

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 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 (NWIACC Vice Chair). Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator and Beth Will, Dickinson County DSC. Barry Whitsell, Village NW- NWIACC Advisory Board Service Provider Adhoc Representative and Nancy Ketcham, NWIACC Advisory Board Consumer/Family Adhoc Representative were not present. Visitors: Pat Lange, DHS Case Management and Mike Porter of Plymouth Life.

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

A motion was made by Linda Swanson and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the agenda with an amendment to include the discussion of a contract with Hope Haven for services in the jails. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the minutes of July 18, 2014 and July 30, 2014. 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.

CLEARY, FRANCIS	ATTY FEES	42.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	276.68
DUNCAN HEIGHTS INC	SERV	3,311.00
E H PHILIP LAW FIRM	ATTY FEES	114.00
GENESIS HEALTH GROUP	SERV	524.00
GREER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	265.00
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	16,261.90
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	23,118.95
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	18.74
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	4,956.90
LAKES LIFESKILLS LLC	SERV	180.32
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF	SERV	142.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	329.03
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	368.15
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	2,658.51
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERV	240.00
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	1,848.30
SANDY LAW FIRM	ATTY FEES	92.08
SCHNURR LAW FIRM	ATTY FEES	60.00
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	62,076.82
SPENCER HOSPITAL	SERV	10,518.08
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	15,310.96
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	42,861.78

VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	36,092.09
WEBSTER CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	117.36
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,286.00
TOTAL		225,071.15

We are waiting for a bill from the Department of Human Services to finish the Osceola County debt. Hopefully we will have the bill for the September meeting and can get this finished.

The legal representation agreement had no action. This will be continued to next month.

The 28E agreement between Lyon and Osceola for administrative services has been discussed by their respective county attorneys and Governance Board members who have reservations in recommending any changes at this time since the FY15 budget reflects this arrangement. They will continue to work on this to evaluate coverage needs that transition this to a more regional administrative structure.

The Bylaws Team plans to meet on September 18, 2014.

The Board met with April Metzger of Hope Haven regarding mental health and co-occurring substance abuse treatment and crisis services in the county jails. She presented what services they have been providing in Dickinson County. She and Beth Will shared with the Board the benefits and savings that are/can be had by having these services in the region's jails. Medication management could possibly be done through tele-health, which is being explored. The Board would like to try this with three (3) jails in the region to start this program with the hope of expanding to all six (6) of the region's jails over time.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Hope Haven for mental health services in the county jails of Lyon, Palo Alto and Dickinson Counties effective September 1, 2014 thru March 31, 2015 and to approve the contract for Dickinson County with Hope Haven for the mental health jail services to be retroactive to July 1, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes. This service will also include a memorandum of understanding to include Compass Pointe who will provide substance abuse treatment services simultaneously in the jails to address co-occurring issues through their Iowa Department of Public Health funding.

Inpatient mental health services. Bill and Linda will be meeting with the Spencer Hospital to discuss issues regarding getting patients into services.

Mental Health Advocate payments was discussed. Kim has put together a workflow to get the advocate paid.

A request for an exception to policy for a funding request was discussed for an individual that is over income guidelines.

A motion was made by Linda Swanson and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the exception to policy for a funding request of a 66 year old female subject to additional investigation. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim wants everyone to be aware that CRIS reports are due September 30, 2014 with rate negotiations in December of 2014 for the Fiscal 2016 budgeting process.

The Board discussed a plan for a regional cost recovery program to recapture costs incurred by the region for clients that are over income guidelines. This would be implemented October 1, 2014.

Beth Will gave a report on the region's enrollment. There have been 103 applications processed by the region. Many of those were clients that had been clients of the counties who are now involved in the region. They have reviewed all of the clients that the counties had and have entered them into the regional CSN system.

Update on the Community Crisis Services – Designated Governance Board members and Kim continue meeting with mental health and substance abuse treatment service providers as well as local hospital ED staff. The larger team comprising regional law enforcement and the courts will convene again in the next few weeks.

Update on Employment & Economic Development – There are ongoing team meetings to determine procedures, outcomes, and financing of our regional initiative.

Update on Person Center Plan – There have been surveys taken of the service providers' intake criteria to determine commonalities between them. This information has been compiled as a baseline for gathering information that is relevant and will be used to assist with developing benchmarks for outcomes.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Ron Graettinger to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary