



SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTER 22, 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: Don Kass, Carl Vande Weerd, Dennis Vanden Hull, Denise Driesen, Kim Wermersen, Brenna Koedam, Sue Duhn, Cory Altena, Kim Keleher, Shawn Scholten, Barry Whitsell, Christina Eggink-Postma, Jessica (Seasons Center), Janelle Hultquist, Kimber Patterson, Jami Van Voorst, and Todd Lange.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

2. APPROVE AGENDA-

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

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 9/24/24 MEETING MINUTES-

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

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

Koedam shared information regarding 24 Hour De-escalation training in Spirit Lake, November 6-8, 2024. Van Voorst asked if corrections staff were able to come. Van Voorst plans to send individuals. Koedam did confirm staff need to be there all three days. Registrations need to be in by November 1. Koedam did send to Care Connections of Northern Iowa too for additional participation.

5. FISCAL AGENT REPORT AND REGIONAL EXPENDITURES-

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

6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-

Altena asked about the sustainability totals and why they were the same each month. Duhn explained sustainability vs. usage. Whitsell made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

7. FY24 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER-

Kass made a motion to approve the FY24 audit letter. Whitsell seconded the motion. The motion carried



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with all ayes.

8. **HHS ROG-**

Koedam discussed the HHS ROG. Because it is a transition year HHS is forcing regions to amend the budget if a line-item COA is different by \$100,000. Also, we must submit the budget with expenditures to HHS each month. As of now HHS wants regional dollars back no later than July 1, 2025. This poses an issue with accruals. HHS is working on a transitional ROG for those accruals. For the providers, please be sure you are submitting invoices in a timely manner.

9. **HORIZONS UNLIMITED FY25 CONTRACT-**

Koedam discussed an individual at Armstrong needing services. Hope Haven does not extend that far and therefore the team is looking at Horizons Unlimited to provide that service. Koedam would like permission from the board to create a contract if we do not hitchhike off the Care Connections contract. Kass made a motion to enter a contract with Horizons Unlimited if hitchhiking off of Care Connections contract is not a better option. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

10. **SET MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024-**

The Governance Board decided to move the November and December meetings up one week due to holiday conflicts. The meetings will now be held November 19, 2024, and December 17, 2024.

11. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ALIGNMENT-**

Koedam discussed the status of behavioral health alignment. There was a lot of work in putting the RFP together. It was submitted late last Thursday as a team effort. Sioux Rivers did submit for District 1 and District 2. District 1 had four agencies apply (Elevate Housing Foundation, Iowa Primary Care Association, Pottawattamie County, Sioux Rivers-and Sioux County) and District 2 had five agencies submit (Elevate Housing Foundation, Iowa Primary Care Association, Sioux Rivers-Sioux County, Care Connections of Northern Iowa, and Central Iowa Community Services).

Disability Access Points is the new RFP that was out after the first RFP was completed. Koedam plans to submit the intent letter and continue to look at the RFP to decide if Sioux Rivers can fit within this bidder eligibility. Wermersen thanked the staff for their work. The RFP does require a presentation which will be November 20 or 21 with notification November 18 or 19.



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12. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Van Voorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:11pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2024 at 1:30pm.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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

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