

## Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2014 9:30 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 (NWIACC Secretary), Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative and Dan Friedrichsen, O'Brien County Alternate Representative. Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Shane Mayer, Lyon County Attorney, Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator, Barry Whitsell, Village NW/ NWIACC Advisory Board adhoc Representative. Visitors: Pam Moldovan, DHS Case Management Supervisor, Ann Frink, DHS Case Management and Crystalynn Sterler, Pride Group.

Bill Leupold opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and gave an overview of the history of the mental health legislation that brought us to this point. The 28E agreement was discussed. Once the state approves our 28E Agreement, it will go back to each member county to be recorded. It will be version 12 that will be recorded.

Moved by Linda Sorensen, seconded by Ron Graettinger to authorize the NW Iowa Care Connections Governance Board and Chairman to sign the 28E agreement. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Sorensen to authorize the Chair to sign the Fiscal Agent Agreement with O'Brien County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Ron Graettinger to appoint Barb Rohwer the acting-recording secretary for the NW IA Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to designate the NW Iowa Review as our official newspaper and to post the minutes in all of the counties' courthouses. Motion carried by all ayes.

Insurance discussion: Bill Leupold presented information regarding what we will need for insurance coverage. \$5,300 per year was the estimated premium for the type of coverage it was felt would be needed. The Board discussed how and who to contact to get bids for insurance. There are only about three insurance companies that will write mental health policies. It was thought that other regions just have board and officer insurance. This will be tabled until there is more information available.

Legal representation was discussed. Shane Mayer stated that she is interested in serving as the region's legal counsel. Her concern was with malpractice insurance and compensation for time. There are still questions for both the Region and Lyon County that need to be answered so this matter was tabled.

The Governance Board reviewed the management plan and made corrections and clarifications to the proposed plan. Barry Whitsell stated that the Advisory Board recommends Work Activity be included as a core service on the management plan under "individualized work and activity services" subject to standardized assessment of needs. All counties in the region are currently using work activity as a core service. The Board decided that the work activity will be a priority 1 service.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Dan Friedrichsen to adopt the management plan with the revisions that were made today. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the budget plan with the added language that the line items of the budget are for budget purposes only. There will be flexibility within the line items and that funds are allowed to flow between line items. The only limitation is the total expenditure limit.

The HIPPA policy will be taken to each county's attorney for review and action taken at a later date.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the chair to sign the document stating that the Mental Health and Disability Service regional management plan policies and procedures and the FY 14 & 15 Annual Service and Budget Plans have been completed by the NW Iowa Care Connections Governance Board. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Ron Graettinger to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary