



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

December 16, 2022

“Subject to Board Approval”

Siouland 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.

In-Person: Tom Bouska, Karen Mackey, Gary Niles, Matthew O’Kane, Jessica Ryan,

Present via ZOOM:

Dr. Kim Buryanek, Shelley Conover, Tim Kacena, Mark Monson, Barb Small

Absent: Suzanne Allen, Rocky DeWitt, Shelia Martin, Rex Mueller, Leah Knapp, Allison Polley, Senator Jackie Smith, Alex Watters, Pastor Neil Wehmas

Staff In person:

Erin Binneboese, Joli Gehring, Kerri Hall, Kim Jenkins, Tami Nielsen, Matt Ohman

Staff via ZOOM:

Jenna Andrews, Kelsey Schomaker

Absent: JoAnn Gieselman

Guests: Erika Fuentes, Crittenton Center

1. Call to Order

Karen Mackey

2. Action Items

Karen Mackey

A. Consensus Agenda

- SHIP Board Minutes – 11-18-2022
- Committee Reports:
 - Executive Committee Minutes – 11-18-22
 - Bank Activity – November 2022
 - Consolidated Financials – October 2022

Gary Niles motioned to approve the Consensus agenda.

Tom Bouska 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members via ZOOM
Yes 5 No 0

B. Board Member Resignation Matt Ohman

Senator Jackie Smith has resigned her position on the Board. She is open to potentially return as a Citizen representative in the future but wants to take some time off for now.



SHIP Board members 2022-23 REVISED 12-16-22.pdf

SHIP Executive Committee motion to approve the resignation of Board member Jackie Smith

Shelley Conover 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members via ZOOM
Yes 5 No 0

C. Board Member representation change Matt Ohman

Rocky DeWitt was elected to the Iowa Senate. He will be leaving his position as a Woodbury County Supervisor, therefore no longer representing the Supervisors on the SHIP Board. He has agreed to stay on the SHIP Board and change his representation to Elected Official.

SHIP Executive Committee motioned approve the representation change

Tom Bouska 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members via ZOOM
Yes 5 No 0

D. New Board member Matt Ohman

According to the SHIP bylaws, there must be a Representative from the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors on the SHIP Board. Rocky DeWitt indicated that the Supervisors will likely appoint Dan Bittenger to the SHIP Board.

SHIP Executive Committee motioned approve the new Board member Dan Bittenger

Tom Bouska moved to amend the motion - the Board approves of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors position whomever is appointed.

Tom Bouska 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

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Yes 5 No 0

E. Sky Ranch Behavioral Services Line of Credit Matt Ohman

SHIP is extending a line of credit to Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS):

- The line of credit shall not exceed \$250,000
- SHIP will charge 0% interest until June 30, 2023
- The SHIP Executive Committee and the Sky Ranch Foundation shall have joint quarterly meetings for the duration of the line of credit, on March 17, 2023 and June 16, 2023

SHIP Executive Committee motioned approve the Sky Ranch Line of Credit

Tom Bouska 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members via ZOOM
Yes 5 No 0

F. Closed Session – Executive Director evaluation Karen Mackey

Gary Niles motioned to remove the Closed Session from the agenda.

Tom Bouska 2nd Motion carried

Number of In-Person Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 5 No 0

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members via ZOOM

Yes 5 No 0

3. Discussion Items

A. Beyond the Bell update

Jenna Andrews

The Perkins pie fundraising grossed BTB \$3,400

BTB was the recipient of WIT's annual book giveaway.

In January BTB will rollout the PBIS training

\$15,000 MRHD grant was awarded to BTB bicycle project that was organized by Middle School Multi-site manager, Rob Manuel.

21st Century grant application for Unity is completed. His grant would be for \$128,000 for 3years. Year 4 and 5 would be funded at 70%.

B. DCAT Update

Erin Binneboese

Erin presented her DCAT Annual Progress report to the Board.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Decategorization Annual Progress Report IAC 441 – 153.18(232) Submission by December 1 of each state fiscal year

Decategorization Project Name:

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)

Participating Counties:

Woodbury County

Coordinator Name and Contact Information:

Erin Binneboese

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Date of Report:

December 3, 2022

KEY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS

Summarize the project's key activities and the progress toward reaching the project's desired outcomes during the previous state fiscal year.

