



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

**January 15, 2016**

*“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.**

**Present:** Michael Billings, Amy Bloch, Tom Bouska, Audra Cole, Charlene Ellis, Roger Hess, Linda Krei, Mike McTaggart, Gary Niles, Pat Penning, Dr. Harold Post, Cindi Prather, Dewey Sloan, Barb Small, Mike Stiles, Rev. Patrick Walsh

**Absent:** George Boykin, Erica DeLeon, Jody Graham, Chris Hall, Sally Hartley, Karen Mackey, Mark Monson Denise Winter

**Staff:** Matt Ohman, Kerri Hall, Nancy Keairns, Kim Jenkins

**Absent:** Cheryl Engle, Erin Binneboese, JoAnn Gieselman

**Guests:** Kassie Carpio – Family Functional Therapy

**Board Education – Kassie Carpio – Family Functional Therapy (FFT)**

FFT is a family-based intervention provided by specially trained therapists. FFT has been proven effective with at-risk youth. FFT assist families not only to solve current problems, but also to build new strategies, skills, and confidence for resolving future issues. FFT occurs in the family home over 8-12 sessions, lasting 3-4 months on average. From December 2013 to January 2016, our FFT team has served 203 families.

FFT now serves the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Districts. Referral sources include: Juvenile Court Services, IA Department of Human Services, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, and local schools.

**1. Call to Order**

Cindi Prather

**The SHIP Executive Committee has motioned to move Action Item D to the discussion items.**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 15 No 0

**2. Action Items**

A. Consensus Agenda

Cindi Prather

- SHIP Board Minutes – 12/18/15
- Committee Reports:
  - Exec Com. Minutes – 12/18/15
  - Finance Com. Minutes – 1/12/16
  - Wd ECI Com. Minutes – 1/7/16
- SHIP Reports:
  - SHIP – Book of Business
  - SHIP – Dcat Book of Business
  - SHIP – Monthly Bank Activity - Dec 15

**Dr. Harold Post motioned to approve the Consensus Agenda.**

**Barb Small 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members Yes 15 No 0

B. Office on Violence Against Women Grant Application

Matt Ohman

Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women, Justice for Families Program

Purpose

The goal for our community collaborative on domestic violence is to improve accountability of offenders, improve victim engagement and support and enhance the skills of collaborative partners working with domestic violence cases.

Primary Partners

SHIP

CSADV

Woodbury County

Iowa 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

Iowa Legal Aid

What will be done

Increase offender accountability by soliciting batterer’s in-jail participation of court ordered batterers education classes, increase participation duration and completion of court ordered batterers education classes and decrease violent recidivism.

Increase victim engagement and support by adding a victim advocate to work solely on this project.

Increase system quality and consistency by adding an assistant county attorney who will be solely working on this project.

Budget

The collaborative is requesting \$615,000 over 3 years. SHIP’s fee for grant administration and .12FTE for program coordination is \$16,500 annually or \$49,500 over the life of the grant.

The grant application is due January 21, 2016

**The SHIP Executive committee motioned to approve the grant application.  
Rev. Patrick Walsh2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members      Yes 15      No 0

C. Restoration Center Grant Application      Matt Ohman  
Restoration Center

SHIP has been approached to be the fiscal agent, Employer of Record and grant applicant for the Siouxland Restoration Center Project, a shelter for women over age 18 who have experienced domestic sex trafficking

The Restoration Center has filed their articles of incorporation and is on the road to becoming a 501c3. Board members include Chair Sister Shirley Fineran, Treyla Lee, PJ Jennings, Carla Granstrom and Micah Sword.

The grant is made available by the Federal VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) through the State of Iowa’s Attorney General’s office. The grant will fund staff, operating expenses, staff training and is a 3-year grant. Grant is due end of January.

The project will potentially purchase a building to house up to 10 victims.

This would be an incubation project for SHIP, in which SHIP would act as applicant, fiscal agent and EOR until such time as the organization is established enough to take over. With fiscal agent and EOR fee, SHIP would charge around \$35,000 a year for 3 years.

**The SHIP Executive committee motioned to approve the grant application with the condition that SHIP will not incur any debt, acquire any property, won’t have liability aside from employment liability and will have no capital obligations for a facility.**

**Pat Penning      2<sup>nd</sup>      Motion carried**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members      Yes 15      No 0

D. Item moved to discussion item

E. Closed Session      Cindi Prather

**Roger Hess motioned for closed session.**

**Rev. Patrick Walsh 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members      Yes 15      No 0

**Mike Stiles motioned to adjourn closed session.**

**Linda Krei 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried**

Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members      Yes 15      No 0

**3. Discussion Item**

a) MIECHV Update

Matt Ohman

The funding reduction will affect 3 slots in the Early Head Start program with the Community Action Agency. CAA, SHIP, and the other MIECHV contractors will help transition those families to other programs that cause the least amount of disruption to them.

b) Director's Report

Matt Ohman

Director's Report – January 2016

**Mission Statement: SHIP provides leadership in response to identified community needs and collaboratively provides for the delivery of health, human services, education, and public safety in Siouxland.**



**BOOST:** In late December, BOOST was certified by the Iowa Mentoring Partnership for operation of its youth mentoring program. Staff has worked very hard since the new grant started on July 1<sup>st</sup> to establish a mentoring program, which is a new requirement of all DOL offender grants. Diane Fleming (pictured, center) was hired as the part-time Mentor Coordinator and she and Rita have built the program from the ground up, with the help of Iowa Mentoring Partnership. 95% of the program's 135 participants must either be assigned a 1:1 mentor or be involved in a mentoring group.



**Beyond the Bell:** Beyond the Bell will host their first ever fundraising on May 5, 2016 at Bev's on the River. 176 Fun Pianos has been hired as the evening's entertainment, which will also feature a meal and a silent auction. The event's goal is to raise \$30,000. Ticket prices will be \$65 per ticket, \$110 for a couple or \$550 per table of 10. More information is forthcoming on this event!

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Jenna Meyer (Beyond the Bell Director) and I met with Bob Fitch of Launch Pad, the Children’s Museum of Siouxland. The Museum will open in February. SHIP and Launch Pad are negotiating a contract in which each BTB site would have access to the Museum via field trips, including some summer activities. We have also discussed hosting the grant-required “Family Nights” at the museum. This will be an exciting way to ensure that all children, regardless of economic background, will have access to the museum. Mr. Fitch has stated that part of Launch Pad’s mission is to ensure access for all. SHIP will also work to ensure Launch Pad has access to all ECI and Dakota County programs.

The Board discussed the need for a fundraiser advisory committee.

Tom Bouska (left 1:15)

Amy Bloch (left 1:18)

**Linda Krei suggested moving this discussion of fundraising to be reviewed by the Executive committee and to be added to the action items at next month’s board meeting.**

**Board Chair Cindi Prather asked for a consensus vote.**

|  | <b>Mike McTaggart</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Consensus carried</b> |
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| Number of Present Voting SHIP Board Members  |                       |                       | Yes 13      No 0         |
| c) SHIP Admin Budget FY 15-16<br>Matt Ohman presented the Board the SHIP Admin Budget.<br>The Board reviewed the budget.   |                       |                       | Cheryl Engle             |
| Tom Bouska (returned 1:25)   |                       |                       |                          |
| d) Community Center Update<br>Matt reported that the lease for Four Directions Community Center between Ho-Chunk Community Development and LBR,LLC is in the final stages of completion. |                       |                       | Matt Ohman               |

**4. Future Agenda Items**

- Strategic Planning
- ECI QRS Level 4 Discussion  
Shanell Wagler will be invited to a future board meeting to discuss upcoming changes to the QRS Levels.

Michael Billings (left 1:30)

**5. Communications and Other Audiences**

- Vagrancy Issue  
Six sub-committees were formed at the January 5<sup>th</sup> vagrancy meeting. If you would be interested in serving on one of those committees please contact Matt.
- Medicaid E-News

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued its decision on the implementation of the IA Health Link managed care program. The program will now begin on March 1, 2016, instead of January 1, 2016, pending final federal approval. Medicaid E-News informational flyer was given to the Board members.

- ECI Board Evaluations  
All SHIP Board members are encouraged to turn in their Board evaluations as soon as possible.

Linda Krei requested the SHIP Board to send Kassie Carpio and the FFT team a letter of appreciation.

## **6. Adjournment**

**Next SHIP board meeting is 12:00pm, Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at NWAEA, Rm G**