

**Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board**  
**Minutes**  
**August 28, 2018**

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

1. Co-Chair Dennis Wright welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Dennis Wright, Mark Sybesma, Don Kass, Keith Radig, Matthew Ung, Dayton Vogel, Shane Walter and Julie Albright.

Member absent: Chair Mark Loutsch

Others present: Aaron Haverdink, Sharon Nieman, Ryan Dokter, Dennis Butler, Sheila Martin, Kim Wilson, Kim Keleher, Jan Heikes, Gary Fuentes, Toni Tewes, Rich Koele, Rachel Riphagen, Scott Witte, Kasey Fear, Velvet Jeratowski.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- A. Co-Chair Dennis Wright asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of Jan Heikes to the Agenda. Don Kass moved to approve the Agenda with the suggested change, second by Mark Sybesma. Carried 3-0.

3. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2018 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Don Kass to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 Board meeting. Carried 3-0 (Radig, Ung abstained).

4. APPROVAL OF FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

- A. Dennis Butler reported on Fund 720 which is still being held in Woodbury County for Period 13.
- B. Ryan Dokter presented his report.
- C. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Mark Sybesma to approve the Fiscal Agent Reports. Carried 3-0.

5. UPDATES: ADVISORY BOARD, WORK ALTERNATIVES, ASSESSMENT & STABILIZATION CENTER, JAIL ALTERNATIVES, MOBILE CRISIS, HF 2456 WORK GROUPS, ETC.

- A. Advisory Board did not meet in the past month.
- B. Aaron Haverdink reported on Work Alternatives.
  - I. Scott Witte from Hope Haven did a presentation on IPS and introduced his staff:
    - a) Toni Tewes, My Choice Employment Manager
    - b) Rachel Riphagen, My Choice Supervisor
    - c) Rich Koele, IPS Employment Specialist
  - II. Toni Tewes did a presentation regarding IPS.
- C. Sheila Martin reported that the Assessment and Stabilization has been billing the MCOs, but the claims have been denied. Amerigroup has said they will reprocess the claims. United Healthcare and IME have not made that statement.
- D. No Jail Alternatives report.
- E. No Mobile Crisis report.
- F. Aaron Haverdink reported on Telehealth. They are working with the Sioux County jail to get IT integrated so they can provide that service.
- G. Shane Walter reported the CEOs from the different regions are continuing to meet to discuss the Access Centers.
- H. Jan Heikes reported on the Children's Mental Health Workgroup. They are working on making recommendations about what the system should look like.

6. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL (\$150,000 – ONE TIME) FUNDING FOR ASC

- A. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Don Kass to approve the one-time funding of \$150,000 for the Assessment and Stabilization Center. Carried 3-0.

7. PLAINS AREA MHC: LE MARS SCHOOL BASED THERAPY

- A. Kim Keleher reported that in their new contract with Sioux Rivers Region they are supposed to reconcile and start billing for those therapy services for the school-based therapists. The superintendent of the Le Mars School District is not going to allow them to bill on site. They have had several conversations with him and for whatever reason he said it is going to be a free service or he is not going to allow it on his premises. Kim suggested making an amendment to their Sioux Rivers contract since they are not going to be able to bill.
- I. Don Kass suggested that they discuss this matter with the Chairman of the School Board and bring the subject back at next meeting.

8. REGIONAL TRANSITIONING

- A. Shane shared that they are working on transitioning. They have sent letters of intent to the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region. He will be working with both the CEOs in Rolling Hills Region and NW IA Care Connections to make certain that the transitioning into those two regions goes as smooth as possible. That would entail dealing with the services to consumers and making certain that they are aware what services will continue and what services will not continue for those individuals currently receiving them in their respective counties.
- B. Jan Heikes spoke about legislation that was passed this last year. SF2418 amended the Iowa Code 331.389 and eliminated the provision that a county could be exempted from being part of a region unless the exemption occurred prior to July 1, 2014. It eliminated the ability of the Director of DHS to grant a waiver to a Region with less than three counties. Counties in the region must be contiguous. The Director of DHS does not have the ability to approve new regions. HF2456 clarified that if counties join an existing region, the existing region's per capita is what that county assumes.
- C. Jan Heikes talked about DHS' concerns with counties going their separate ways and making sure there is a clear plan for consumers and providers in that transitioning process. She added that another thing that needs to be discussed up front is staff. Jan said that there are a lot of regions transitioning in the State and there is a tremendous amount of anxiety with staff about what is happening and when staff is anxious they don't provide good services. She encouraged Board members to think about making those decisions and being up front about it.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Motion by Don Kass, second by Keith Radig to adjourn the meeting. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary  
Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board

Approved by Governance Board: 9.25.18