Woodbury County DCAT supports the funding of the following programs as they are core components to aid clients in their progress to successfully exit the system and/or keep youth of the court from further penetrating deeper into the system.

- *Rehabilitative Services: Provide specialized therapy for youth of the court.
- *Community Service Supervision Services: Provide youth of the court supervision, transportation, and the opportunity to complete community service hours.
- *Liaison Services: Provide Juvenile Court School Liaison officers in Sioux City middle and high schools.
- *DHS Client Wraparound Services: Provide monetary assistance for the Department of Human Services client emergency needs.
- Native American DHS Client Wraparound Services: Provide monetary assistance specifically to Native American clients of the Department of Human Services for emergency needs.

- Tribal and Family Liaison Services: Provide case management services specific to Native American Department of Human Services clients.
- *JCS Programming Services: Provide programming for youth of the court such as Hands Off, Drug Court, First Tee, etc. Also provides support for youth to learn job skills, internships, and interagency collaborative efforts.
- *Reunification Services: Provide youth of the court with aftercare and reintegration needs post placement.
- *Mental Health Assessment Services: Provide mental health screening for youth of the court.
- *DCAT Program Coordination Services: Provide program coordination on behalf of the county, the Department of Human Services and Juvenile Court Services.
- *Native American Programming Services: Provide Native American specific parenting classes, leadership, and advocacy.
- Family Treatment Court Services: Provide a collaborative approach to serving clients where substance abuse is the primary reason for involvement in the Department of Human Services and/or Juvenile Court Services.
- Implementation and Support Services for Community Partnership for Protecting Children: Provide coordination for CPPC efforts.
- *Functional Family Therapy Services: Provides a short-term, in-home treatment strategy for families troubled with delinquency, substance abuse and violence. •
- *Drug Testing Services: Provide drug testing services for clients referred by the Juvenile Court Services.
- *Juvenile Court Specialty Care Coordination Services: Provide Juvenile Court Specialty Care Coordinators for youth under the jurisdiction of and referred by the Iowa 3rd Judicial District Juvenile Court Services in accordance with a referral from the Juvenile Court Officer.
- *Youth Outreach Services Program: Provide outreach services to referred, at-risk youth and families in the community.

KEY ACTIVITIES, OUTCOMES, AND EXPENDITURES

Describe key activities, outcomes, and expenditures for programs and services that received funding from the governance board during the previous state fiscal year.

- *Rehabilitative Services: \$39,683
- *Community Service Supervision Services: \$121,508
- *Liaison Services: \$370,000
- *DHS Client Wraparound Services: \$27,815
- Native American Client Wraparound Services: \$17,341
- Tribal and Family Liaison Services: \$104,305
- *JCS Programming Services: \$156,261
- *Reunification Services: \$65,000
- *DCAT Program Coordination Services: \$117,000
- *Native American Programming Services: \$30,000
- Family Treatment Court Services: \$3,714
- Implementation and Support Services for Community Partnership for Protecting Children: \$20,000
- *Functional Family Therapy Services: \$322,000
- *Drug Testing Services: \$30,000
- *Juvenile Court Specialty Care Coordination Services: \$379,468 • Community Mini Grants: \$1,000

*The items marked above with an asterisk are services and/or dollars spent that either the Service Area Manager or Juvenile Court Chief designated dollars specifically.

*Please see the attached Source for Siouxland Progress Report for data outcomes. Source For Siouxland is a collaborative, strategic community planning initiative for a vibrant, safe, and healthy Siouxland. The initiative developed out of Comprehensive Strategy, which impacted positive youth development through data sharing, early literacy activities, and coordination of community partners since 1996. The 5 areas of impact are currently focused on:

- Education
- Health Decategorization
- Safety
- Economic Stability
- Quality of Life

The following five priority risk factors for our community have been identified:

- Availability of drugs
- Extreme economic deprivation
- Family history of the problem behavior/family conflict
- Academic failure beginning in late elementary school
- Early initiation of the problem behavior

Community goals to address the priority risk factors are:

- Reduce the availability of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs for illegal purposes.
- Foster economic growth that will enable families to achieve financial independence.
- Provide opportunities and support so families will be safe, healthy, and nurturing.
- Provide early opportunities, motivation, and support for academic success for all youth.
- Provide early opportunities and motivation for youth to develop positive, meaningful relationships with their community.

DCAT Services compliment the efforts of the Department, the Court, and the greater community.

LESSONS LEARNED/PLANNING ADJUSTMENTS

Describe any lessons learned and planning adjustments made by the governance board during the previous state fiscal year.

Service contracts were adjusted throughout the year based on need for service and available dollars. SHIP participates on the Source for Siouxland Council, the planning body for community meetings. Timely and relevant community issues are discussed and then prioritized to see which topics will be on each agenda.

The DCAT coordinator can inform and guide the governance board according to the concerns voiced at those meetings as well as trends in data.

C. ECI Update

Kerri Hall

The Association of Early Childhood Iowa Area Boards and Advocates (AECIAB&A) Sitting President and the incoming President met with Kelly Garcia, Director of HHS, and a legislative liaison from the Governor's office on December 5, 2022, to discuss the future of the Early Childhood Iowa (ECI). At this time, it doesn't appear that there will be any change in the ECI state structure or code law this legislative session and the State Board is to remain intact. Contract procurement and reimbursement processes are still being considered.

D. Director's Report

Matt Ohman

Director's Report December 2022
Matt Ohman, SHIP Executive Director

SFM check presentation

On Monday, November 21st, SHIP was honored with a donation of \$5,000 from SFM. SFM has been SHIP's compensation insurance carrier for years. SFM annually donates to nonprofit organizations that impact the communities in which they work in. Pictured with me are Jeff Magee (left, SFM underwriter) and Joe Puetz, our property insurer from Mills, Shellhammer and Puetz, who helped coordinate this donation.

MRHD holiday gifts

SHIP was well represented at the MRHD holiday gifts check ceremony on Friday, December 2nd. MRHD awarded \$15,000 to Beyond the Bell for a bicycle project that is being organized by Middle School Multi-site Manager Rob Manuel (pictured with MRHD Board member Craig Tooley). East Middle School was awarded \$7,000 to replace old weight machines, fitness and strengthening equipment for Andrew Pearson's afterschool program and Beyond the Bell's use – SHIP will serve as the fiscal agent. Additionally, Growing Community Connections received \$8,000 for their "Ready to Run" project – a non-partisan campaign training program for women and minorities to run for elective office. Also, One Siouxland and Hope Street of Siouxland, two organizations that I serve on as a Board member, received funding.

New collaborative in Woodbine

On November 30th, I traveled to Woodbine, Iowa, as a guest of Nebraska Children and Families Foundation. They asked me to participate in a community meeting unveiling a new community collaborative started by the Heistand Family Foundation encompassing Harrison, Shelby and Monona Counties. I spoke about the experience of helping to start Growing Community Connections (formerly Dakota County Connections), the success stories, struggles and the work that it took to grow the collaborative to the successful organization it is today. I was attending in place of the real star of GCC, JoAnn Gieselman, who was ill and unable to attend. I will continue to help this effort along with JoAnn and NCFE.

Memorial March to Honor Lost Children – 20th Anniversary

I, along with other members of the SHIP staff and Board, participated in events of the annual Memorial March to Honor Lost Children on November 21st, 22nd and 23rd. This was the event's 20th anniversary.

SHIP's new IT providers

I and other members of the SHIP team met several times over the last month with our winning bidder of the IT services contract, Williams and Company. We are currently transitioning from our current provider to Williams, and I took them out on December 4th to meet members of the BOOST, Sky Ranch and Beyond the Bell teams. On December 14th, they began installing software on our employees' devices. They will begin their first full month as our provider in January.

Siouxland Chamber's 150th Celebration

Kerri and I both visited the Siouxland Chamber's office on December 9th for their 150th Anniversary celebration. It was a great opportunity to network with other Siouxland businesses and nonprofits. Hope Street of Siouxland's new project and Rolling Hills funding On December 14th, I traveled to Holstein with Hope Street Board Chair Dave Ferris and Director Sara Johnson. We presented to the Rolling Hills Mental Health governance board about Hope Street's opportunity to purchase Shesler Hall. The Hope Street Board has made an offer to the owners of the building, the United Methodist Women of Iowa. The Board is hoping to take possession of the building in early 2023 and move its main operations to the Shesler property. The Board will be fundraising and applying for grants for this purchase. After presenting to Rolling Hills, Hope Street was awarded \$50,000 for the Shesler property!

Board member lunches I met with SHIP Board member Rocky DeWitt on December 14th, and we talked about his new role on the Board as an elected official representing the state legislature!

E. Finance Report

Kelsey Schomaker

Department of Justice Grants:

- Substantial work has been completed over the last month to begin implementation of our three new DOJ grants. We initially were told program operations and fiscal clearance may not be granted until January or February 2023; however, we have had great success in moving that timeline up to December.
- We received notification that explicit guidance must be implemented for all three of our grants regarding extensive background checks that must be completed for all individuals interacting with minors. We are implementing a new process to verify compliance with the numerous components required by the DOJ.
 - o BOOST – Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes \$900,000
 - ♣ The budget has been approved and we expect to begin the six-month planning phase in January. During that phase, a comprehensive action plan must be developed and approved by the DOJ before full-program operations can begin.
 - o Sky Ranch – Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program \$750,000

- ♣ The budget received automatic clearance and we have offered positions to the 2.55 FTEs budgeted on the grant. Following the background check completion, program operations will begin.
- o SHIP/Urban Native Center – Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence (SUNs) \$900,000
 - ♣ The budget has been approved and we expect to post two job openings within the Urban Native Center subaward. Once qualified candidates can be hired and pass the background checks, we expect to begin program operations at the start of 2023.

Finance Updates:

- I continue to work with KRP to provide any necessary information or answer remaining questions for our FY2022 audit. We are working to compile and finalize the report and financial statements.
- We met with our insurance provider, Gallagher, this week to begin conversations regarding the benefits we provide to employees. We discussed current year utilization and the potential to explore other providers or plans that would provide stronger health, dental, vision, and supplemental coverage to our employees. We are being incredibly proactive in our efforts this year to support our employees while managing plan costs.
- SHIP received notification that both our Iowa and Nebraska unemployment rates have dropped. A portion of this decrease is a result of state table adjustments; however, another piece of this decrease is associated with the hard work we have put in to reducing the eligibility of terminated employees to collect unemployment. We have implemented stronger controls within our disciplinary policy and continue to increase our success rate with unemployment fact-finding interviews.
- Fiscal Agent Contract Work–
 - o Sky Ranch (SRBS) – I now meet with Anna Bertrand, Sky Ranch Executive Director, weekly to support the fiscal operations that continue to grow and evolve at that program. SRBS is still navigating the initial setup of substance abuse billing to the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) along with implementing two federal grants.
 - o Northwest ECI released an RFP for Family Support Services through our WebGrants platform. I’m working closely with the NECI director to execute the new contract.
- Calendar Year-End – The finance team has started preparing for all compliance items that need to be completed by December 31st and the items to be issued subsequent to year-end.

4. Board Education: Crittenton Center

Erika Fuentes

Crittenton Center Shelter – Transitional Therapeutic Home

The shelter reopened January 2022 after closing due to Covid. The shelter is an emergency shelter with 20 beds.

The child welfare system is failing homeless children and the child mental health system is nonexistent. Crittenton Center home is focusing on compassion and doing

things differently. The staff works on building relationships with the kids. It isn't ok to warehouse children, we need to care for them like we do for those we love. Crittenton Center participates in ARC training, Attachment-Regulation-Competency. This ensures the team is educated in working with highly traumatized children.

The staff teaches children on how to be successful in family life, bringing children to their own homes for holidays.

Crittenton Center is always in need of donations.

Requests are gift cards; this allows the staff to shop for each child's needs/wants

McDonalds gift cards

Boys and girl's soaps and lotions

If you would like to donate and/or need a specific list, please contact Erika.

efuentes@crittentoncenter.org

5. Future Agenda Items

none

6. Communications and Other Audiences

none

7. Adjournment

Upcoming SHIP meetings:

Friday, January 13, 2023

Executive Committee 10:30 AM – 12 PM

Board of Directors 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM