



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met in person at the O'Brien County Courthouse in Primghar as well as via zoom for those unable to attend in person. Those in attendance via zoom and in person included: Sue Duhn, Kim Wermersen, Don Kass, Carl Vande Weerd, Sherri Bootsma, Dennis Vanden Hull, Brenna Koedam, Kimber Patterson, Joe Van Tol, Barry Whitsell, Shawn Scholten, Dan Ries, Denise Driesen, Jami Van Voorst joined at 1:40pm, Beth Will joined at 1:43pm, Kevin Maughan joined the meeting 1:47 pm.

#### 1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 1:40pm.

#### 2. **APPROVE AGENDA-**

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

#### 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 6/25/24 MEETING MINUTES-**

Vanden Hull made a motion to approve the June 25, 2024, minutes as presented. Van Voorst seconded the motion. Koedam did state all contracts are back from providers except for Avera. A meeting will be held with them next week to discuss their contract. The motion carried with all ayes.

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

Koedam shared a flood response update. Koedam shared Project Recovery Iowa will be in all counties. Though she was not sure if they would be in O'Brien County. Sioux Rivers has provided information on each of the locations they have met in thus far. The next step for HHS is hiring an Outreach Support Specialist. This individual may have been hired. Ryan, with NAMI, who has this HHS contract, will reach out to Koedam at least once per week. There have been providers with boots on the ground since day one after the flood. The Northwest Iowa Crisis Debriefing Team, Family Solutions, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, and Plains Area have assisted in the efforts. Koedam did provide debriefing with Rock Valley Schools. They have asked for people to be in the halls on their first days back to school when they see their classrooms. Shawn Scholten has a team that will be doing debriefing for emergency support individuals. Koedam shared the Sioux Rivers Rock Rapids Office did sustain some damage and as of Monday the furniture and other items were removed by regional staff and that office is now closed.

Kass did state there was a question about transportation around the YES Center. Kass did state one of the things the YES Center has been having as an issue with is that individuals have been calling multiple ride



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services and sending the individual with the first rider that arrives. Koedam did let Kass know there was an issue with the YES Center not providing rides to long distances and therefore were sitting in emergency rooms for additional hours and/or days. Kass will discuss this with the YES Center board at their next meeting.

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

Van Tol reported on the June fiscal agent report. Van Tol did report on the expenditure made with a revenue COA to pay HHS for the overpayment of FY23. Koedam believes we need at least three months-worth of operating expenses for good business and tell let it be known to the providers this is why Sioux Rivers cannot be upfronting money. Kass asked if we expect flood related expenses. Currently, Koedam has not had any requests. Koedam's primary focus is service provision. If something is holding up service provision, then we need to look at that. Van Voorst made a motion to accept the fiscal agent report. Bootsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**

Duhn did state there were two pay periods in July. The first was for the first quarter salaries. The second was the regular monthly expenses. Kass made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 7. **FY23 AUDIT-**

Koedam presented the FY23 Audit as presented. The one issue found in the audit was the dollars paid to Walter Media with Shane Walter as the CEO. Koedam reminded the board Walter was the CEO for the first few months of FY23. Van Voorst made a motion to approve the FY23 Audit. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 8. **STAFF UPDATE-**

Koedam reported on the staff updates. Koedam does have two potential options for the service coordinator role. Will and Duhn have done a lot of work in getting all the counties cleaned up with open cases moved into the correct funding. When that was all said and done there are sixteen individuals that are receiving regional funded services. The other piece of that job is crisis services and jail services. Will has been handling those for all counties. There are also new applications coming in, the piece that takes time with those is the paperwork. The chasing of the paperwork and scanning could be done by an Administrative Assistant. That Administrative Assistant could take on the role of tracking down individuals, and paperwork. Koedam has reached out to Adventure Staffing. There are two ways they could assist.



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They would take on the individual for three months, with a percentage going to Adventure Staffing. The other option is for Adventure Staffing to assist us in hiring an individual. We would be looking at about \$8500 for their role in assisting in the hire. Koedam would like to work with Adventure Staffing to work towards hiring an individual. Koedam would like the individual to be a direct hire because if they are not a direct hire, the individual is unable to drive our vehicle or their own vehicle. Kass made a motion to authorize Koedam to work with Adventure Staffing. Van Voorst seconded the motion. Whitsell would like Koedam to negotiate, if possible, with Adventure Staffing the percentage they would get paid. Ries did wonder Koedam could negotiate a higher percentage to them if they get someone hired quicker with the percentage going down the longer it takes to hire. The board agreed this would be a good option as well. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 9. **ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-**

Van Voorst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:16pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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

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