

Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item(s) Request Form

Date: 7/1/2026

Weekly Agenda Date: 7/7/2026

Elected Official / Department Head / Citizen: Daniel Bittinger / Anna Bertrand (Citizen)

Wording for Agenda Item:

Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS) Opioid Funding Update and Request

Action Required:

Approve Ordinance ☐

Approve Resolution ☐

Approve Motion ☐

Hold Public Hearing ☐

Informational ☒

Attachments ☐

Set Time _____

Reviewed by County Attorney's Office ☐

Background & Financial Impact:

SRBS has successfully extended the impact of the first year of Opioid Remediation funding from November 2024 through June 2026 and anticipates fully expending Year 1 funds in early July 2026. Through strategic implementation, strong community partnerships, and careful fiscal management, SRBS has maximized the County's investment while building sustainable infrastructure to support individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders. As a result of this funding, individuals involved in the criminal justice system have engaged in peer recovery coaching services through partnerships including Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court, supporting recovery, family stability, and reduced barriers to treatment. SRBS has also established and expanded Open Access services throughout Siouxland, increasing awareness of and access to behavioral health services. To date, approximately 41 individuals and families have participated in peer recovery coaching; over 115 youth, adults, and/or families have received screening, assessment, and/or navigation services; and more than 500 community members and over 35 agencies have received information, consultation, referral support, and access to behavioral health and recovery resources.

The request for Year 2 of funding is in alignment with our originally proposed plan and discussion and most importantly, to maintain continuity of services and continue progress toward long-term sustainability without disrupting services currently being provided to individuals, families, and community partners. This funding will support the continued operation of peer recovery coaching and Open Access navigation services while reimbursement-based and other sustainable funding mechanisms are finalized. The investment serves as a bridge-to-sustainability strategy, allowing SRBS to continue operations while further integrating peer recovery coaching into reimbursable funding streams and solidifying a long-term Open Access presence in Siouxland. This approach will ensure continued barrier-free-access to timely behavioral health screening, assessment, navigation, referral, treatment engagement, and recovery support services for youth, adults, and families across the region.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors approve Year 2 Opioid Remediation funding for Sky Ranch Behavioral Services in the amount of \$181,986, effective July 1, 2026, and consider action at its July 14, 2026, meeting.

As part of this funding recommendation, SRBS will submit a written Year 2 progress and outcomes report to the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors outlining program utilization, outcomes achieved, community impact, sustainability progress, and return on investment. In addition, SRBS is available and willing to present in person to the Board during the summer or fall of 2026 to provide an update on implementation progress, community impact, lessons learned, and sustainability efforts. A comprehensive final report will also be submitted at the conclusion of the Year 2 funding period.

Approved by Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2026