

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 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 Representative, (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 was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator, Barry Whitsell, Village NW/ NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representative was not present. Visitors: Pat Lange, DHS Case Management and Mike Porter of Pride Group.

Bill Leupold opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda with an amendment that the Regional Mental Health Inpatient Services discussion will be in open session. Motion carried by all ayes.

It was moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to rescind the motion of July 18, 2014 that approved the Annual Service & Budget Plan with the changes discussed including the removal of the "grandfathered" language on Page 9 and replacing that language with "No" that excluded additional population groups for funding of services. The motion to rescind carried by all ayes.

It was moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the NW Iowa Care Connections Annual Service & Budget Plan for Fiscal 2015 as presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

It was moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the chair to sign the fiscal agent agreement and addendum with O'Brien County. The motion carried by all ayes except Tom Farnsworth who abstained.

Tom Farnsworth left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Kim Wilson reported that she has contacted David Scott regarding our need for legal representation. Mr. Scott is willing to serve in that capacity at \$90.00 per hour.

It was moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Swanson to hire David Scott as NW Iowa Care Connections' legal representative at \$90.00 per hour. The motion carried by all ayes.

It was moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Ron Graettinger to authorize the administrator to sign a letter of support for Seasons Center for a Primary Care & Behavioral Health Initiative grant. The motion carried by all ayes.

It was moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve an exception to policy for funding of services for a regional consumer. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Board discussed the inpatient hospital services with Seasons and Spencer Hospital and the funding request that is being made by Seasons to the Regional Board due to financial losses by both of these agencies. Two Board members and the Regional administrator will visit with the Spencer Hospital Administrator to discuss the issues.

It was moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary