

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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), Del Brockshus, Clay County Alternate; 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 9:24 am. Linda Swanson, Clay County Representative, (NWIACC Secretary) was not present.

Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator, Sue Duhn, Dickinson County Disability Service Coordinator (DSC), Maureen Sandberg, Palo Alto County DSC, Janelle Schuknecht, O'Brien County DSC, Barry Whitsell, Village NW/ NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Provider Representative and Shane Mayer, Lyon County Attorney. Visitors: Christina Eggink-Postma of Seasons Center.

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

Sue Duhn, Maureen Sandberg and Janelle Schuknecht, the Region's DSC staff, gave a presentation to the Board to explain the process involved in the claims payment for the region.

Sue Duhn, Dickinson County DSC, presented the HIPAA training to the Governance Board. Kim Wilson asked Governance Board representatives about their County HIPPA policies and procedures in light of the updates due to the recent revisions of Federal Law.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the agenda with an amendment to include the discussion of a contract with Lakes Life Skills and to move the Review and Approval of the NW Iowa Care Connection Management Plan Revisions forward on the agenda before the review of the exceptions to policy. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the minutes of August 19, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

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

BJORNSTAD LAW OFFICE	SERV	150.00
DEAN & ASSOCIATES	SERV	300.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	65.52
E H PHILIPH LAW FIRM	SERV	438.00
ECHO PLUS INC	SERV	4,490.94
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	185.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	SERV	1,740.00
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	15,720.25
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	23,176.21
ICAP	ADDL INSURANCE	671.49

IOWA DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	SERV	1,052.64
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	197.95
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	4,956.90
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF	SERV	552.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	354.34
PAGE COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	144.49
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	93.60
POSTMA, LARRY G	SERV	420.00
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	2,299.89
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	285.60
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	34,358.41
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	15,283.96
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	46,832.00
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	34,204.65
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,286.00

After review of an exception to policy to address a FY 14 unpaid bill at a Council Bluffs, IA hospital, a motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to authorize the Regional CEO to negotiate a claim for inpatient services subject to the Fiscal 2014 Pottawattamie County inpatient contracted rate with said hospital. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim explained the status of computation of the region's Medicaid Offset charges. The state Department of Human Services (DHS) was required to have the county information completed and submitted today. The Board will be receiving more information in the near future.

Osceola County's debt was discussed. The DHS has been approached to provide the region an invoice as to how much Osceola County owes them for past bills associated with client costs at facilities where the non-federal share to Medicaid services was owed or where clients incurred costs due to hospitalizations for mental health services. It has been recommended that Osceola County produce payment history information to support a remittance to DHS to satisfy the debt.

The Region still needs to receive Osceola County's County Administrative Services Contract.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to retain David Scott as NW Iowa Care Connection's legal counsel. The motion carried by all ayes.

The Region's Bylaws Team was unable to meet as planned. They are scheduled to meet on Monday, September 22, 2014

The NW Iowa Care Connections Management Plan was reviewed. A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve and authorize the submission to the Department of Human Services the NW Iowa Care Connections Management Plan that is due October 1, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

To transition to a regionally funded system of care, the Governance Board allowed a three (3) month period for consumers to maintain funding from July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 through an exception to policy. When these individuals, who historically received county funding subject to their county's Management Plan accessed regional funding and were found to be out of compliance with the regional income and/or resource guidelines, they and their treatment team were allowed up to 3 months to determine their plan of action to either seek regional funding eligibility or access other funders for their services. Since the transition period ends September 30th, these exceptions to policy were reviewed on a case by case basis as follows with their disposition noted.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #106670. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #66540. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #180761. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #134503. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #107027. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #107103. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Phil Bootsma to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #106841. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #197349. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Phil Bootsma to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #117046. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Phil Bootsma to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #966602. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to deny the exception to policy for CSN Client ID # 122098. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Phil Bootsma to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #122000. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #116907. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #107219. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Phil Bootsma to accept the exception to policy for CSN Client ID #96990. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to continue funding services for CSN Client ID #106764 until further information can be obtained. Motion carried by all ayes.

Mental Health Advocate update – At this time, it has been determined that the Mental Health Advocate will continue to be a county employee. The current Mental Health Advocate, Rose Lloyd, has given her resignation so a replacement is being sought.

Regional Cost Recovery Program – Regional staff will provide the Governance Board with a report next month.

Status of the Crisis Services in the Jail Contract – Lyon County reported on their local meeting with service providers, law enforcement, the county attorney, County Supervisors, and regional representatives who are working together to complete a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining key features for these behavioral health services, including the referral process that extends this service to inmates in need.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Elderbridge for Aging and Disability Center Service Access through NW IA Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairperson to sign a contract with Lakes Life Skills for services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Legislative Updates – The Legislature is currently assigning members to a workgroup which will study the statutory components necessary to allow licensed out-of-state facilities to be accessed for inpatient mental health services to individuals under court order.

Regional Initiative updates - There was discussion on the Employment and Inpatient Team Initiatives.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary

