



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met via zoom only. Those in attendance via zoom included: Sue Duhn, Kim Wermersen, Christina Eggink-Postma, Dennis Vanden Hull, Shawn Scholten, Don Kass, Joe Von Tol, Denise Driesen, Cory Altena, Sarah Heinrichs-Wurm, Barry Whitsell, Brenna Koedam, Jamie Van Voorst, Rob Aiken, Jenelle Hultquist, Tammy Bruinsma, Kimber Patterson, Sherri Bootsma joined the meeting at 1:40pm, Todd Lange joined the meeting at 1:43 pm, Carl Vande Weerd joined the meeting at 1:55 pm.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA-**

Van Voorst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bruinsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 7/16/24 MEETING MINUTES-**

Whitsell made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes as listed. Van Voorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

**4. FLOOD RESPONSE FUNDING-**

Koedam discussed the flood response funding request. Providers were active that last week of June providing crisis services to our communities. Koedam would like to provide them some dollars to recoup some of those costs. Koedam suggested \$200 per person, per day. The totals are included in the claim total for the meeting. So, if the board does not approve those checks will be pulled. Kass made a motion to approve the requested dollars, \$8000 to Creative Living and \$800 to Family Solutions. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. Driesen abstained from the vote.

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

Eggink-Postma provided an update to the board for Crittenton Center. Crittenton Center has taken over a childcare center in Sioux County. The Crittenton Center currently has twenty-five kids in their shelter. Crittenton Center is offering different levels of skill development for kids. For those on Medicaid those services may be paid. They currently have a student that does not trust adults. He has been blossoming in the programs that Crittenton Center provides. The Crittenton Center will be putting a request together for the board in September.



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Sarah provided an update on Camp Autumn. They just finished up their eighth summer camp. Sioux Rivers funded 51 camp weeks funding to 41 unique kids from the region. This summer provided less aggression for kids. They were closed for an extra week this summer due to flooding, but otherwise were open for camp this summer. Bootsma asked how many kids got more than one week of camp. Sarah stated there were a few kids able to have a couple weeks of camp as 41 unique kids were at camp at 51 weeks.

#### 6. FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-

Van Tol reported on the fiscal agent report. Van Voorst made a motion to approve the report as presented. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 7. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-

Duhn presented the total of the claims listing. Whitsell made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Driesen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 8. PROVIDER FUNDING REQUESTS-

Koedam discussed a funding request received from Emmet County Emergency Management. They are asking for canine training and certification to go along with first responders. Koedam suggested the board wait until after at least the first quarter before approving additional funds. Kass agrees with Koedam. Whitsell agreed that we should wait as it is not something budgeted. He also is concerned this may result in each county asking for the same item. Eggink-Postma asked how far out the board would be tabling the items. Koedam will hold all requests until after the first half of the year based on board recommendations.

#### 9. STAFF UPDATE-

Koedam did do an interview with an individual provided through the temp agency. At this point, Koedam has asked for additional candidates to interview as he was not the perfect candidate. Koedam does not yet have additional candidates from the agency.

#### 10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ALIGNMENT-

Koedam shared information regarding the Behavioral Health Alignment. The Behavioral Health ASO RFP will be out in September. The ADRC provider RFP could be out as late as mid-October. Koedam shared a few slides that HHS has provided. The ASO's will be named by December 31, 2024, with the installation beginning January 1, 2025. Koedam shared the final approved map that was released by HHS. Koedam did share that Dickinson and Emmet are in a different district than the other four counties currently in our region. An ASO will receive funding based on need, and not on per capita as it is now. Currently one of the



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eligibility requirements is residency. Residency is not an issue in the new alignment. Individuals will be able to receive services wherever they want in the new system. Koedam does like the idea of the braided funding to provide holistic care. The ADRC will be more service coordination work mirroring what aging agencies are already doing. Koedam has been thinking about if we write for both and if we write for multiple districts. Koedam shared maps of the provisionally certified CCHBC's, Tobacco providers, and the Integrated Provider Network (IPN). Koedam shared some ideas she is exploring. Option A is both the salmon and sage colored districts in the map. This could mean working with Melissa or writing separately. Option B would be writing the salmon color only. Option C would be writing for salmon, sage, and yellow districts (three western districts). Option D is salmon and yellow districts.

Vande Weerd is in favor of Option A. Van Voorst, Kass, and Driesen agreed with Option A. Wermersen does believe multiple districts is the way to go. Kass believes the counties in those two regions already have relationships built to continue to move forward. The board believes the way Koedam has them in order is the way to go. Option A to D. Koedam needs to determine how to build this and stand it up. Koedam does believe the district could use a single county of record, but this does not mean this is how the RFP will come out. Koedam believes the options for us are a single county of record or becoming non-profit. Koedam stated it is hard to plan when we don't know how much money we will have to stay under the 7% administration cap. Becoming a non-profit is tougher without knowing what we are looking at for funds. Wermersen did state it is hard for the board to help make decisions with everything so unknown. Vande Weerd did want Koedam to let him know if Sioux County may be the county of record as he would need that approved by the board. Koedam needs to see the RFP before any final decisions can be made. Kass suggested Koedam go to the Sioux County Board for a MOU or letter of support now to have it in the toolbox going forward. Koedam did state if she wrote for the ADRC provider she would do that for both districts as well. Vande Weerd is also concerned that if we need a non-profit set up that will take some time. Kass suggested discussing the county of record option with the Sioux County attorney as well. Vande Weerd did state the board would back Koedam as much as they can.

#### 11. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn. Kass seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.



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Sue Duhn, Secretary

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