

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 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 1:08 pm; 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. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent, Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO, Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate; Christina Eggink-Postma, Seasons Center; JoAnn DeYoung, Compass Pointe; Ed Boll, Hope Haven, Jan Heikes, DHS Community Consultant; Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital; Ann Frink, DHS Case Management; Lori Bush, Plains Area Mental Health and Sarah Jackson, Pride Group .

Tom Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018, June 27, 2018 and July 11, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Kim informed the Board that she has been notified by the ombudsman's office of a complaint by a Region client's service provider regarding the discontinuation of regional funding for work activity services in an out of state facility. This change in funding has resulted due to the NWIACC policy change July 1, 2018 which now supports employment only in community based settings. The client is served in an ICF-ID level of care funded by Medicaid and wishes to receive facility-based work services, which are not bundled into ICF-ID reimbursement rates in that state. The ombudsman's office will investigate the complaint and we will work with them to see how best to serve the client.

Legislative Update – We will have this discussion later in the agenda.

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

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	OFFICE EQUIP	164.42
CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,540.80
CLAY CO AUDITOR	POSTAGE & FUEL	718.41
COURTNEY, CLAIRE	SERV	632.68
DICKINSON COUNTY AUDITOR	PHONE	25.96
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	MLGE & EXP	202.28
DUHN, SUE	MLGE	256.70
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	75.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	78,160.15
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	1,768.00

IA COUNTIES TECHNOLOGY CLEARINGHOUSE	DUES & MAINT	38,169.01
ISAC	MTG EXP	840.00
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,037.30
KOL CONSULTING	SERV	2,143.35
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	123.48
MARCO INC	COPIER	204.78
MEDEA & ASSOCIATES, INC	SERV	219.40
NELSON, AMBER	SERV	30.00
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	691.02
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	1,114.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	1,031.25
O'BRIEN COUNTY AUDITOR	SERV	1,656.35
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT	5,945.25
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE	19.47
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	SERV	1,788.38
ROCKHILL, LISA	MTG EXP	155.00
ROLLING HILLS COMM SERV REGION	SERV	2,000.00
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	1,176.30
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	42,463.75
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	30,700.50
US CELLULAR	SERV	74.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	40.01
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	4,814.87
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	46.00
WILL, BETH	MTG EXP	255.27
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	1,830.00
YELLOW CAB INC	SERV	164.30

The Regional fund balance after today's claim payment is \$2,804,772.60

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Hope Haven for jail release care coordination services for Fiscal 2019 with some additional descriptive language of the equivalent of 1 full time employee. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Seasons Center for Fiscal 2019 to provide the mobile crisis response services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Seasons Center for crisis screening and assessments during Fiscal 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim will be meeting with the Pride Group in August to complete the rate negotiation process to address the Provider's request for a potential rate increase to begin in January 2019.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Mark Behrens to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Hope Haven's request for a 5th bed in one of their Home and Community Based Services homes in Dickinson County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to direct Kim Wilson, Region CEO to send a letter to the Sioux Rivers Region to inform them that the NW Iowa Care Connections Region is not interested in joining the Sioux Rivers Region and to let them know that they are welcome to request to join the NW Iowa Care Connections Region. Motion carried by all ayes.

Jan Heikes, DHS Community Consultant met with the Board and gave them an overview of Iowa Code 331.389; Senate File 2418 and House File 2456 and how they relate to the regions' core services, the formation of new regions and how counties can or can't change regions. The Board discussed the various combinations of potential changes in the membership of the NW Iowa Care Connections Region. Kossuth and Hancock Counties have made formal requests to join the NW Iowa Care Connections Region. Due to the changes in the Sioux Rivers Region, there is potential for Plymouth and Sioux Counties to be joining our Region as well if they so choose. Emmet County is satisfied with the region they are in, but if Kossuth County comes to the NW Iowa Care Connections region, they will have no choice but to join our region as well according to current legislation.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to table any decisions on the request of Kossuth and Hancock Counties to join the region until the August NWIACC Regional Governance Board meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Updates-

Assertive Community Treatment – still looking for a substance abuse counselor and also a mental health counselor.

Transitional Living – will be meeting to develop a contract for an enhanced supported community living service

Workforce Shortage Team – no movement on this

C3 De-escalation – going well with numerous trainings being offered throughout the region.

Peer Support Network – Program is going well with numerous referrals. Clients are being funded through Medicaid primarily.

Jail Services & Jail Release Care Coordination – 52 clients have been served during the 2018 fiscal year. Release services are being marketed.

IPS Employment Services– Trainings have been done. This Evidence Based Practice will be featured at a statewide conference in October.

The next meeting will be August 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Barry Anderson to adjourn at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary