



**Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 15, 2023**  
*“Subject to Board Approval”*

**Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP) is the Early Childhood Iowa Board for Ida and Woodbury Counties, and the Decategorization Board for Woodbury County. The minutes document the transactions of the Board in their fulfillment of these roles and where possible, the minutes reflect the actions of the Board specific to their respective roles.**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present:</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Jessica Ryan (Chair)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Mackey	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dan Bittinger (Vice-chair)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Sheila Martin	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leah Knapp (Treasurer)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jarod Mozer	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Kim Buryanek (Secretary)	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Rex Mueller	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tom Bouska	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Niles	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Shelley Conover	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matthew O’Kane	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Rocky DeWitt	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allison Polley	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rita Frahm	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	David Schmiedt	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Tim Kacena	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Small	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Treylla Lee	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Watters	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>SHIP Staff</b>	<b>Present:</b>
Matt Ohman	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Mindy Baylor	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Erin Binneboese	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Kerri Hall	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Joli Gehring	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Tami Nielsen	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Kim Jenkins	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Jenna Andrews	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

**1. Call to Order**

Jessica Ryan

**2. Action Items**

**A. Consensus Agenda**

Jessica Ryan

- Board Minutes 11-17-23
- Executive Committee Minutes 11-17-23

<b>Propose the Motion: Barb Small</b>		<b>Second Motion: Treyla Lee</b>	
<b>In Favor: 13</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstaining: 0</b>	<b>Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></b>

B. SHIP Strategic Plan 2024-27

Matt Ohman



ACTION ITEM - SHIP  
Strategic Plan 2024-;

<b>Propose the Motion – Strategic Planning Committee</b>		<b>Second Motion: Barb Small</b>	
<b>In Favor: 13</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstaining: 0</b>	<b>Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></b>

Treyla Lee requested to have Matt review and possibly add language to population being served. Matt will work with both Treyla and Alex Watters and bring back recommendations to the next meeting.

C. Sky Ranch Behavioral Services – Line of Credit

Mindy Baylor

Sky Ranch Behavioral Services Revolving Line of Credit

SHIP is extending the line of credit to Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS): • The line of credit shall not exceed \$250,000 • SHIP will charge 0% interest until 12/31/2024 • The Sky Ranch Foundation will review the financial status and line of credit utilization of SRBS in Q4 of 2024. • The SHIP Executive Committee and Board of Directors will again review the financial status and line of credit utilization of SRBS at the December 2024 SHIP Executive and Board meetings. • The SHIP Executive Committee and the Foundation may elect to have a combined meeting at any point in 2024

<b>Propose the Motion – SHIP Executive Committee</b>		<b>Second Motion: David Schmiedt</b>	
<b>In Favor: 13</b>	<b>Opposed: 0</b>	<b>Abstaining: 0</b>	<b>Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/></b>

D. DCAT Recommendations

Erin Binneboese

To: Woodbury County DCAT Governance Board  
From: Buena Vista Cluster DCAT Governance Board Chairperson  
Subject: Funds Transfer

The Buena Vista Cluster DCAT Governance Board, voted to approve a \$1,500.00 transfer of funds to the Woodbury County DCAT in support of contract writing and coordination

To: Woodbury County DCAT Governance Board  
From: Sioux Cluster DCAT Governance Board Chairperson  
Subject: Funds Transfer

The Sioux Cluster DCAT Governance Board, voted to approve a \$1,500.00 transfer of funds to the Woodbury County DCAT in support of contract writing and coordination.

To: Woodbury County DCAT Governance Board  
 From: Jefferson County DCAT Governance Board  
 Subject: Transfer of funds

The Jefferson County DCAT Governance Board voted to approve a \$101,507.00 transfer of funds to Woodbury County DCAT in support of the following SFY24 contracted services: Functional Family Therapy Juvenile Court Care Coordination SHIP Education and Transitional Liaison Services

Propose the Motion – SHIP Executive Committee		Second Motion: Treyla Lee	
In Favor: 13	Opposed: 0	Abstaining: 0	Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

E. Beyond the Bell renovations  
 Table Action E

Jenna Andrews

Propose the Motion – : Dan Bittinger motioned to table item E		Second Motion: Kim Buryanek	
In Favor: 13	Opposed: 0	Abstaining: 0	Motion Carries: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

**3. Discussion Items**

a. Culturally Affirming Community Engagement & Service Center Matt Ohman  
 A proposal draft was sent out to the Board featuring Sky Ranch Behavioral Services, Urban Native Center and Siouxland Human Investment Partnership  
 A special Board meeting will be held Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon via zoom to discuss and vote on this item.

b. Director’s Report Matt Ohman

**SHIP’s Kim Jenkins and Terry Medina honored with War Eagle Awards**



Two SHIP employees were honored by the Sioux City Human Rights Commission at the annual War Eagle Awards ceremony on Sunday, December 10th. Kim Jenkins, who has worked at the SHIP office since 2012, was honored for her many years of work with the urban Native community as the coordinator of the Memorial March to Honor Last Children, and as the main contact and facilitator of the Community Initiative for Native Children and Families. Terry Medina has worked as SHIP’s Community Based Native American Advocate for the past year and a half, and who worked for over thirty-five years as a Probation Officer for the Winnebago Tribe and as a facilitator of Fatherhood Is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred. SHIP is honored by the great work of these two gifted individuals and the positive impact it has had on the community!

### **Sky Ranch Foundation Site Visit**

Three members of the Sky Ranch Foundation, George McCarthy, Ralph Aguera and Mike Donohoe, visited us December 12th – December 13th. The Foundation had a reception for the SHIP Board and staff. 2 SHIP Board members attended, along with a couple dozen SHIP/SRBS staff. A dinner followed, and we had an SRBS Board meeting (with SHIP providing finance updates) on the 13th.



Erin, Anna, George McCarthy, Matt, Kerri, Mike Donohoe

## Beyond the Bell MRHD holiday gift



(Pictured: Abby Kempema, Steve Husinga (MRHD Board President, and Jenna Andrews)

Beyond the Bell was gifted \$25,000 from MRHD on November 30th. The funds will be used to provide financial assistance to families in need at sites in which there is no federal 21st Century grant to provide access. The funds will also be used to supplement the HHS child care assistance funds, which only pay a portion of the total fee for service. (The families will still be required to pay a small co-pay).

### **New BOOST GO Director**

I'm pleased to announce that Scotty Colt has been hired as the new Program Director for BOOST GO. Scotty has worked for SHIP at the BOOST GO program as a Case Manager since March of this year. Previously, Scotty supervised a staff of 8 at Siouxland Mental Health Center. BOOST GO's previous Director, Steve McGrory, retired as of December 1st.

### **SAMHSA Grant – SHIELD Program**

I've spent a lot of hours in December working on a post-award amendment for the new SAMHSA grant for Sky Ranch. We've also had two meetings with the partners we consider our Core partners on this program – Sioux City Community School District, Juvenile Court Services, Sioux City PD, Siouxland District Health Department, Rosecrance Jackson and Consulting By Design (we've also added Siouxland Mental Health Center). We will gather this group next week to do our SIM mapping to determine the resources currently in the community, and will gather a larger community group to do the same in January.

c. Finances

Mindy Baylor



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d. Memorial March to Honor Lost Children recap

Kim Jenkins

Educational Workshops: Understanding Implicit Racial Bias, Race: Power of an Illusion and Youth Mental Health First Aid were at full capacity.

Briar Cliff Educational Event had over 75 in attendance

Wednesday's March ended at the Sioux City Convention Center with over 200 for dinner.

Anthony Warrior prepared 2 soups this year Bison and a Turkey Wild Rice along with the traditional frybread. WinnaVegas Hotel and Casino also provided box lunches.

Leesa McNeil, our Memorial March Committee facilitator is stepping down. Leesa has organized all meetings, education workshops that included CLE's, and provided all information to our Judicial Court Judges including invites to participate in panel discussions at Briar Cliff.

Our next meeting will be in February. We will be looking for someone to take over Leesa's responsibilities along with my duties as well.

e. Mental Health Forum recap

Kerri Hall

The forum originated at the Siouxland Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN) October meeting. The mission of SCCAN is to assess, evaluate, advocate, and lend support to comprehensive and coordinated plans, projects, and resources designed for prevention of child abuse and neglect; and to assist in child development and effective parenting. There was a resounding consensus, from the Council, that the mental health crisis needs to be addressed and focused on immediately. SHIP organized and hosted the event.

A panel of eight experts (Taffy Zoelle - UnityPoint - St. Luke's -ER/Hospital Crisis; Christy Spicer - Boys and Girls Home and Family Services Inc. - Youth/Shelter Crisis; Denys Azpeitia - Catholic Charities Multi-Cultural Crisis \*Amy block had to step in for Denys as her team was responding to a youth suicide; Amy Small - Siouxland Mental Health - Child and Adolescent Crisis; Dr. Ryan Allen - Lumin Therapy - Alternative Therapy/Special Needs Crisis; Chief Rex Mueller - Sioux City Police Department - Mental Health Crisis Response; Grace Hodge & Adelaide Gasaway - Mayor's Youth Commission - Peer Crisis) all presented about what they are seeing in terms of the mental health crisis.

The panel, as well as the audience, provided solutions and feedback. A question-and-answer session was held immediately following the presentations. There were many elected officials and policy makers in attendance that contributed and were very engaged. The content was difficult, but the conversations were so rich that the forum lasted almost two hours with many conversations that followed wrap-up.

KTIV reporter, Taylor Deckert, is working on a mental health series to highlight these issues and to spotlight the crisis.

The Mental Health Planning Committee will meet after the New Year to determine when the next forum will be held.

- f. Saul Zaentz Initiative / Harvard recap Kerri Hall  
Strengthening State and City Early Education Systems and Policy for Today and Tomorrow to be held at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Kerri Hall, along with a team of 4 others, Elizabeth Stanek – Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards & Advocates (AECIABA) Board Chair & Executive Director Linking Families and Communities, Amanda Winslow – Early Childhood Iowa Systems Facilitator, Early Intervention and Support, Division of Family Well-Being and Protection, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Shelley Horack – Director of Intervention and Support, Division of Family Well-Being and Protection, Brent Siegrist – Representative Iowa House (Current) – Former Speaker of the House – Former Executive Director of Iowa Association of Area Education Agencies, applied to attend the Saul Zaentz Early Education Initiative: Strengthening State and City Early Education Systems and Policy for Today and Tomorrow to be held at that Harvard Graduate School of Education.

We applied under the AECIABA and our application was one of 12 teams selected to travel to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work with other state and city leaders for whom early education work is a top priority and who are well positioned to take advantage of intensive, focused, strategic learning and planning. We attended sessions designed and facilitated by Harvard faculty and other experts. work with an interactive toolkit and a teaching case, as well as hands-on support, we:

- Analyze today’ s early education policy landscape and the choices and trade-offs inherent in key strategies and solutions
- Examine patterns and trends in data from state and city early education systems across the U.S.
- Identify and/or go deeper on a high-priority early education issue or challenge they face
- Connect with other teams who are working on a similar issue or challenge
- Try out new approaches and processes for conducting strategic systems-building work

We will continue to receive support from the initiative including community building resources and scheduled opportunities to connect with other teams while we continue to work on our priority issue.

All fees and expenses, including travel and accommodation, were covered by the initiative.

g. ECI update

Kerri Hall

SHIP's Ida Co. and Woodbury Co. Early Childhood Iowa Area is now in the process of the re-designation. This happens every four years. Materials deadline is October 31, 2024.

SHIP's fiscal year 24 Early Childhood Iowa funds will reach the end of their 3-year contracting cycle June 30, 2024. The RFP for FY2025 – FY2027 will be released in February 2024

SHIP's Early Childhood Iowa Annual Report was approved by the State December 14, 2023

4. Future Agenda Items

Jessica Ryan will send the Board the necessary paperwork for Matt Ohman's review

5. Communications and Other Audiences

a) NICWA – Erin Binneboese

SHIP's NICWA presentation / application has been approved. SHIP's SUNS grant team will attend and present in Seattle WA.

b) Opioid funds

Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS), in partnership with Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP), is requesting two years of funding in the amount of \$140,000 per year (\$280,000 over a two-year period). This proposal would support the launch of peer recovery services in two specific populations:

Peer Recovery Support Specialists to serve youth up to 17 years of age; and,  
Peer Recovery Support Specialists to serve adults identified in the Woodbury Family Treatment Court.

c) Treyla noted Martin Luther King Day will be celebrated January 14<sup>th</sup> at First Congregational Church on Hamilton Blvd. 7PM

6. Adjourn

Upcoming SHIP meetings & events:

Friday, January 19, 2023

SHIP Executive Committee Meeting	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SHIP office
SHIP Board Meeting	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	SHIP office