

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2014 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 (NWIACC Secretary); Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative and Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative. Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative arrived at 9:12 am. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator, Barry Whitsell and Nancy Ketcham, Village NW/ NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representatives were not present. Visitors: Kim Scorza of Seasons Center, Brenda Tiefenthaler, Debra Broderson, and Bill Baumgarner, Spencer Hospital, and Pat Lange – DHS Targeted Case Management

A motion was made by Linda Swanson and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the agenda with an amendment to include a contract with Spencer Psychiatric and Counseling, Nobles County Work Activity and a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding with the County Jails of Dickinson, Lyon and Palo Alto Counties for Behavioral Health Services. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the minutes of September 19, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

Seasons Center and Spencer Hospital gave a presentation to the Board regarding the inpatient services they provide and a proposal of regional financial support for shortfalls in reimbursement on said services. A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to request technical assistance from the Department of Human Services (DHS) for an analysis of the structure, the funding parameters, and services provided. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Linda Swanson to have the Regional Administrator negotiate a flat rate for attorney services for involuntarily civilly committed mental health clients. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the following claims. Motion carried by all ayes.

DEAF SERVICES UNLIMITED	SERV	597.30
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	695.52
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	375.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	MLGE	870.00
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	15,026.26
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	25,791.96
IOWA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	SERV	1,573.44
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	86.86
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	4,797.00

LAKES LIFESKILLS LLC	SERV	586.04
LAW OFF OF DONALD H CAPOTOSTO	SERV	561.00
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	101.56
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	4,798.74
O'BRIEN COUNTY AUDITOR	FINANCIAL SERV	704.00
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	303.72
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	284.37
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	329.86
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	162.44
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	47,968.67
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	15,448.06
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	47,212.91
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	33,547.26
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,180.00

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Linda Swanson to pay off the Osceola County debt. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign an administrative services contract with Osceola County. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Bylaws Team met and a bylaws draft copy was handed out to the board members, who in turn, will distribute to individual county attorneys for review and feedback. Editions/corrections/additions will be brought forth next month with a subsequent vote taken to adopt them.

It was announced that Allison Vanderske is the new Mental Health Advocate serving counties in the Northwest Iowa Care Connections.

The update on the Regional Cost Recovery will be discussed at next meeting

Crisis Services in the Jails Contract – The proposed draft of the Memorandum of Understanding was discussed. A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and to authorize the Chairman to sign them. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Spencer Psychiatric and Counseling. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Nobles County Developmental Achievement Center for services. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve a letter of endorsement for David VanNingen, CEO of Hope Haven to Federal Integrated Employment Advisory Committee. Motion carried by all ayes.

Community Crisis Services Initiative - A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to authorize a regional Request For Proposal (RFP) for crisis services delivery in local hospital emergency rooms initially by January 1, 2015 and on scene by July 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Linda Swanson to adjourn at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary