

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Special Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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), Tom Farnsworth O'Brien County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair), Mark Behrens Lyon County Representative, (NWIACC Secretary), Jayson Vande Hoef Osceola County Representative, Craig Merrill Palo Alto County Representative and Barry Anderson Clay County Representative. Members of the Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region: Denny Wright, Sioux County; Mark Loutsch, Plymouth County; Don Cass, Plymouth County & Mark Sybesma, Sioux County were present. Those also in attendance were: Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO, Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent, Abby Wallin Mental Health Advocate; Shane Walters, Sioux Rivers CEO; Sharon Nieman, Sioux Rivers Staff; Jen Smit, Lyon County Auditor; Lori Bush, Plains Area Mental Health & Robert Aiken, Seasons Center.

Meeting called to order by Bill Leupold at 1:00 P.M.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the agenda. Motioned carried by all ayes.

Bill Leupold gave a summary of the purpose of the meeting. The Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region will be changing membership as of July 1, 2019. Woodbury County plans to leave their region and under current law; Plymouth and Sioux Counties can't be a region on their own. The discussion with the NW IA Care Connections Board was if there is any interest on the NW IA Care Connections Board to join with Sioux and Plymouth Counties to become part of Sioux Rivers; if any of the NW IA Care Connections counties have any interest in leaving the current region and becoming part of Sioux Rivers Region; or if the remaining Sioux Rivers counties (Plymouth and Sioux) would become part of the NW IA Care Connections Region.

The ownership of the crisis center in Sioux City is one issue that Sioux Rivers Region has to deal with. If Sioux Rivers remains a mental health region, they would continue to own the crisis center. If the Sioux Rivers Region is dissolved, the ownership of the crisis center would need to be dealt with.

A discussion of the services each region is currently offering ensued. The two regions do have many similar services and also a similar client basis.

NW IA Care Connections has been approached by Kossuth County to join the Region. The Board feels that the Kossuth Board should be invited to come and talk with them. They also are concerned about having too many counties. They feel that getting more than eight counties would become more than they want to manage.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary

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July 11, 2018 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); Tom Farnsworth O'Brien County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair); Mark Behrens; Lyon County Representative, (NWIACC Secretary) who arrived at 9:31 a.m.; Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative; Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative and Barry Anderson Clay County Representative, arrived at 9:08 a.m. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent, Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO; Robert Aiken, Seasons Center; Jen Smit, Lyon County Auditor; Pam Wymore, Kossuth Co. Supervisor; Dona Nielsen, Kossuth Co. Service Coordinator; Ron Sweers, Hancock Co. Supervisor; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago Co. Supervisor; Ken Abrams, Worth Co. Supervisor and Ann Frink DHS Case Management.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all eyes.

Bill Leupold gave a summary of the purpose of the meeting. The discussion with the NW IA Care Connections Board was if there is any interest on the NW IA Care Connections Board to accept the counties of Kossuth, Hancock, Winnebago and Worth into the Region.

A discussion of the services each region is currently offering ensued. The counties in the NW IA Care Connections region and Kossuth, Worth, Winnebago and Hancock are very similar in their cultures and populations. One concern of all involved it for the Region to become too large. The feeling is that keeping the size smaller helps to provide better service to the clients.

NW IA Care Connections Board asked that the Kossuth, Worth, Winnebago & Hancock Boards each make an official request to join the NW IA Care Connections Region. This is the process that is outlined in the Region's 28E agreement. The Region Board will then formally address the requests at their next Board meeting.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary