



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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: Tim Schumacher, Cory Altena, Carl Vande Weerd, Kim Wermersen, Brenna Koedam, Sue Duhn, Abby Wallin, Dennis Vanden Hull, Tammy Bruinsma, Shawn Scholten, Janelle Hultquist, Joe Van Tol, Kimber Patterson, Beth Will, Barry Whitsell, Kim Keleher, Don Kass, Todd Lange, Denise Driesen, Jessica, Jami Van Voorst joined at 1:45 pm.

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

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

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

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

#### 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 8/27/24 MEETING MINUTES-**

Vanden Hull made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Driesen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

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

Koedam discussed the closing of Camp Autumn. Autumn Center will reopen as flood damages are handled. Seasons Center plans to continue with respite services, though they will not happen at the camp. Koedam did state there was a newspaper article that Autumn Center was closing. The article was incorrect, and they are writing a correction to that article. Another rumor occurred regarding terminating of CCBHC staff, which is also not true. Funding was the reason for closing of Camp Autumn.

The RFP is out, and staff are actively working on it. There are fourteen organizations bidding.

Koedam reported on the staff updates. An interview was done today and there is another interview yet to be held with hopes to offer by next week.

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

Van Tol reported on the fiscal agent report. Cass made a motion to approve the report. Whitsell seconded the motion. Koedam did add HHS is requesting a monthly report which shows line-item breakdown with an amendment needing done if we exceed a line item by more than \$100,000. Motion carried with all ayes.



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#### 6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-

Whitsell made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Altena seconded the motion. Duhn did state the counties who have employees of record will receive money this week as well. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 7. AVERA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FY25 CONTRACT-

Koedam presented the FY25 Avera Behavioral Health Contract. Altena asked if there was a daily rate. Koedam did state there is a daily rate only for usage, and only if the individual meets criteria for regional payment. Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the contract. Bruinsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

#### 8. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ALIGNMENT-

Koedam discussed the RFP for the ASO is out and is due October 18, 2024. The RFP for ADRC will come out mid-October. The award to the bidder will be made by December 31, 2024. Whoever wins the bid will begin transition January 1, 2025. Koedam states our work on this is about the individuals in Northwest Iowa and getting the services needed. Vande Weerd thanked the staff and their work to keep things afloat while also working on the RFP. Vanden Hull asked how big of a committee works on reading them. Koedam stated she did not know who looks at them, but did know there was a committee. Koedam did state there is a Bidder's Conference tomorrow afternoon and she hopes to learn more information.

#### 9. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Wermersen thanked the group for attending and continuing to support the team as regions come to an end. Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Van Voorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 1: 55 pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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

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