

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Working Group Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2014 1p.m. Clay County Courthouse

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Working Group met on Friday, February 21st at 1 p.m. at the Clay County Courthouse. Those present were: Bill Leupold, Dickinson County Representative, (NWIACC Chair), Tom Farnsworth (NWIACC Vice-Chair), Linda Swanson (NWIACC Secretary), Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative and Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative. This was an alternate site due to weather conditions from the originally scheduled 9 a.m. meeting at the O'Brien County Courthouse.

The proposed agenda was followed and January 20th, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. There were no corrections/additions noted. There was no correspondence.

Since Lyon County plans to sign their NWIACC 28E on 2/24/14 which will make us an official region, plans were discussed about upcoming responsibilities of the Governance Board. The 28E (version 12) will then be submitted to the Department of Human Services Director for review.

The Northwest Iowa Review was designated as the newspaper for publishing meeting minutes; there was discussion about using county websites for this as well in the future and notifying County Auditors for the posting of the meeting agendas. The development of bylaws will help organize these details.

The Working Group also addressed the need, once the Fiscal Agent Agreement is signed at the next Governance Board meeting, to establish a fund of \$500 from each county to assist with publishing costs of meeting minutes until the official regional budget will address this expense. At this time, it was decided those checks would come to the Regional Administrator who will work with the Fiscal Agent to have an account set up for this purpose.

It is noted that the NWIACC Advisory Board plans to meet March 7th at 1:30 at the Hartley Library due to rescheduling. A sub-committee of this Advisory Board is working on a regional mission/vision/value statement which will be included in the Regional Management Plan which will be reviewed and adopted at the March 21st Governance Board meeting.

The Governance Working group discussed the process for procuring regional liability insurance; Tom Farnsworth is making contacts to get that arranged. There are a couple of county attorneys who have expressed an interest in providing legal representation for the region; Governance Working groups will determine their interest prior to the next meeting. A list of anticipated duties/responsibilities will be compiled to assist in defining their role to the region.

There was a review of FY 14 Re-estimates and FY budget projections. There was a review of current work with the Community Capacity teams for crisis services in the jail, crisis services in the community, as well as employment and day services. Contracting discussions with Seasons Center for Behavioral Health continue as well as conversation regarding the delay in rate negotiations through the Northwest Iowa Contracting Consortium and the need to set up a contracting mechanism for those rates as well.

There was brief discussion about the future role of Accountable Care Organizations in the delivery of services. Being mindful of various roll outs of the Affordable Care Act and its effect on state and regional services is a constant concern when forecasting ongoing trends.

The next meeting of the NWIACC Governance Board will be March 21st, 2013 at 9:30 am at the O'Brien County Courthouse, Primghar Iowa

Respectfully submitted:

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