



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met via zoom. Those in attendance via zoom included: Brenna Koedam, Beth Will, Kim Wermersen, Tammy Bruinsma, Barb Rohwer, Sherri Bootsma, Denise Driesen, Abby Wallin, Don Kass, Dennis Vanden Hull, Cory Altena, Jami Van Voorst, Karen Rosengreen, and Sue Duhn.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

Wermersen welcomed the group to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA-**

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

**3. TERMINATE AGREEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE SERVICES-**

Koedam discussed the MH Advocate agreement. Koedam stated HHS is looking at all contracts the regions currently have. HHS says the ASO will be maintaining all contracts though at this time we do not know what that means. Koedam stated the counties will need to name a mental health advocate and may seek reimbursement from HHS per the law signed by Reynolds in May. Wallin currently has individual contracts with counties that appoint her in Care Connections of Northern Iowa. Sioux Rivers has a regional contract. Therefore, the contract needs to be terminated. The contract states it needs to be terminated by January 1. This meeting is being held to terminate that contract for the next fiscal year prior to the deadline of January 1. Wallin did state individual counties can contract with Abby going forward. Koedam did let the supervisors know she is trying to set up a meeting with Abby next week. Kass is relieved Abby will be supporting the counties going forward if the counties wish to do so. Kass made a motion to terminate the mental health advocate service effective July 1, 2025. Bruinsma seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes. It was decided the county supervisors would meet next Tuesday afternoon at 1pm via zoom to discuss county advocate services going forward. Kass asked if the auditors could also listen to that meeting for budgeting purposes and it was agreed this could be a good idea.

**4. 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 8:42 am.

Sue Duhn, Secretary

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