



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in via zoom due to area flooding and road closures. Those in attendance via zoom included: Sue Duhn, Joe Van Tol, Abby Wallin, Christina Eggink-Postma, Kim Keleher, Don Kass, Beth Will, Kim Wermeresn, Denise Driesen, Dan Ries, Barry Whitsell, Brenna Koedam, Todd Lange, Dennis Vanden Hull, Tammy Bruinsma, Cory Altena, Carl Vande Weerd, Jessica Le Fleur, Sheri Bootma came on at 1:58 pm, Rob Aiken joined the meeting at 2:01pm.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA-**

Whitsell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 5/28/24 MEETING MINUTES-**

Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bruinsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

4. **GENERAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES: INPUT FROM REGIONAL STAFF, PUBLIC, PROVIDERS, ETC.**

Ries provided an update with Seasons Center. Seasons Center was hit with floods. Nineteen staff members had significant flood damage at their homes. Seasons Center is asking their board for a natural disaster PTO policy. There are three offices in Spencer. The Autumn Center power went out, the pump stopped working and the basement is flooded. There is still 5-6 feet of water in the basement. There was nearly a fire in the basement in the Autumn Center with the Electrically Room getting hot. The Autumn Center staff have moved to other offices nearby. The phone system is down, but hopefully they have a work around with that to send out this afternoon (6/25/24). Appointments will be as usual starting tomorrow (6/26/24) if all goes as planned at the main office. There is also water in the basement in the Spirit Lake Office. The Rock Rapids Office they haven't been able to access yet currently. Camp was cancelled this week due to road closures and flooding. Camp will reopen July 8. The office in Sheldon is having some intermittent sewer issues as well. Seasons Center is working on sending staff out to the shelters to provide crisis services. The crisis center needs one position filled. The ACT team did lose a member of their team. Her position was filled, and ACT is working on the wait list to get people into services. Koedam praised Seasons Center's staff for their work in the shelters. Will asked Dan what is happening with the 988 number referral to Seasons Center. Dan has been communicating with 988 with who is on call and 988 is calling those on call numbers. People may get a busy signal as they do have



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limited lines now since their main hub is down. SMU is waiting on hardware to change their system over so that it will work. Ries hopes to have a few lines working yet this afternoon. Ries will make sure the region has those numbers as well.

Koedam shared information regarding the flooding. Seasons Center mobile crisis, Shawn with Creative Living, and Denise with Family Solutions have been working within communities. Will is working in Emmet and Dickinson County with flood work. Dickinson is in the clean-up phase. Will is working in Emmet County now working on displacements and taking care of needs as needed. Koedam was on the phone with Karen Hyatt, with HHS, that has provided translators in the area to assist. Koedam is working to get mental health information in Spanish so it can get into shelters and hands of those that need it. FEMA and Red Cross are in now. The region is not getting involved unless we have been invited in. We are doing what we are asked to do, but we are not taking over. Will asked Don Kass if YES Center is back up and running as transportation for hospitalizations are still happening. Kass will reach out to Cheryl and see what he can find out for updates. Koedam also shared Hope Haven lost at least 8 waiver homes as well as the apartments. All those people will be displaced. The need for housing is a huge need. There will be long-term things the region will need to assist with going forward.

Vande Weerd shared Garcia was in Rock Valley with the Governor yesterday.

Bruinsma asked how to access FEMA and disaster funds as she was one that lost everything. Driesen did state the KTIV website has that link. Driesen will send the link out to the board.

Will shared Dickinson County's disaster team did get a call from HHS as they are writing for dollars for mental health. The dollars will be for workers to go out to assist individuals, but the money will not pay for outpatient services so the region will need to fund those services for those that are eligible. The grant dollars will pay for "navigators" to assist people in finding services.

5. **FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-**

Van Tol reported on the fiscal agent report for May 2024. Koedam will meet with Van Tol next week for follow up conversation with Van Tol. Kass made a motion to approve the fiscal agent report. Driesen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**

Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Duhn has submitted payment for first quarter payroll to the counties to be paid next



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week. This is not in the June claim list, as it will be approved in July. Counties can be on the lookout for those dollars next week.

7. **FY25 HHS PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT-**

Koedam shared the FY25 HHS performance-based contract. 1.3.6.2 Prohibited Use of Funds. Regional funds cannot purchase consultant services to plan, write, or assist with writing any proposal to an Iowa HHS procurement as such spending is neither related to service provision nor necessary to manage the regional service system. Koedam did talk with Rob Aiken about this, and our approval last month was not to write the RFP but to terminate the region. Koedam will ensure we stay within our approved intent last month. Kass made a motion to approve the FY25 HHS Contract. Driesen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

8. **FY25 PROVIDER CONTRACTS-**

Koedam has gone through all FY25 contracts with all providers. The contracts are as the providers have approved them in discussions. Avera's contract is not included as we are still in negotiations with them. Koedam and Melissa with Care Connections are in discussion surrounding supplanting funds. All services will be invoiced monthly instead of quarterly. Whitsell made a motion to approve FY25 contracts. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

9. **PLAINS AREA DROP-IN Overage REQUEST-**

Duhn discussed the overage request from Plains Area. The Drop-In Center has reached the cap and continues to see individuals through June. The overage costs are for a maximum of \$4800 as submitted by Plains Area. Kass made a motion to approve the overage costs. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

10. **FY23 AUDIT LETTER-**

Koedam presented on the draft FY23 Audit. Koedam will bring the official audit to the board next month for approval.

11. **STAFF UPDATE-**

Koedam presented on the staff update. Koedam does have two interested people for the service coordinator position. Koedam needs to follow up with interviews for those positions. No applications have been received for the administrative assistant position. Koedam does plan to reach out to temp agencies



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for a possible solution. Will does have all current client applications, and documents received, and we are working on notice of decisions to send out in the next week to ten days for the first quarter of FY25 services. Will did receive several new applications, especially for kids right out of school with no services in place. Several clients did get displaced and service plans have had to be reworked.

12. **HHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ALIGNMENT PUBLIC MEETINGS-**

Koedam shared the public meetings have begun. Koedam did sit in on the first one that was held a few weeks ago. They shared three potential maps. They shared their power point which you can get on the Behavioral Health Alignment website now. Koedam will share that link with the Governance Board as well as information with the dates of the next meetings. They had five questions they asked those in attendance to respond to. There was conversation around the maps and what they are looking for regarding development. Koedam believes there is still misconception on what is going to happen. There is an in-person meeting July 18 from 12-2 pm in person at Rosecrance Jackson in Sioux City. There is a meeting July 8 from 12-1 that is virtual as well. The first map was the draft map that we have seen over and over, the second map was 7 districts that align with the area on aging agencies, while splitting Northwest Aging into District 6 and 7, and the third map is the footprint of community action centers. Koedam is still working with Melissa and Dawn as things progress.

13. **CHANGE JULY 2024 GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING DATE TO JULY 16, 2024**

The Governance Board meeting will be moved to July 16, 2024, per board discussion.

14. **ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-**

Kass made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Duhn".

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