

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE  
February 13, 2014

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA

Vice Chairman Steve Michael convened the adjourned session with Peters, Behrens, and Koedam present. Supervisor Randy Bosch was absent. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

The Board had a phone conference with Sioux County CPC, Shane Walter, Denny Wright and Mark Sybesma, Sioux County Supervisors to discuss the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region and the possibility of Lyon County joining. Lyon County Attorney Shayne Mayer and CPC Lisa Rockhill were also present for the conference.

Walters outlined that in the Sioux Rivers Region, counties would continue to operate as they currently do regarding client services, budgeting and funding. By keeping separate budgets the counties involved would maintain autonomy. Each county will still pay their own bills and make their own decisions regarding client services.

It was stated that the Governance Board has ultimate authority over funds and funds will be kept separate unless a loan is needed to another county or to fund a "project" agreed upon by all counties in the region. The region plans to do core services, and provide to continue work activity where it is already done. In other words they plan to grandfather in services that are already being given.

Chairman Randy Bosch joined the meeting.

When asked of the possibility of being accepted into the Region, the Sioux County Supervisors and Walter did not give too much hope of acceptance. They explained that Ida County had also requested to join and were denied. If Lyon County would like to request to join, a Letter of Request should be sent to Walter as he is the CEO of the region. Walter would then put it on the agenda of the Sioux Rivers Region. Sioux Rivers Region meets again on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

Lyon County Supervisors, Mayer and Rockhill thanked Walter, Wright and Sybesma for their time and willingness to speak with them.

The phone conference ended at 2:48 pm.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Behrens to join the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region and sign the 28E Agreement as it has been presented in a prior meeting. Chairman Bosch declared the motion dead as it failed to get a second. It was decided to have Attorney Mayer draft a Letter of Request to the Sioux Rivers Region. Mayer is to send the letter by February 14, 2014 to meet the agenda deadline for the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board will make a formal decision as to which region they will go with at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

There being no further business there was a motion by Michael, seconded by Koedam to adjourn. Motion carried.

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County Auditor

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman