



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in person and via zoom at 1:30pm. Those in attendance included: Kim Wermersen, Don Kass, John Steensma, Tammy Bruinsma, Brenda Langstraat-Janish, Mark Loutsch, Mark Sybesma, Carl Vande Weerd, Cory Altena, Dennis Vanden Hull, Mike Van Otterloo, John Pluth, Bill Leopold, Brittney Fuston, Mark Loutsch, Beth Will, Lisa Rockhill, Mavis Anema, Sharon Nieman, Shane Walter.

Others attending: Christina Eggink-Postma (Seasons Center), Barry Whitsell (Village Northwest), Ryan Dokter (Fiscal Agent), Susan Garro (Rosecrance/Jackson), Jamison Van Voorst (Sheriff's Dept.) Rob Aiken (Department of Human Services), Karen Rosengreen (ITP).

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA-** Cory Altena moved and John Pluth 2nd motion to approve agenda, motion carried.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 11/30/21 MEETING MINUTES-** Carl VandeWeerd moved and Don Kass 2nd motion to approve minutes as presented, motion carried.

4. **FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-** November's Report. Ryan Dokter fiscal agent shared that the region began with a balance of \$4,478,626.92. The region received revenues from Lyon County in November of \$134,995.00, the expenditures for November are \$207,558.52, leaving a regional ending fund balance of \$4,333,092.02. No questions for Ryan were received. Bill Leopold moved and Mark Sybesma 2nd motion to approve the Treasurer's report, motion carried.

5. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-** Claims totaling \$103,841.11 were presented to the Governance Board, moved by Don Kass and 2nd by Cory Altena to approve payment of the bills, motion carried.

6. **5-BED WAIVER REQUEST FOR VILLAGE NORTHWEST-** Barry Whitsell from Village Northwest Unlimited addressed the Board and explained that currently the Village has an 8 bed RCF that they would like to convert to a 5 bed HCBS waiver setting and that the Village needed approval from the region to convert the RCF to a 5-bed waiver home, Shane recommended the Board do this. Beth added that the licensure for the RCF will run out on 12/31/21. Bill asked for clarification on what the HCBS acronym stood for. Bill Leopold moved and Dennis VandenHull 2nd motion to approve this change over from RCF to HCBS Waiver, motion carried.

7. **STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE-** Shane shared that strategic Planning was held on the 22nd of November and a follow up meeting with staff. More work to be done was realized as we reviewed the preliminary report from Parlay earlier this month. The next step in the process is having Parlay assist with evaluation services and budgets, figuring out the double bottom line, getting the best services for the dollar spent, Shane believes that spending the money to assist with this part of the budgeting process would be monies well spent. The proposal



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from Parlay Consulting was \$8750.00. This process would involve both the Governance Board and staff with providers welcome as well and may involve a multiple step process involving various groups. John Steensma moved to approve this expenditure, Brittney Fuston 2nd that motion, motion carried.

8. **FY22 FUNDING AND PROVIDER REQUESTS-** Information/Action: Shane indicated that he hopes to come back to the board in January with some final requests, at this point in time Shane would like to ask the Board to restore all the funds cut from the current budget, they are performance-based amounts, and would only be paid if provider outcomes were achieved. Shane estimated that it would not be more than \$100,000, Carl VandeWeerd moved and Don Kass 2nd that motion to restore this funding. Beth added that we have not yet received any requests for the employment grant which is needed prior to those funds being distributed. Supported Employment job coaching team evaluates progress, Shane will get that estimate nailed down. Motion carried.

Shane addressed the Board and indicated that there are 2 regional vehicles that are reaching excessive mileage, Shane asked the board for approval to replace those vehicles. Shane would like to keep one for a regional backup, and the 2nd he would like to purchase for Sioux County Zoning to use if that is agreeable to the Board at the high end of what the trade in allowance would be if trading in. It was asked if the new vehicles would be purchased through a state bid process, Shane responded yes. John Pluth moved that we proceed with this purchase and sell one of the cars back to Sioux County at Fair Market Value for use in the Zoning Department, Cory Altena 2nd motion to move forward with this, motion carried.

9. **GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES-** No additional discussion noted.
10. **ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-** Kim wished all a Very Merry Christmas and thanked all for their dedication. Don Kass moved and Brittney Fuston 2nd motion to adjourn, motion carried.

Lisa Rockhill, Acting Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Rockhill".

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