

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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); Linda Swanson, Clay County Representative (NWIACC Secretary); Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative; Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative and Phil Bootsma Osceola County Representative who arrived at 9:15 a.m. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator. Visitors: Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, Barry Whitsell Village NW (Provider Ad Hoc Representative) and Nancy Ketcham, Elderbridge (Consumer and Family Representative Adhoc Representative); and Kim Renken of Seasons Center and Pat Lange, DHS Case Management.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the minutes of March 20, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence received – Jan Heikes visited with Kim Wilson and suggested our submitted FY 16 NWIACC Annual Service and Budget Plan (AS&BP) be amended since some additional updates are needed; i.e. AS&BP included equalization dollars which are now not allocated for FY 16.

Barb Rohwer gave a financial overview. Prior to today's claim approval the Region has \$877,410.22 in the account. There is \$330,753.75 left to receive of the 4th quarter county payments. The Counties will received \$329,295 of SSBG funding. These funds will also come to the Region.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the following claims for payment. Motion carried by all ayes.

DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	437.19
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	450.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	MLGE	840.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	20,847.63
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	11,934.24
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	132.14
JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT	SERV	519.13
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	6,609.20
KLAY VELDHUIZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	120.00
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	1,334.76
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	597.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF	SERV	198.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	312.84

PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	882.98
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	137.74
SEASONS CENTER	SERV	31,038.41
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	12,020.12
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	40,649.68
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	30,767.76
VITA HEALTH SERVICES	SERV	5,180.00
WELP LAW OFFICE WILLIAM WELP	SERV	95.00
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,286.00
	GRAND TOTAL	168,390.82

An exception to policy for a client who was court ordered for treatment was discussed. The Client had insurance but the physician charges of \$813.00 were not covered. Moved by Phil, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to deny this exception to policy as these fees were denied due to lack of pre-authorization. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Region's insurance will end May 19th. The agent would like to get our policy on a fiscal year so we are waiting for figures.

Legislation – SSBG funding is currently not in the FY 16 Federal budget. Mental Health Block grant dollars from the Federal Government probably won't be something that will be available to the Regions. There has been more discussion of allowing counties to increase property tax levies for Mental Health and Disability Services.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Palo Alto County Hospital for court commitment evaluations for \$750.00 retroactive to February 1, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign the administrative agreements with Palo Alto and Clay Counties. Motion carried by all ayes.

Crisis Services in the jails - This is going very well. Services are in place in the regions jails.

Crisis Services – We know that there is a need for a crisis emergency services line. Spencer Hospital won't do tele-health because they can't get reimbursed for it. Some of the other regional hospitals affiliated with Avera may work with tele-health. The legislation regarding crossing state lines for services will be a huge help to counties due to the acute psychiatric bed shortages.

Nancy Ketcham of Elderbridge gave an overview of the training through the Aging and Disability Resource Center that is available for our DSC's to become AIRS (Alliance for Information and Referral Services) certified. Kim Wilson discussed this with the Board regarding becoming certified in the training. There is also a \$.15 per capita cost involved with maintaining the Aging and Disability Resource Center Call Center, which computes to around \$11,000 for our region.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the regional bylaws. With the addition of the following language that any 3 members may call a meeting. Further discussion on comments from the Region's attorney ensued. Phil Bootsma withdrew his motion for further details to be worked out.

The Region will be working to coordinate some training with Polk County for Positive Behavior Supports/Outcome Based Measures.

The Regional Training Schedule – nothing right now. The Employment Initiative will be meeting soon.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the Regional Satisfaction Surveys as amended. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson gave an update on Sunshine Services. There have been some changes in management and Hope Haven has been asked to do a financial assessment. The Region Board needs to look at the RIDES contract with Sunshine. Pride Group has an issue because there is no transportation for these folks to get to work. We may need to look at unbundling our service rates to help with this issue.

Employment Initiative – Going well. Consumers are being transitioned to Integrated Community Based Employment.

Crisis Services in Jails – Going well. Consumers are being seen for Assessments to address multi-occurring behavioral health needs in all six county jails.

Supported Housing Team Update – Will meet on April 22nd. Pride Group and Kathleen's will meet with Kim, Bill and Beth to identify housing for clients currently served through the integrated health home and the RCFs.

Website – Nothing new to report.

Medicaid modernization – The request for proposal is out there. State had 2nd round of Questions and is moving through the process. Bidding MCOs are meeting with regions and providers to find out how business is done.

Next meeting Friday May 15th at 9 a.m.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary

