Sharon shared she had attended a class last week that was geared more for hospitals that served primarily children's mental health. Most of the kids are coming from DHS and the JOS system. There were several concerns noted at the meeting such as:
 - I. University of Iowa can write grants, however there isn't enough grant money to go around.
 - II. The need for children's residential treatment is there but not all facilities are good as they are too restricted.
 - III. The hospitals are very understanding of the regional aspect.
 - G. Shane also stated he has had good discussion with Kim Wilson from Jackson Recovery on potential services for children's crisis. Jackson currently has 9 beds dedicated for these situations, but could increase that to 12. They also have the ability to be an access center, they have a staff member that has expertise in access centers previously in the State of Illinois.
7. APPROVE REMAINING CONTRACTS FOR THE PRIDE GROUP, ITP, AVERA AND 28E AGREEMENT FOR ADVOCATE.
- A. Motion made by Mark Sybesma, seconded by Don Kass to approve the contracts. Carried 3-0.
 - I. Shane stated that Abby Wallin will be our new Mental Health Advocate.
8. REGIONAL TRANSITIONING UPDATE
- A. Shane said Farewell to Woodbury County and extended a welcome to Lyon County. He wished Woodbury County well as they transition to the Rolling Hills Region and that as we go forward it's important to work together. Shane extend a big thank you to the staff: Theresa, Ann, Julie and Connie and also the Board Members: Matthew & Keith.
 - I. Keith Radig stated it's the best thing for all of us to go our own ways. He said there is no ill will and desires to work together in the future for the best of the consumers.
9. APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT PLAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, seconded by Carl Vande Weerd to approve the Management Plan Policies and Procedures as presented with the option to fix some minor changes, for example: page numbers. Carried 3-0.
10. APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS
- A. Motion by Don Kass, seconded by Keith Radig to approve the Job Descriptions. Carried 3-0.
11. APPROVAL OF ROLLING HILLS AGREEMENT
- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, seconded by Keith Radig to approve the Rolling Hills Agreement. Carried 3-0.
 - I. Dawn Mentzer stated there may be a need to have a "satellite" office located in Cherokee in the future.
12. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SIOUX RIVERS AND CREATIVE LIVING FOR JAIL SERVICES
- A. Motion by Carl Vande Weerd, seconded by Don Kass to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Carried 3-0.
 - I. There was a little discussion held on this and it was explained that Hope Haven provided services prior but they are discontinuing this service effective FY20. Creative Living Center covers Sioux and Lyon Counties and Plains Area Mental Health cover Plymouth County.
13. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SIOUX COUNTY FOR VEHICLES
- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, seconded by Keith Radig to approve the Lease Agreement with Sioux County. Carried 3-0.
 - I. This needed to be done due to liability issues which was recommended by ICAP. The agreement was completed by the Sioux County Attorney and ICAP.
14. GENERAL DISCUSSION
- A. No other discussion
 - B. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Mark Loutsch. Meeting Adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Mavis Anema, Secretary

Approved by Board: July 23, 2019



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