



## SIoux RIVERS REGIONAL MHDS

### GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

The Sioux Rivers Regional MHDS Governance Board met via zoom. Those in attendance via zoom included: Beth Will, Sue Duhn, Carl Vande Weerd, Don Kass, Kim Wermersen, Cory Altena, Joe Van Tol, Dennis Vanden Hull, Shawn Scholten, Barry Whitsell, Karen Rosengreen, Todd Lange, Jamie Van Voorst, Kevin Maughan, Kevin Maughan, and Tammy Bruinsma.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS-**

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

**2. APPROVE AGENDA-**

Kass 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 3/25/25 MEETING MINUTES-**

Vande Weerd made a motion to approve the minutes as listed. Whitsell seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

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

Karen Rosengreen put information into the zoom chat that seven clients were served in Alex's Place. They continue to recruit to be fully staffed as they have been paying a lot of overtime to cover staff. Karen also shared ACT Updates, 19 clients with 13 on the waitlist. The program is expected to grow over the summer.

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

Van Tol reported on the fiscal agent report. We continue to spend the money down as planned. Whitsell asked about the fund balance projected. Duhn reported if all money is spent within the budget there will be about half of what is needed for FY26, but this was contingent on spending all budgeted money. Altena made a motion to approve the report. Vanden Hull seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

**6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS-**

Duhn explained claims as listed. The highlighted items are those that are older, most of which are attorney fees though there are some MHI invoices on there are well. Duhn shared there were dollars paid to Lakes LifeSkills for an open bed as well. Kass made a motion to approve the claims as listed. Vande Weerd seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

**7. FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT-**

Duhn shared a budget amendment was not needed. HHS had stated a budget amendment would be needed if the starting fund balance was different than the audited starting fund balance. But, because this was only different in an amount of \$7,270 Duhn was told by Rob Aiken at HHS a budget amendment was not needed and the difference would be taken into account in the Close Out Plan.

**8. VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED TRANSPORTATION CAP INCREASE-**

Duhn stated Village Northwest had used their cap in February and asked the board to consider an additional \$20,000 towards their cap to provide some assistance with continued transportation costs. Duhn stated this does fit within the allotted amount of the line item. Kass made a motion to approve an increase of the transportation cost to Village Northwest for Transportation in the amount of \$20,000. Altena seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes, except for Whitsell who abstained from the vote.

**9. HHS CLOSE OUT PLAN-**

Duhn presented that aside from a couple of questions last week from HHS, no additional information has been received regarding the status of the Close Out plan. Duhn has not heard that any of the plans have yet been decided on. Hopefully we will have an answer from HHS on those soon.

**10. DAP UPDATE-**

Duhn and Will updated the group on the DAP. Duhn told the group the first DAP Provider Town Hall meeting was held Monday afternoon. Duhn and Will did learn there will be statewide rates for services. It isn't yet known what those rates will be. If a provider is already billing Medicaid services, they will be provided with a different provider number to invoice for DAP services. This is so HHS can keep track of state vs. federal dollars. It was also learned that if providers have funding requests for clients through June 30, 2025, the DAP will be honoring the funding requests through December 31, 2025. This does not mean they will honor the rate of the funding request, but the service on the funding request. The DAP Provider Town Hall meetings will continue monthly on the third Thursday of each month.

**11. ASO/PCA UPDATE-**

Duhn and Will updated the group on the ASO. The ASO continues to have monthly Town Hall meetings. The ASO also meets with CEOs monthly at the CEO meetings. At this time we have been asked to provide all contracts, any contract addendums, and any contracts and addendums between now and termination of the region. We have also been asked to provide contact information for providers so they have recent

information to work with providers on contracts, as well as all coalition meetings the region is involved in so they can start taking part in those. As of today, Duhn has not heard that the Advisory Council members of the districts have been assigned. They were to be naming those soon. At the CEO meeting last week it was the goal to have a meeting with the Advisory Councils of each district prior to the end of April.

**12. UPDATE ON FLOOD DOLLARS-**

Duhn reported on the flood dollars. As of today, \$17,160 has been approved with \$5,740 being paid. Vande Weerd asked who was eligible for flood dollars. Dr. Scholten shared anyone that was impacted by the flooding last Spring is eligible to apply. This could be those directly impacted, or assisting those impacted. The individual is eligible for one evaluation and up to three therapy sessions.

**13. MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT-**

Duhn reported on the monthly expenditure report. At this point, through April, we are at about 67% of the budget, 80% through the year. We will continue to work towards paying providers for their services provided. Duhn did report providers have been good about submitting invoices timely thus far.

**14. ADJOURN GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING-**

Vande Weerd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Van Voorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all ayes.

Sue Duhn, Secretary



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