

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2018 1:00 p.m. O'Brien County Courthouse

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board met with the following members present: Bill Leupold, Dickinson County Representative (NWIACC Chair) who arrived at 1:59 pm; Tom Farnsworth O'Brien County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair); Mark Behrens; Lyon County Representative, (NWIACC Secretary); Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative who arrived at 1:09 pm; Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative and Barry Anderson Clay County Representative. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent, Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO, Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate; Barry Whitsell, Village NW (NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representative), Robert Aiken, Seasons Center; JoAnn DeYoung, Compass Pointe and Jayson Wagner, Amerigroup phoned in.

Tom Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion on a response to the recent flooding and to add Hancock, Winnebago and Worth Counties to the Kossuth County inquiry to join the Care Connections Region. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of May 22, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Kim Wilson reported that she has received notification of approval of the Region's Fiscal 2019 Budget and Service Plan.

Legislative Update – an interim study committee has been formed to discuss the future of mental health funding.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the following claims. Motion carried by all ayes.

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	OFFICE EQUIP	164.42
ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	SERV	400.00
AVERA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	SERV	8,064.00
CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,592.16
CHATHAM OAKS RES CARE FACILITY	SERV	1,589.85
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	261.27
DEKOTER THOLE DAWSON & ROCKMAN PLC	SERV	295.08
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	949.62
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	SUPPL	145.39
DUHN, SUE	MLGE	245.61
EDGEWATER BBQ LLC	SERV	186.18
GEORGE OFFICE PRODUCTS	OFFICE SUPP	35.35

GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	225.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	55,538.53
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	1,542.88
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	121.62
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,205.21
KLAY VELDHUIZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	120.00
LYON COUNTY	PHONE	96.75
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	97.80
MARCO INC	EQUIP	363.33
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	691.02
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	1,077.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	697.25
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE	12.84
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	494.69
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	1,111.16
RENSINK, PLUM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERV	271.69
ROCKHILL, LISA	MLGE	135.00
ROLLING HILLS COMM SERV REGION	SERV	122.20
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	857.17
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	54,444.95
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	31,235.91
US CELLULAR	SERV	74.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	40.01
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	9,669.03
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	65.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE	378.34
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	1,891.00
WILSON, KIM	MLGE	166.88
YELLOW CAB INC	SERV	221.65

Kim Wilson explained that the claims to Avera are for a couple disputed billings from 2016. The client is not a Region client, but resides in our Region. Our Attorney has recommended that we pay these bills as the vendor should be paid for the services. We will continue to pursue the Region that the client is a resident of for reimbursement of our costs.

Other Fiscal Agent Reporting – The Region fund balance after claim payment today is \$2,727,622.28.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign the State Auditor Representation Letter accepting the Fiscal 2017 Region audit. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Mercy Hospital in Mason City, Iowa for inpatient services during Fiscal 2019 at \$848.72 per day. Motion carried by all ayes.

Exception to Policy – the Pride Group is requesting a 3% increase in their charges for Fiscal 2019. This would be an estimated \$11,000 increase in our Fiscal 2019 budget. There are already notice of decisions in place for regionally funded clients placed there for the 2019 fiscal year. Pride Group has not submitted a cost report which is required for consideration of a rate increase. A rate increase should have been submitted at budget time last fall. The Board requested the cost report be submitted and they would discuss the situation again at their July meeting. At this time, the Fiscal 2018 rates stand.

Fiscal 2019 Seasons contract for Regional Crisis Services – A discussion was held on collecting the required information from clients when they are accessing crisis services. Seasons Center is not collecting all of the essential data on clients that is required in the current and upcoming contracts when providing crisis services on screenings and assessments. Under the contracts, if this information is not collected; they only received 50% of their charges.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to allow the full payment for the phone crisis screening services by Seasons Center during Fiscal 2019; the assessment services will still be subject to the 50% payment if the required data is not collected. It is also understood that Seasons will continue to work toward a system to collect this data. Motion carried by all ayes.

Meeting with Sioux and Plymouth County Representatives – A meeting will be held at 1:00 pm June 27, 2018 at the O'Brien County Courthouse. This will be a special board meeting for the Region. Representatives from Sioux and Plymouth Counties will be present to discuss a potential restructuring/merger with the NW Iowa Care Connections Region.

SF 504 Data Collection – Kim Wilson gave the Board an overview of the participation of entities in the region for the collection of data on region clients.

The insurance policy for Fiscal 2019 was reviewed. Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the policy and the payment of \$7,099.28 to Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP). Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Barry Anderson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Business Associate Agreement with Iowa Counties Technology Services for the use of the CSN web based software. The Board would also support that each of the members counties also enter into this agreement with Iowa Counties Technology Services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the Fall 2018 Zero Suicide presentations/training and expenses for a total of \$7,050. The event will be held September 11th and 12th in Palo Alto County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kossuth, Hancock, Winnebago and Worth counties have inquired to join the NW Iowa Care Connections Region. Kossuth has requested to meet with the Care Connections Board to discuss options. Kim Wilson will contact Kossuth to see if July 11th at 9:00 am at O'Brien County Courthouse would work for them to meet with the Board. We will wait for a formal request from the other counties before any further action will be taken with them.

Fiscal 2020 Per Capita Targets – We will look at early September to figure what our per capita rates will need to be for the Fiscal 2020 budget. This will be the year that fund balances need to be at 25% of the actual expenses.

Flooding Response – Our County Emergency Management Directors are coordinating the local resources to deal with the immediate needs due to the flooding. The Department of Human Services has disaster assistance that can be accessed. If there is homeowners insurance, the person does not qualify for assistance. The assistance is limited to structural items – furnaces, water heaters, etc. Our Regional offices are working on getting information out to people in need and will have resources for those needing supports through the crisis help lines.

Updates –

Assertive Community Treatment – still struggling to maintain staff. Seasons has found an additional funding source to assist with the program.

Mobile Crisis – the program will be up and running 24 -7 Monday – Friday in Sheldon July 2nd. It will also be up and running 24 -7 Monday – Friday in Spencer beginning August 1st.

Transitional Living Network – there was meeting last Thursday. The group is looking at intake for eligibility and to address homelessness.

Workforce Shortage Team – they haven't met yet.

Peer Support Network - No report

Jail Release Care Coordination – No report

C 3 De-escalation – Working on training

IPS Employment – there was a kickoff of the program last week with many good things happening.

The next meeting will be July 24, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary