

**Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board**  
**Minutes**  
**May 23, 2017**

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board Meeting was held Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Plymouth County Courthouse Annex Building, 215 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Le Mars, Iowa.

1. Chairman Mark Loutsch welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

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

Members absent David Van Ningen and Julie Albright.

Others present: Sharon Nieman, Patty Erickson-Puttmann, Dennis Butler, Shawn Scholten, Kim Wilson, Mark Monson, Patrick Schmitz, Kim Keleher, Greg Brostad, Mike Van Otterloo, Sheila Martin, Ann Landers, Penni Chesmore, Katie Detloff and Dick Sievers.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
  - A. Chair Mark Loutsch asked that Agenda Item #13 be moved up in the meeting between Agenda Items #8 and #9.
  - B. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Dennis Wright to approve the change in the Agenda. Carried 3-0.
3. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2017 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
  - A. The Board agreed to table the approval of the April 25, 2017 Governance Board meeting minutes until the June 27, 2017 meeting.
4. FISCAL AGENT REPORTS
  - A. Dennis Butler presented to the Board the Fund 110 and Fund 720 Reports.
  - B. Motion by Dennis Wright, second by Jeremy Taylor to approve the Fiscal Agent reports as presented. Carried 3-0.
5. APPROVE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH EXPENDITURES
  - A. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second by Keith Radig to approve the April Mental Health expenditures as presented. Carried 3-0.
6. UPDATE: ADVISORY BOARD, CRISIS CENTER, WORK ALTERNATIVES
  - A. The Advisory Board has not met since the last Governance Board Meeting.
  - B. Work Alternatives Committee had nothing to report to the Board.
  - C. Sheila Martin updated the Board on the Assessment and Stabilization Center
    - I. A ribbon cutting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> with the Siouxland Chamber.
    - II. Since January of 2017, the Center has served 143 individuals and over 300 have been served since they opened in the Spring of 2016.
    - III. Penni Chesmore, the new Assessment & Stabilization Director introduced herself.
    - IV. Katie Detloff, the new Assistant Director introduced herself.
  - D. Mark Monson updated the Board on the Friendship House.
    - I. The Friendship House committee met with the architect three weeks ago. Their advice was to not put bids out until August or September.
    - II. The committee will get the AIA for the architect back to the Board next month.

7. JAIL ALTERNATIVES COORDINATOR

- A. Shane reported that Nia Key started as the Jail Alternatives Coordinator on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - I. The Regional staff met with her and gave her the Region's perspective on the position.
  - II. She met with Major Wingert from the Jail in Woodbury County.
  - III. The person that was originally hired changed his mind about the position.

8. TRANSITIONAL BEDS COMMITTEE

- A. Sharon Nieman reported that the committee met and discussed the Region's needs, talked over different ideas and gathered information.
- B. Mike Wood shared his thoughts on transitional housing.

13. DICK SIEVERS, DIRECTOR, MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY (Moved up on the Agenda by Board approval)

- A. Dick Sievers, Executive Director of Mid-Sioux Opportunity, spoke to the Board regarding the space his agency shares with the Plains Area Drop-In Center.
  - I. Mid-Sioux Opportunity is a community action agency that serves Lyon, Sioux, Cherokee and Ida Counties.
  - II. They currently utilize part of the Drop-In Center building for head start classrooms as well as an outreach office and other staff offices. He expressed his concerns about still having that space available to them.
  - III. He has visited with Kim Keleher and Patrick Schmitz and Brenda at Plains Area. He feels they have worked out an arrangement that works well for his agency, but wants to make sure the Governance Board agrees with the plan.
- B. Chair Mark Loutsch said that there have been comments about the funding for the building and if it should be readjusted. He would like to meet people on the Drop-In Center Committee to discuss.
  - I. Patrick Schmitz shared that the bids are due next week, so there would not be time to meet prior. Patrick reassured Chair Loutsch that Plains Area and Mid-Sioux Opportunity are both in agreement and plan on moving forward. He also shared with the Board the funds that the Region is providing will be used as intended.
  - II. Chair Loutsch expressed his desire to still meet in the future to be kept informed on what they are doing and where the dollars going.
  - III. Jeremy Taylor suggested that the Drop-In Center Committee eventually provide to the Board a written report as to how those funds were allocated. Chair Loutsch agreed.

9. APPROVAL OF AMENDED FY2018 BUDGET AND PER CAPITA LEVY RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Shane shared they pared down the 2018 Budget from 7.9 to 5.9 million dollars which the Board will need to approve. The Board will also need to agree on the recommendation of the per capita levy rate of \$17.58 in each of the counties.
- B. The Board discussed at great length the recommendations.
- C. Dennis Wright motioned to approve the amended budget as presented and to approve the per capita rate of \$17.58 in each county, second by Don Kass. Carried 3-0.

10. APPROVAL OF AMENDED FY2018 ANNUAL SERVICE & BUDGET PLAN (ASBP)

- A. Shane told the Board they approved the ASBP a couple of months ago, but it needs to be reapproved due to the amended FY2018 Budget.
- B. Motion by Mark Sybesma, second Don Kass to approve the amended FY2018 Annual Service & Budget Plan. Carried 3-0.

11. APPROVAL OF PROVIDER CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (RATE INCREASES)

- A. Shane told the Board that the provider rate increases are included in the budget they just approved. What is being presented is the formal Board approval of those rate increases.
- B. Motion by Don Kass, second by Dennis Wright to approve the 3% provider rate increases. Carried 3-0.

12. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN REGIONS

- A. Shane asked for approval of the MOU by the Board next month. Shane passed out the final version of the Memorandum of Understanding to Board members and asked that they review for approval or denial at next month's Board meeting.

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION: PUBLIC, PROVIDER, CONSUMER INPUT, CEO UPDATES

- A. Patrick Schmitz announced that this would be his last Governance Board meeting. He thanked the Governance Board for their commitment to provide funding for services and take care of their providers.
- B. Shane shared information regarding SF504. In addition to what it offered as far as the levy equity, it also requires the Regions to come up with a new plan that is due to the State by October 15, 2017. Many things need to be addressed in that plan, one being how the Region will deal more effectively with those individuals with co-occurring disorders.
  - I. The Regional CEO's are working together to come up with a template that all regions could utilize for that submission so they all look similar in how they address that directive from the legislature.
  - II. Shane will share more about the plan next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Julie Albright, Secretary

Approved by Board: 6.27.17