



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Buena Vista * Calhoun * Carroll * Cherokee * Crawford * Ida * Sac

Governance Board

March 7, 2018 – 2:00 p.m.

Holstein, Iowa

Boulders Inn & Conference Center

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chair, Rick Hecht

2. Roll Call of Counties – Introductions

Buena Vista: Paul Merten

Calhoun: Scott Jacobs

Carroll: Neil Bock

Cherokee: Dennis Bush

Crawford: Cecil Blum

Ida: Creston Schubert

Sac: Rick Hecht

Regional Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Leisa Mayer, Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith, Coordinators

Guests: Melissa Drey, Kim Kelleher, PAMHC; Jeremy Taylor, Dennis Butler, Woodbury County; Diana

Ossman, ISI, Lisa Meyer, Deidra Brown, Clay Adams, Wesco Industries; Jim Aberg, IStart Program;

Dick Owens, Sioux City; Cindy Wiemold, Faith, Hope and Charity; Sandy Pingel, Genesis

Development; Ben Shuberg, Crossroads; Flora Lee, Sioux City; Jim France, Woodbury Co. Citizen;

Norman Brown, Gina Moyer, Fitz Grant, Sanford Center; Travis Hoffer, KTIV; Audrey Larson, Katie

Detloff, Siouxland Mental Health Center; Dennis Boxler, Woodbury County; Taylor Goodvin, TRC;

Brett Hayworth, Sioux City Journal, Jetska Wauren, KMEG and a KCAU news representative (name not noted on signature sheet).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Cecil Blum made a motion to amend the minutes of the previous meeting by replacing edited comments by Sheila Martin (under item 7 of old business) and reinstating original wording: "Sheila Martin, of Siouxland Mental Health Center addressed the board concerning a demand letter their attorney had written to Sioux Rivers Region. Sheila wants Rolling Hills board to know that they want to proceed with joining this region, they want a clean break (from Sioux Rivers Region) and continue

to move forward with Rolling Hills. Their goal is to not proceed with any litigation with Sioux Rivers and they are taking it off the table. “

Second by Neil Bock. Motion approved 5-2: voting in favor: Schubert, Bock, Blum, Hecht, Jacobs.
Voting against: Bush and Merten

Move to approve the minutes as amended by Neil Bock. Second by Cecil Blum. Discussion: none
Motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Rick Hecht requested that item 5 on the agenda, “comments by the public”, be moved to item 6e.
Motion to amend the agenda by Bush. Second by Paul Merten. Motion carried

Motion to approve amended agenda by Scott Jacobs. Second by Neil Bock. Motion approved
unanimously

5. (move under 6e)

6. Order of Business

a) Tele psych Implementation Update - Jay Ricke, Integrated Telehealth Partners

Update by Dawn Mentzer, as Jay Ricke was not able to attend. All jails are running except for Cherokee and Crawford, coordinators are working with these jails to get it implemented. Four Hospitals are live, Crawford County Memorial is set to go live April 1st. Stewart Memorial in Lake City is now interested in switching to ITP from their current provider.

b) ICAP Liability Quote Request Form – action

Renewal paperwork has been received from Stille Pierce and Pertzborn for the annual renewal quote request with ICAP. The financial/budget information has been updated in the document and needs to be signed to have a quote for next year.

Creston Schubert made a motion for the chair to sign. Second by Dennis Bush. Motion carried
unanimously.

c) Legislative Update – HF2456

Dawn Mentzer reviewed HF2456 which passed the House at the end of February and will be debated in the Senate in the next week or so. This will expand core services provided by the regions. Fund balance restrictions is not addressed. Regions would work collaboratively to expand the core services such as Access Centers (for crisis), Sub-Acute, ACT teams expanded across the state, Mobile Response, 23-hour Crisis Observation and Stabilization, Intensive Residential Treatment Homes for those with complex needs who require an intensive level of care with “no eject, no reject” requirement (120 beds across the state).

d) Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Service and Budget Plan – action

Dawn Mentzer gave an overview of the plan that is due to the State by April 1, 2018 and needs to be approved by the board for submission. The plan includes access points, crisis plan/services, care coordination, budget recommendation and revenue. Financial forecasting includes working toward a 25% fund balance.

*A motion to approve the report by Scott Jacobs. Second by Dennis Bush. Discussion: none.
Motion carried unanimously.*

e) **Comments from the Public: Everyone will have an opportunity to speak. Therefore, comments may be limited to three minutes on any one item.**

Dick Owens of Sioux City addressed the board. If the vote goes to a no vote he has heard that there would be a request to delay up to one year and he doesn't see anything different financially in that time to make a difference. He thanked the board for the thoughtful job that they have done in leading to a decision.

Audrey Larson, Siouxland Mental Health, concerning the lawsuit that was mentioned, they have not filed and do not intend to act on the demand letter sent to Sioux Rivers Region.

Fitz Grant of the Sanford Center stated that 200 + students will be without services, most of the students are low income and transient populations. These services provide stability to this population and students. He is hoping for a no vote so that they can continue to serve these children.

f) **Advisory Board Recommendation regarding Woodbury County's request to join Rolling Hills – Kim Keleher, Rolling Hills Advisory Board Chair**

Kim Keleher, Chair of the Advisory Board sent a survey to providers, and 6 out of 22 responded. Responses voiced a lot of concerns, such as, funding cuts, chaos with Woodbury County providers spilling into our region, etc. This gave providers an opportunity to give input and concerns to the board.

Rick Hecht, commented that the bullet points are all items that have been discussed in meetings.

g) **Woodbury County Request to join Rolling Hills Region - action**

Cecil Blum shared his comments including: concern with staff overload, good cop bad cop drama in the region that can distract from the work in the region, expansion could affect relationship with providers. We enjoy a great working relationship with the providers as it is now. Financial concerns including service cuts and subsidizing Woodbury County.

Dennis Bush stated that everything has been asked and said and this needs to be put to bed.

Neil Bock addressed why \$1 million is a reasonable amount to bring, they should match our reserve, it will not be enough, if they bring half the population (to the Region) they should bring half the reserve balance.

Paul Merten stated he has been on both sides of the argument both for and against. We have seen a lot of change (since starting the region) bringing Ida and Cherokee into the Region, and

the staff has done a great job. Bringing in more people (population) we would need more staff but believes that the staff can do it. Waiting would allow the Sanford Center time to find other financing. Wants to find staff that will work with current staff but would like Woodbury County to know that we would accept them, and our fund balance would be down (at a later date). Not comfortable to do this by July 1, 2018, would like to move it back one year (July 2019).

Scott Jacobs agrees with Paul, not definitely saying no, but pushing it out. Extending it out to January 1, 2019 would allow time for the staff to be determined. Staff work overload as Cecil mentioned would only fall on our CEO. Fund balance they bring would depend on when they come in. Scott feels that Woodbury County has done everything that has been asked and we have pushed back. This would give Sanford Center time to figure out their financing.

Rick Hecht – Woodbury County worked hard to get where we asked them to be. Rick has been in favor of the increase of population. This has been a long and difficult process and respects the work that has been done.

Creston Schubert asked if it is delayed for 6 months how does it affect Woodbury County?

Jeremy Taylor responded that they would have to look at a 6-month agreement with Sioux Rivers or ask DHS to stand alone for that time. It would give them a goal of what they would need to come in with.

Paul Merten - a vote today to give time to take it back to local boards and address staffing needs. Paul recommended a vote to take them in but not until January or July 2019. Give a commitment one way or another to give Woodbury County a direction.

Scott Jacobs - if this is 6 months out, it could give Sioux Rivers time to plan as well.

Cecil Blum – might support a one year waiting period but does not think they can get everything resolved in 6 months. Cecil suggested to vote no today and revisit in a year to see if financials and services are worked out, set a firm date, revisit to see if we want them in FY19/20.

Rick Hecht - if there is a yes vote to delay, conditions can be included. When the letter was sent it required Woodbury County to agree to follow our 28E, when or if there is a move to consolidate (Regions) by the State that could require a new 28E, now they have to use ours.

Dennis Bush - six months would be optimistic, appreciates Woodbury County for doing what they have done. Also, legislation requiring the Access Centers, one could be in Woodbury County and it would be advantageous to have it located in our Region. Could support bringing them in July 2019.

Neil Bock - say no now and wait but would like to thank Woodbury County for their cooperation. Final decision will be based on what is best for the people. Sees some advantages

to bringing them in such as economy of scale, but there is risk and uncertainty involved. Will not close the door.

Jeremy Taylor – appreciative of the engagement and dialog, this process has been fair. Without a time-frame, they would have to enter a 28E and then go through the process again. He would appreciate a date for a plan to go forward. By coming in July of 2019, the balance would be lower and they would like the asking amount to bring in (balance) be revisited.

Scott Jacobs – Woodbury County would need \$1 million plus the 25% for the first quarter.

Dick Owens – when you look at what is going to be cut, how do you see this not being discrimination based on those served being low income and minority populations. The services have been approved by federal standards and are preventative. Why would one service be cut and not another (Sanford Center and Sioux City School District for therapy services in the school).

Jeremy Taylor responded that there is no assurance in Sioux Rivers that Sanford Center will be funded. Siouxland MHC services in the schools would go to an RFP.

Dennis Bush - we would not look at funding juvenile mental health services as they are not tasked in legislation to be funded by the regions.

Rick Hecht asked why is the Sanford Center not funded by AEA or the schools?

Creston Schubert responded that he is on the AEA board and the Sanford Center is partially funded by the AEA.

Paul Merten - current providers come to the board and we look funding and services at every meeting. We have worked to start services that can be sustainable. If Woodbury County came into the Region, they (providers) could come before the board for funding, could be funded, may not be.

Dick Owens – concerned that Sanford Center is being cut but not the other youth program. You would bring in Woodbury County political mess, we do not want to bring this mess over to Rolling Hills.

Jeremy Taylor – asked the Sanford Center to approach Sioux City schools and they have not done so.

Fitz Grant– when Taylor couldn't get Sioux Rivers Region to vote it down they chose to withdrawal from the Region.

Jeremy – the only reason they wanted to de-fund the Sanford Center is that they are not licensed clinicians. They have encouraged the Sanford Center to approach the school district for at-risk funding.

Fitz Grant– stated that the School District does support their program.

Dennis Bush expressed displeasure with person(s) who have called and tried to bully the board members concerning this service (Sanford Center). This is not a service we are tasked with, if we have the money it can be funded but it doesn't have to be.

Neil Bock voiced that this topic is off the agenda item and would like the discussion to remain on the item. Rick Hecht would like to give them the opportunity to comment and participate.

Paul Merten made a motion for a resolution to be passed by local seven county boards to allow Woodbury County to join Rolling Hills Region effective July 1, 2019 contingent on Woodbury County meeting requirements contained in the resolution to be drafted by the board. Second by Scott Jacobs.

Discussion: Cecil Blum asked if they come with the money will they be accepted, what about litigation? There are intangibles that may change things, and can Woodbury County withdrawal if they want to? Rick Hecht replied that it will depend on what is contained in the resolution and that is what would be taken to the local boards. Neil Bock called for a point of clarity that there is no time line to work on this resolution, however the chair of the local board has 30 days to act on the resolution. If they do not act on it, they are considered to have disapproved the proposal. Rick Hecht would like to have the resolution completed and to boards within the next 60 days.

Roll Call Vote: Those in favor: Rick Hecht, Dennis Bush, Scott Jacobs, Paul Merten, Creston Schubert. Those opposed: Cecil Blum, Neil Bock. Motion carried 5 to2.

The board will meet March 20 in Sac City Board room at 1:30 pm to begin the drafting of the resolution.

8. Schedule next meeting – Discuss date and time

The board will hold a special meeting on March 20, 2018 @ 1:30 pm in the Sac County Courthouse (Board of Supervisors Room) to begin drafting the resolution.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be determined at a later date.

A motion to adjourn by Scott Jacobs. Second by Dennis Bush. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm

Minutes recorded by Louise Galbraith and Dawn Mentzer

Officially approved by Governance Board on 3/20/18