

**Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board**  
**Minutes**  
**January 11, 2018**

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

1. Chairman Mark Loutsch welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Board members to the group.

Members present: Mark Loutsch, Jeremy Taylor, Mark Sybesma, Dennis Wright, Don Kass, Keith Radig and Shane Walter.

Members absent: Mike Wood and Julie Albright.

Others present: Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Aaron Haverdink, Sharon Nieman, Dennis Butler, Nia Key, Kim Keleher, Katie Detloff, Lilia Rundquist, Sheila Martin, Kathy Roberts, Chris Barondeau., Shawn Scholten, Jolie Corder, Don Nore, Brenda Erickson, Matt Buley, Ben Shuberg, Kermit Dahlen, Jennifer McCabe, Bev Zenor, Doug Harrold.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- A. Chairman Loutsch stated that Agenda Item #12 should be listed as an action item.
- B. Motion by Mark Sybesma to approve the Agenda of the January 11, 2017 Governance Board meeting with the change of Agenda Item #12 to be listed as an action item, second by Keith Radig. Carried 3-0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2017 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- A. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Jeremy Taylor to approve the December 5, 2017 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

4. FISCAL AGENT REPORTS

- A. Dennis Butler presented to the Board the Fund 110 Reports (administrative funds).
  - I. Woodbury County's Fund 110 Balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$557,105.32. All of the payments have been paid out to the Region. The next one due in April or May.
  - II. Sioux County's balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$213,465.78.
  - III. Plymouth County's balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$135,639.59.
- B. He presented the Fund 720 Report (Regional Fund)
  - I. Beginning balance on July 1, 2017 was \$4,652,415.09. As of December 31, 2017, the balance is \$3,570,409.74.
- C. The total of all Regional funds is \$4,476,620.43.
- D. Motion by Keith Radig, second by Dennis Wright to approve the Fiscal Agent reports as presented. Carried 3-0.

5. APPROVE REGIONAL NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MENTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES

- A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Don Kass to approve the Regional mental health expenditures for November and December 2017. Carried 3-0.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY

- A. Motion by Don Kass, second by Dennis Wright to make Mark Loutsch Chair. Carried 3-0.
- B. Motion by Don Kass, second by Mark Sybesma to make Dennis Wright the Vice-Chair. Carried 3-0.
- C. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Mark Sybesma to make Julie Albright the Secretary. Carried 3-0.

7. APPOINTMENT OF FISCAL AGENT

- A. The Board discussed keeping Woodbury County as fiscal agent through June 30, 2018 and then appointing Sioux County as fiscal agent on July 1, 2018.
- B. Motion by Jeremy Taylor, second by Don Kass to keep Woodbury County as fiscal agent through June 30<sup>th</sup> with Sioux County taking over on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Carried 3-0.

8. APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNANCE BOARD DIRECTOR (PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY ADVISORY BOARD).

- A. Shawn Scholten, Chair of the Advisory Board, announced that they would like to appoint Don Nore of Life Skills as the Provider Director of the Governance Board.
- B. Motion by Don Kass, second by Mark Sybesma to appoint Don Nore as Provider Director of the Governance Board. Carried 3-0.

9. UPDATES: ADVISORY BOARD, WORK ALTERNATIVES, ASC, JAIL ALTERNATIVES, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/BEDS COMMITTEE.

- A. Shawn Scholten reported on the Advisory Board. They met yesterday at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth County Annex Building.
  - I. They had good attendance at the meeting. Throughout the course of the meeting there were many examples cited of positive activities that have occurred throughout the Sioux Rivers Region for the ID and the MI populations with a lot of cooperation and compassion.
    - a) Shawn stated that one example being their agenda item to take a greater look at forms of Peer Support going on in the Region. Advisory Board member Robin Falde from Sioux County shared about the work she does traveling to see folks in rural areas. Plymouth County member Vera Ludwig talked about the community work she does at the Drop-In Center. They exchanged some points and helpful tips. Vera also noted that she and Robin and a couple others from Plymouth County were going to visit and learn more about how the Friendship House operates in Woodbury County.
  - II. They looked more at Peer Support and they are going to explore that further at their next Advisory Board meeting and they will have a guest speaker.
  - III. They also addressed recent changes and possible upcoming changes with hawk-i, the Medicaid MCOs, other insurances and other programming. They all concurred that the changes are really tough and confusing on the consumers and hard on the providers as well.
  - IV. They also talked about the value of the ARC Summer Programming and the Advisory Board would like to recommend to the Governance Board that the allotted 2018 budget amount go forward for ARC Programming that begins in June and benefits children from all three counties.
  - V. The next Advisory Board meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.
- B. Aaron Haverdink reported on Work Alternatives. They will be meeting in the next week. In the past couple of weeks they have done their mid-year evaluations on the progress and goals that each employment provider set for themselves to earn. They split the \$90,000; \$45,000 is the grant to support the staff and then \$45,000 for outcomes and goals.
- C. Katie Detloff reported on the Assessment and Stabilization Center.
  - I. In December they had 30 clients and in November they had 20.
  - II. On October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> they had Chapter 24 Accreditation come to the Assessment Center and they did a complete review of all of the Center's documentation. They went through the facility and each staff member's file to make sure that they had the right licensing and education for their position.
    - a) On December 15<sup>th</sup>, they got back the review. Currently Katie and Amy are working on action plans for the Assessment Center.
    - b) What the Accreditation team wants to see is the 23 Hour Observation completely separate from Stabilization. They said it would be a smooth transition because it is all in one building but they need to see it as totally separate from Stabilization.
    - c) They had great things to say about their work and what they do at the Assessment and Stabilization Center.

- d) Katie reported that they have to have a plan submitted by January 24<sup>th</sup>. They have been working diligently to have everything that they need in place and up to date for accreditation. Once they send that in they were told they will either be approved for one year or three years.
- III. Chair Loutsch and Don Kass asked for clarification on the separation of the 23 Hour Observation and the Stabilization.
- IV. Katie responded that they need to separate the paperwork. They need to have separate policies and procedures for each service. They have to create new forms and documentation for staff.
- V. Jeremy Taylor asked what the determining factor in the one to three-year approval.
- VI. Katie responded that it is based on the action plans.
- VII. Katie added also with the accreditation and Medicaid billing coming up on February 8, their documentation must match what Medicaid is looking for, so they have to be very careful to make sure the documentation matches so that they will get paid for the service. They are working on a lot of templates for staff, they are keeping it all organized so when February 8<sup>th</sup> comes they have their accreditation and documentation in place so they are ready to bill.
- D. Nia Key reported on Jail Alternatives. She continues to see clients in the jails and continues to call Plymouth and Sioux. She is receiving the jail rosters every day and reviewing them.
  - I. She is working on developing relationships with community organizations and partnerships. Agenda Item #12 is an MOU for a partnership with the Institute for Community Alliances and their coordinated entry for homeless services. Since they have the homeless population in common, it is important that she be able to work with them and to access their homeless management information system. She has gone through their training and has received authorization to be in their system.
  - II. Nia thanked Plains Area MHC, Creative Living Center and Siouxland Mental Health for their cooperation in helping her set up appointments for individuals.
  - III. They have partnered with Iowa Works to bring a job readiness program to the Plymouth County jail. They already have it in Woodbury County with Iowa Works coming to the jail twice a month.
  - IV. Nia introduced to the group Lilia Rundquist from Iowa Workforce Development who gave an overview of what is going to be happening in February at the Plymouth County jail.
    - a) Lilia reported that their offender program started in 2014. They work with federal and county probation offices doing case management. They go to prisons and jails and do assessments on individuals to make sure what they want is something that they can get. They have been working in the prison system for two years and the Woodbury County jail for just over a year. It is a voluntary program and will be in Plymouth County as well. They have had over 200 participants during the past year in Woodbury County.
  - V. Chair Loutsch asked Nia if the program will be expanded to Sioux County. Nia said they will look into that. She said she usually starts by talking to the Sheriff and asking if the program would be something they would be interested in bringing to their jail.
  - VI. Nia shared that she is now working with the Department of Corrections and going to the RTF. There she works with probation officers to see if they can prevent a probation revocation so they don't go back to prison or jail. They have been able to help a few folks in Woodbury County from having their probation revoked and were able to get them linked to the appropriate services.
- E. The Transitional Housing and Bed Committee did not meet since the last Governance Board meeting.

#### 10. NPI QUARTERLY REPORTS

- A. Jolie Corder reported that she met with Chairman Loutsch earlier in the day. She told Chairman Loutsch that an NPI Board member has respectfully requested that a member of the Governance Board come and meet with the NPI Finance Committee and herself to go over the grant monies and where they are at and what they are spending it on. She explained that it is very difficult in the environment of a Governance Board meeting for Board members to understand what they are doing and where everything is at.
  - I. Chairman Loutsch stated that they have worked out what they are going to do.
  - II. Jolie stated that she will get that meeting scheduled.
- B. Jolie reported that 2017 at NPI was a crazy year like it was everywhere else. The most exciting thing that happened throughout the year was due to the new Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Employment

First regulations. At the end of 2016 they had approximately 41 people in their pre-vocational program and due to those regulations as of today they only have 8 people left in that program. They are very excited that the majority of those individuals went out into competitive employment. Integrated competitive employment is something that NPI will be focusing on. They are also going to be focusing on getting into the schools and helping with the transition. They are meeting with all of the schools in Sioux City this spring. They have already met with people from North High and they were very excited about the program.

*Discussion:*

- 1) Chair Loutsch: If we have questions are we free to call you down the road?
- 2) Jolie Corder: Yes, I think meeting with the financial people and the Board is good. Going into this, there was not a format for reporting and now I did receive a format to utilize. I want to have the Governance Board, my Board and myself all on the same page as to what the requirements are and what you actually want.
- 3) Chair Loutsch: Any more questions?
- 4) Jeremy Taylor: I have a few. Thank you very much I appreciate this. So, we received a November 27<sup>th</sup> report listing \$90,999 in expenditures to date. And then this report looks like \$275,000 that has been either promised or expended. So, given about the six weeks' time between the two it looks like the first two were for two FTEs and then when it says prevocational decrease in document management center closure, are those expenditures or are those, for lack of a better term, would either be back bill or making whole what was lost from other revenue sources?
- 5) Jolie Corder: Yes. Our initial report from January 5<sup>th</sup> is in your packet also that outlined all of those things and that was our initial request for help with the transition process because of those things. There is also financial information in the packet which is why the Board wants to meet with someone so that we can explain that.
- 6) Jeremy Taylor: Right, but I'm just wondering, it looks like there is about \$80,000 that was spent on two FTEs and \$195,000 that is, would it be fair to say, either backfill or making whole what was once lost?
- 7) Jolie Corder: Some of it. We have about half of it in a CD yet.
- 8) Jeremy Taylor: So the majority of the money, let's just call it \$200,000 if we round up the \$195,000 is for backfill or making whole.
- 9) Jolie Corder: It was for support of the organization through....
- 10) Don Kass: The MCO...We did this for Plains Area and we did for others too.
- 11) Jolie Corder: Yes and especially the MCO. We once again December 1<sup>st</sup> with the new tier rates we had a decrease in rates also. It was the Employment First and the Pre-Voc because we lost a big chunk of money from having people move from the Pre-Voc Program move into community employment.
- 12) Jeremy Taylor: I understand that I guess, but my question is when we passed the first motion it was to have quarterly revenue reports because I think the reason that Plymouth was a split or non-vote on this issue was because there were others that had lost and not been back filled and we wanted to make sure that a year from now we were not in the same position. So that is why we were looking for every three months since that time, to see if this transition receiving any revenue.
- 13) Jolie Corder: Yes, which is why my Board wants to meet with the Governance Board so we can go over that.
- 14) Jeremy Taylor: Well, if I could just make sure because it will be one person and won't be the majority of us, I think the hope was to have every three months that this new model would be gaining revenue specifically because of the new model.
- 15) Chairman Loutsch: To see if it is self-supporting.
- 16) Jeremy Taylor: Right. I don't see since the beginning of the program any of the revenues specifically attributed to these two FTEs. Now it may be there, but I know the marketing was a large portion, it sounds like a thousand dollars has been spent.
- 17) Jolie Corder: That is on hold right now.
- 18) Jeremy Taylor: But if the \$275,000 is basically a zero line item, I guess that is my difficulty with this. And then I don't know based on past motions and other things, I don't know if everyone is comfortable with

the amount of funds being at a zero balance right now with no quarterly revenue. I know in one instance during last month there was a revocation of funds that weren't otherwise expended.

- 19) Don Kass: That was for physical property though.
- 20) Jeremy Taylor: Well, I didn't know what the policy and how all that....
- 21) Don Kass: That is understandable.
- 22) Jolie Corder: In your packet there are expense reports for the community employment department which all of our stuff falls under. So, you can see the amount of money we are spending on those programs.
- 23) Jeremy Taylor: And my only question with those is its 2016, 2017 and it's every six months and there is nothing that as a Governance Board we can draw on and attribute and this is because of this expenditure that the Board made and then expected every three months there would be revenue coming from that, so those are just some questions. Mr. Chair if you could report back in the future it might be helpful
- 24) Chairman Loutsch: Is there a projected revenue in these two programs?
- 25) Jolie Corder: There will be, but like I said when you first present it, it takes a long time to develop and market and get people involved in a new program.
- 26) Jeremy Taylor: But right now there is no money for marketing left.
- 27) Jolie Corder: Yes, we have money left.
- 28) Jeremy Taylor: Where is there....
- 29) Jolie Corder: This just reflects the pre-voc and the loss of revenue that we had in 2017 versus 2016. But as far as the cash, we still have cash.
- 30) Jeremy Taylor: From the \$275,000?
- 31) Jolie Corder: Yes, again which is why the Board and I want to meet with someone from the Governance Board so we can decide what you are wanting.
- 32) Chairman Loutsch: To let you know if you're heading down the right path?
- 33) Jolie Corder: Yes exactly.
- 34) Chairman Loutsch: We will try to update as quickly as we can so we can answer the questions that we do have.
- 35) Mark Sybesma: I need to look at that this very closely to get an idea as to what is going on.
- 36) Chairman Loutsch: There is a format now in place that should help us in the future.

- C. Chairman Loutsch stated that he and Shane would meet with the NPI Board and report back next month to answer some of the questions.

#### 11. APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO RE-ISSUE THE \$75,000 TO PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE NEW BUILDING.

- A. Kim Keleher reported that they purchased the old pharmacy building downtown and will be closing on Monday. She added that the \$200,000 that was originally spent will go towards that purchase.
- I. She and Don Nore met last week and they have a preliminary sketch for the space which they will basically split in half with Don renting half the space. Kim stated that they need to move forward.

#### *Discussion:*

- 1) Jeremy Taylor: So the \$200,000 that is already expended essentially, correct?
- 2) Kim Keleher: Yes, that has been expended.
- 3) Jeremy Taylor: So the \$75,000 you've identified essentially that amount.
- 4) Kim Keleher: It will take all of that and more to renovate.
- 5) Brenda Erickson: As we incur the renovations costs we will submit bills showing you what we spent it on.
- 6) Don Kass: Okay and then you get reimbursed.
- 7) Brenda Erickson: Yes, we will submit a bill with the renovation costs in detail.
- 8) Don Kass: That will be great.
- 9) Jeremy Taylor: So are we reissuing the \$75,000 or are we waiting for...

- 10) Kim Keleher: What happened was there was a request that we repay the unspent funds. So we paid it back and I just wanted assurance that we can still access those funds.
- 11) Don Kass: The thing is they had the cash sitting on their books and that was an untenable situation. That was our fault not yours.

- B. Keith Radig made a motion to authorize the \$75,000.
- C. Mark Sybesma stated that he would amend that motion. He made a motion that they authorize the \$75,000 providing it comes from the ending fund balance of Sioux and Plymouth counties to be consistent from now on and this should not be on the backs of the Woodbury County tax payers.
- D. Don Kass asked if that was the original motion or if there was a previous motion.
- E. Mark Sybesma clarified that Keith made motion to authorize.
- F. Chairman Loutsch said they did not have a second.
- G. Dennis Wright supported Keith's motion to authorize the \$75,000.
- H. Mark Sybesma again made the motion to amend Keith's motion with the proviso that the \$75,000 comes from the ending fund balance of Sioux and Plymouth counties as of July 1. The \$75,000, whatever the fund balance turns out to be, would be subtracted from that fund balance so it does not fall on Woodbury County tax payers.
- I. Don Kass seconded Mark Sybesma's motion to amend the original motion.
- J. Mark Sybesma stated that they need to vote on the amended motion first and then on the entire motion.

*Discussion:*

- 1) Mark Loutsch: Do we have any discussion on the amendment?
- 2) Dennis Wright: Are you guys okay with that?
- 3) Jeremy Taylor: So just so I am understanding how this would work then, those funds are not to be dispersed until that time?
- 4) Mark Sybesma: No. They are to be dispersed, but \$75,000 will then come off the ending fund balance as of July 1 from Sioux and Plymouth counties and added to Woodbury County's ending fund balance.
- 5) Shane Walter: Or that percent.
- 6) Don Kass: So this is not going to cost you anything.
- 7) Don Kass: So mechanically they come with invoices up to \$75,000. We are hypothetically authorizing that today so they can move forward and it only comes out of Plymouth and Sioux's balances as of July 1.
- 8) Mark Sybesma: So not to put the burden on Woodbury County.
- 9) Don Kass: And we can go back and fix this later if the situation changes.
- 10) Keith Radig: Well it is an awfully nice gesture, but at the same time as far as what the 28E says, we have to operate still as a region. But you guys are the ones offering it so...
- 11) Jeremy Taylor: I think I would concur. I think it is made in good faith and I think it is a good thing. But generally, I want to make sure that up until June 30<sup>th</sup> there is no....
- 12) Keith Radig: I'll vote for it myself. But it is kind of like we are separating things prematurely.
- 13) Mark Loutsch: And if nothing changes July 1<sup>st</sup> it won't make any difference.
- 14) Don Kass: We can always go back and fix it if the Region remains in existence.
- 15) Shane Walter: Well the full amount will come out of the Regional pool now or whenever their invoices are presented.
- 16) Jeremy Taylor: So you are saying \$75,000 not \$275,000 correct?
- 17) Don Kass: Yes, the \$200,000 is already water under the bridge, the \$75,000 yes.
- 18) Jeremy Taylor: Well, I'm not going to support it. Keith is probably the smarter one and he can confirm or deny that. But to me, up until June 30<sup>th</sup> I like to see everything.... But I do appreciate and again I think it is made in good faith.

- K. Don Kass called the question. Mark Loutsch asked all in favor of the amendment: Kass – Yes, Loutsch – Yes, Wright – Yes, Sybesma – Yes, Radig – Yes, Taylor – No. Amended motion carried 2-0.
- L. Mark Loutsch called for a vote on the original motion amended. Kass – Yes, Loutsch – Yes, Wright – Yes, Sybesma – Yes, Radig – Yea, Taylor – No. Motion carried 2-0.

12. MOU WITH INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY ALLIANCES/IOWA COORDINATED SERVICES NETWORK

- A. Nia Key stated that the MOU was for her to be able work in partnership with them to place justice-involved individuals who are homeless. There are no financial obligations on either side.
- B. Motion by Don Kass to authorize the Chair to sign the MOU, second by Mark Sybesma. Carried 3-0.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY19 BUDGET(S) AND PROJECTED LEVY AMOUNTS

- A. CEO Shane Walter stated budget/levy recommendations are for information only because we are at a place where we are not certain on how we proceed as a Region.
  - I. What was presented was a three-county regional budget which included Woodbury County and a two-county budget without Woodbury County

*Discussion:*

- 1) Chair Mark Loutsch: The levy will fall in place either way?
- 2) Shane Walter: The levies are what they had already projected.
- 3) Mark Loutsch: Our auditor was not overly worried about the levy rate for her budget because it comes in and goes out.
- 4) Shane Walter: Again this is for information only, we are not asking for approval on anything at this point.
- 5) Jeremy Taylor: So Dennis have you looked at this as far as the \$22.58?
- 6) Dennis Butler: Just a little bit. I do have one question, kind of a major question called the Crisis Center. You are going from a million-dollar budget down to a half of a million dollars assuming you are going to be getting \$500,000 in income. As I understand right now there is no income; this whole thing is a mess. What happens if the money doesn't come in and you are levying \$500,000 short, where are you going to get the money? Is the Crisis Center going to have to cut their services?
- 7) Shane Walter: Well there will be money coming in Denny.
- 8) Dennis Butler: Well we were told that in November too and it didn't happen and it's probably not going to happen this year probably.
- 9) Shane Walter: Well this is for FY19.
- 10) Dennis Butler: Legislature is looking at it. A lot of changes are going to happen. Say we do go over to Rolling Hills, we budgeted for the full impact so that really affects the levy rate per capita in Rolling Hills also. If we anticipate that money is coming in, we should deduct that off our per capita over in Rolling Hills also, but we did not. We funded full funding which of 900,000 some dollars without any income coming in. So, if there is someone guaranteeing a half a million income and if we do go to Rolling Hills, we are going to have to take that into consideration and reduce our per capita. What we are doing there is budgeting exactly what we are spending. A half a million is a big play. In the region here it would be \$3 per capita if the money doesn't come in. It's a big if.....We keep hearing stories and they are hearing them over there too.
- 11) Shane Walter: There are a lot of big ifs today. We are coming back next month and we are not approving anything here today. This was for your information only, we'll look at where we are in February; we'll look at whether they are able to bill and what that might look like. We are going to have to extrapolate from there obviously. We have a ton of questions Denny, we can't answer today because of what's happening with respect to Rolling Hills. We don't know, you don't know, they don't know...
- 12) Dennis Butler: Nobody knows.

- 13) Shane Walter: I appreciate what you are saying and we will look at it again in February and again we are not going to take action today.
- 14) Dennis Butler: This is a proposal, but we hate to lose the Crisis Center if we don't have the money coming in.
- 15) Shane Walter: I appreciate that. We are watching it closely as a staff and we will see what it looks like in February.
- 16) Jeremy Taylor: So the Crisis Center costs about one million a year to run.
- 17) Sheila Martin: \$972,000
- 18) Shane Walter: Yes, that is our contract.
- 19) Jeremy Taylor: So with this, if there were no funds coming in that would be about 66% of the two county region's expenditures and leftover then would be about \$600,000 for services.
- 20) Shane Walter: We are aware of that Mr. Taylor.
- 21) Jeremy Taylor: Well I just wanted to make sure.
- 22) Shane Walter: Again, this is a guess. We are looking at it very closely. We will see where we are in a month and then we'll be able to make some better guesses.
- 23) Jeremy Taylor: My other question is we see this format and I realize that numbers change, but we most recently saw this format with FY19 somewhere between 25, 26 and 27 dollars.
- 24) Shane Walter: It could be, I don't know. It was originally \$22.58.
- 25) Jeremy Taylor: Right, and now we are down to \$22.58 again so I guess my question is...
- 26) Shane Walter: It looks like at this point we could make that recommendation today, but it might change tomorrow.
- 27) Jeremy Taylor: So what I'd like to do for the next meeting, if we can, is I think we have seen four different projections and the \$22.58 was original when we were at \$17.58 and then \$22.58 and now I see that much higher and there would be negative reserve balances. I've seen one sheet with an ending fund balance in the negative. So, what I'd like to do is see if we can compare those 4 or 5 different ones and see truly after (Dennis if you could look at this too, and Aaron) we all look at it and if we could all be on the same page.
- 28) Shane Walter: Absolutely, we could do that.
- 29) Shane Walter: Again this is just for your information. We will be doing a whole lot more work on this budget and we will see where things are at a month from now.
- 30) Dennis Wright: It is going to need to be certified.
- 31) Shane Walter: We have to certify in March, so we've got to have something.
- 32) Mark Sybesma: Well you did say that you were pretty comfortable with the projected levy.
- 33) Shane Walter: We will work together and we will figure out where we need to be. We may know in a couple of weeks what is going on with respect to Rolling Hills and based on that we will be able figure out what we need to do and maybe be able to settle on a fairly solid recommendation for the levy.
- 34) Chairman Loutsch: What could happen legislatively?
- 35) Dennis Butler: They are looking at the Medicare reimbursement programs and multiple things. Plus, they have legislative committee this summer that could give recommendations that could change everything. They are talking about changing regionalization to just four or five regions.
- 36) Shane Walter: The size of the regions is not even on the table at this point. It may or may not happen.
- 37) Chairman Loutsch: I would say that next month we'll have to spend some time on this. Shane if we get some other numbers prior to the next meeting would you send them out to us and we could send comments back?
- 38) Shane Walter: We certainly can.

#### 14. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROVIDER RATES AND MHC BLOCK GRANTS FOR FY19

- A. Shane stated the recommendations are for information only due to the uncertainty of where things are at. As of today, they are looking at a recommendation to freeze rates where they currently are this year and going into next year.



15. GENERAL DISCUSSION: PUBLIC, PROVIDERS, CONSUMER INPUT, CEO UPDATES

- A. Shane Walter reported that he continues to meet at the State level. They will begin the legislative review process next week. He also has an ISAC Board meeting as well.
- B. Kim Keleher spoke to the group sharing the United Healthcare had recently made a significant change in their policies regarding Integrated Health Home and who they are going to allow to be in the Integrated Health Home.
  - I. To Plains Area Mental Health that means a cut of about 500 members, about half of their program.
  - II. Sheila Martin shared they are looking at losing 427 members which is half of their program.
  - III. Kim shared according to United Healthcare these individuals will be assigned to an ACO (Accountable Care Organization), but the ACOs have no knowledge of this. There is a meeting in Des Moines today regarding that.
  - IV. Kim stated that they will be doing staff layoffs. It is a huge catastrophic change to their programs and will have a huge impact on their budget.
  - V. Shane Walter asked Kim to update the Board on what happens today at the ACO meeting.
  - VI. Kim encouraged everyone to contact their legislators because the MCO situation is a disaster.
- C. Chris Barondeau of Goosman Law who is representing Siouxland Mental Health, addressed the Board asking if his firm's correspondence was received by Sioux Rivers Governance Board. He shared that the correspondence contains issues and concerns regarding the \$675,000 in funding for the Friendship house.
  - I. Chairman Loutsch explained that the correspondence was not addressed today because Mr. Lundberg, the Sioux Rivers attorney, was unable to attend the meeting.
  - II. Jeremy Taylor expressed his hope that the Board could use the Region's attorney and address the issue potentially in closed session if that is the more appropriate venue.

Motion by Don Kass to adjourn, second by Mark Sybesma. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary  
Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board

Approved by Governance Board: 2.27.18