



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board members met via zoom Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Mark Loutsch, Kim Wermersen, Carl Vande Weerd, Bill Leupold, Mark Behrens, Sherri Bootsma, Don Kass, Jerry Birkey, Sharon Nieman, Beth Will, Sue Duhn, Shane Walter, Lisa Rockhill, Mavis Anema, Kasey Fear, Barry Whitsell, Nicolle Eaton, John Steensma, Kim Keleher, Shawn Scholten, Denise Driesen, Janie Baird, Sheila Martin, Dawn Mentzer, and Abby Wallin. Christina Eggink Postma joined the meeting 1:15pm.

1. **WELCOME AND INTROCTIONS-**

Chairman Loutsch called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA-**

Behrens made motion to approve the agenda. Wermersen seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 11/24/2020 MEETING MINUTES-**

Behrens made motion to approve the November 24, 2020 minutes with a change in spelling of his last name to remove the d. Bootsma seconded the motion. Motion approved with all ayes.

4. **CARES UPDATE-**

Duhn presented information on the CARES dollars and the additional provider requests. Duhn told the board that Seasons Center had submitted a request for a reallocation of \$38,700 to be used for furniture at Camp Autumn. Seasons Center also asked for an additional \$12,561.75. Of the dollars Seasons Center requested, staff agreed \$2900.00 for medical grade furniture at the Sioux Center Seasons Center Office could be approved. Duhn stated that the staff were not in agreement regarding Seasons Center's request for furniture at Camp Autumn, and have brought it to the board for a decision. Vande Weerd was concerned about spending money for furniture at a camp that was not open and providing camp to kids. Wermersen said he believed that the money would be better-spent providing additional money for food as agencies are being hit hard with requests. Vande Weerd made motion that he was not in favor of paying for furniture for Seasons Center at Camp Autumn. Kass seconded the motion. Eggink Postma asked to speak to the group. She stated that camp was open and a training was provided there last week. Rockhill asked Eggink Postma why the original dollars could not be spent. Eggink Postma stated they believed it was a few reasons. Many insurance companies waived co-pays, and covid recovery was available so they did not need the additional dollars they believed they would need for mental health services. Kass questioned paying furniture to be utilized at camp in the future and cautioned being audited. Loutsch asked if the board could approve the dollars with the contingency that any need to pay back funds would be for the provider to pay. Anema stated that the RFP does state that providers are held accountable for any payments that need to be repaid. Kass still cautioned the board that if audited,



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they would be auditing everything. Loutsch asked for a roll call vote. Loutch-no, Behrens-no, Vande Weerd-yes, Bootsma-no, Steensma-yes, Birkey-yes, Leupold-yes, Kass-yes, Wermersen-yes, Baird-no. Motion carried. Loutsch asked for any additional discussion. Duhn asked the board for a formal decision regarding the staff suggestions of the other provider requests. Vande Weerd made motion to approve the staff recommendations. Behrens seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

5. **CRISIS SERVICES RFP UPDATE-**

Shane presented the RFP as provided to the board. Behrens asked about the Sheldon area and if buildings had been located. Will stated she contacted the realtor for properties in Sheldon and presented that there are options for locations. The locations are available for tours. Family Crisis in Sioux Center moved locations and that location is for sale. This is a 12-bed facility in Sioux Center, 2 story, for sale now. Behrens asked if we knew how many providers would be interested. Will stated we came up with five providers that we could send the RFP. Walter anticipates we would have a hybrid of providers, with one provider submitting the proposal. Wermersen believes we need to pursue the option of a building located in our region. Kass believes the first hurdle to jump is locating a facility. Loutsch stated he believed the entity could assist in locating the facility. Vande Weerd stated we need to do both hand in hand. Walter stated he believed we needed a provider before we can look for a building, or we will have a building without a provider. Wermersen, Bootsma, and Kass are willing to tour buildings. Wermersen made motion to proceed with RFP. Birkey seconded the motion. Kass does not believe January 9, 2021 is realistic date to receive the RFP back from providers, and that another week at least would be helpful. Loutsch stated they need to be back before the January meeting. January 18, 2021 would be a better date. Walter will tweak the time line. Loutsch would like the final copy of the RFP sent to the regional board when it is sent to providers. Motion carried with all ayes.

Loutsch asked if anyone had any additional things to discuss. Wermersen stated he had attended the District 3 Supervisor's meeting. Wermersen asked the State Legislators what happens if we do not meet state mandated. Wermersen read the Iowa Code 25B.2.

6. **ADJOURN-**

Loutsch adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Duhn".

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