

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 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); Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative; Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative; Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative, who arrived at 9:11 a.m. and Barry Whitsell, Village NW NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representative. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Chief Executive Officer. Visitors: Kim Renken, Seasons Center, Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, and Pat Lange, DHS Targeted Case Management.

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

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the minutes of July 16, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Four managed care organizations have been approved. The Legislative Review Committee has been meeting. They all agree that work needs to be done on funding MH and Disability Services. Funding of Oakdale competency reviews were also discussed. The cost for these evaluations are paid by the counties and are very expensive. The Committee would like to recommend that these costs be paid by the Department of Corrections.

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

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to change the Regional Board meeting date to the third Friday of the month as the regular meeting day. Discussion regarding time frames for the providers to get billings in for payment. Phil Bootsma rescinded his motion.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Linda Swanson to set the regular Regional Board meeting for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The meetings for the balance of 2015 will be September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th and December 22nd. Motion carried by all ayes.

Exceptions to policy –

We have an Osceola County client who receives work activity services in Minnesota. The Region is still working to see what changes if any can be made for this resident. The request is for approval to continue the present services through December to allow for the additional time

needed to get these actions done. Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the request for the additional time through December 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the four extra days of work requested for a client at Horizons as an exception to policy. Motion carried by all ayes.

There was an update on an Osceola County client, who has been receiving private transportation services the region has been paying. Hope Haven has available services that can accommodate this need and this option was pursued.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to authorize the fiscal agent to bill the Region's counties the first quarter of the \$48.16 per capita funding for Fiscal 2016. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Phil Bootsma to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Spencer Hospital for inpatient psychiatric and emergency services for Fiscal 2016. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Avera McKennan for psychiatric and emergency services; pending legal review. This contract will be for services thru June 30, 2016. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman or designee to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Area Agencies on Aging stating that the Region and agencies will work together in a state-wide initiative. Motion carried by all ayes.

New Business –

There was a conference call with April Metzger of Hope Haven to discuss the services in the jails. Hope Haven is very pleased with how the services are going. Approximately \$8,463 was spent on jail services during FY 15. Hope Haven has been able to follow up with some of the individuals released from jail. The county jails are also pleased with how the services are working. Hope Haven also works with Compass Pointe on these services.

We have training opportunities for the Family Peer Support Specialist Training at Spencer and Storm Lake coming in September and October.

Working on the Regional Crisis Services Training and the requirements that need to met.

Provider Tours – Tom Farnworth suggested the advisory committee hold their meetings at the various provider sites to give the group an idea of the facilities available.

Updates –

Foundations II – so far they have had three calls that came in on the direct regional line. Marketing continues to get the word out. Business cards are ordered for distribution to partners and the general public.

Employment Initiative meeting was moved to September 9th in Spirit Lake. MCO impact on service provision, state-wide practices and outcomes to be discussed.

Supported Housing Team Update - Two four bed houses were considered for occupancy in Sibley, but Hope Haven can't find the qualified staff to operate both of them.

Service coordination Update – RCFs are concerned about how the managed care organizations are going to handle the habilitation funding and then this will look to the regions for funding.

Positive Behavior Supports – The team is looking at options for local and state-wide outcomes at their next meeting on Sept. 17th.

Fund Reserves Planning Team – Scheduled to meet on September 22nd which will now be rescheduled due to the Governance Board meeting.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Ron Graettinger to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary