

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2015 9:00 a.m. O'Brien County Courthouse

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board met with the following members present: Bill Leupold, Dickinson County Representative, (NWIACC Chair), Del Brockshus, Clay County Representative; Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative; and Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative . Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator. Visitors: Pat Lange – DHS Targeted Case Management, Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, Christina Eggink-Postma and Kim Scorza of Seasons Center; JoAnn DeYoung and Bill Glienke of Compass Pointe.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the minutes of February 4, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

No Correspondence was received.

There were questions on the Seasons Center billing that was submitted. The billing for February was included in the claims for payment. It was felt that due to the language in the motion approving these services, this claim should not have been included for payment.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the following claims. The February services claim for Seasons Center for \$31,038.41 was removed from the claims presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

BYBEE LAW FIRM	SERV	60.00
CLAY CO AUDITOR	MEDICAID REIMB	39,661.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	235.00
FAYETTE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	52.50
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	150.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	TRANSPORT	840.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	13,573.95
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	14,473.44
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	116.14
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	4,690.40
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	181.48
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	1,065.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF	SERV	176.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	338.91
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	97.18
PHILIPH LAW FIRM, E H	SERV	186.69
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	2,299.89
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	431.09

SCHICKEL, CANDILA	SERV	84.00
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	88,206.66
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH	SERV	570.00
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	12,977.92
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	42,727.97
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	27,663.95
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,286.00
WINGERT LAW OFFICE	SERV	61.70
TOTAL		254,207.87

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve an exception to policy for a client's transportation in the amount of \$377.50 to the YES Center. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved Farnsworth, seconded Mark Behrens to approve only 50% of an exception to policy claim for Village NW of \$344.66 for supported services. These services were not preapproved. Phil Bootsma and Bill Leupold spoke against the motion. They believe the lack of preauthorization wasn't done intentionally and there have been no past issues. Ayes: Farnsworth Graettinger Behrens Nays: Bootsma & Brockshus Motion carried.

Moved Phil Bootsma, seconded Graettinger to deny the exception to policy for the commitment costs of \$389.70 for an individual who is in prison and to send this bill back to Page County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by Phil Bootsma to approve the Seasons bills in the amount of \$220 of April 17, 2014. This bill was not received until January 26, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Budget discussion – bill was introduced by Senator Johnson to allow hospitalization for court-committed care to cross state lines.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to table the 2016 Regional Budget. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to authorize the Chairman to sign the regional contracts. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the Rate Setting and Negotiation Policy. Motion carried by all ayes.

There was much discussion regarding Regional Crisis Services. Representative from Seasons and Compass Pointe gave information regarding what services they currently do. This then brought on a general discussion of what services the Region currently has and what services can be financially supported going forward.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the Service Coordination Reporting Time Sheet. Motion carried by all ayes.

Discussion of changes to the Region's 28E agreement and the issues of some of the expenses that are being paid as administrative that may be allowable as service costs which are billable to clients. This will be referred to our legal counsel.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Tom Farnsworth that in the agency transformation process, employment level of care would be limited. Motion carried.

Discussion of an HCBS Waiting List Prioritization Plan.

Review of the Fiscal 2016 Draft of the Annual Service and Budget Plan. Kim gave an overview of the draft.

Bylaws – the attorney would like to meet with Kim and Bill to review a few questions he has.

Employment Initiative – going very well.

Crisis Services in the Jails – Have met with Clay and O'Brien County in the last week. Still have Osceola to meet with.

Supported Housing Team – a referral was made to a landlord that had a potential facility for use. Next step is to visit with developers to see what would be available for people with disabilities.

Website development – on hold right now.

Public Comment – Kim Scorza – Seasons their Sheldon facility has really grown and they are out of space at their present facility. Spirit Lake facility is also busy. Deb Broderson from Spencer Hospital wanted to clarify her earlier "no comment" response that this was only due to patient confidentiality.

Moved by Ron Graettinger seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 12:00p.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary