

# Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 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); Barry Anderson Clay County Representative; Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative; and Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent, Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO; Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital, Scott Witte, Hope Haven; Jayson Wagner, Amerigroup; Roger Tjarks, Kossuth County; Shante Whalen and Emily Rohlk, Seasons Center; Jan Heikes, DHS was present by phone.

Bill Leupold called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – notice was received that there was a discrepancy in the annual report versus the fiscal agent's annual report. The DHS report will need to be amended.

Legislative – an overview of the upcoming legislative session and potential legislation was discussed.

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

CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,540.80
CHATHAM OAKS RES CARE FACILITY	SERV	3,014.55
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	123.40
CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD	SERV	3,735.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	1,670.40
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	OFF SUPP	28.28
DUHN, SUE	MTG EXP	274.68
GEORGE OFFICE PRODUCTS	SUPP	46.33
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	19,385.31
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	94.15
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	6,206.40
NELSON, AMBER	SERV	30.00
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	284.00

PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	240.50
POLK COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES	SERV	9,285.71
RENSINK, PLUM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERV	347.30
ROCKHILL, LISA	MLGE & EXP	159.00
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	856.86
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	94,026.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	68.91
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	115.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE & EXP	217.79

There were no contracts or exceptions to policy for consideration.

Pride Group Fiscal 2019 rates – Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to leave the rates for services at the Pride Group at the Fiscal 2018 level for Fiscal 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the amended the Region’s Annual Report for Fiscal 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

NW Iowa Care Connections has been advised that the CICS Independent Contractor agreement for phase 3 will not be issued at this time.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to table Hope Haven’s request for transitional housing funds in Plymouth County.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve Hope Haven’s request for transitional housing funds in Dickinson County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to stand by the Board’s previous motion to not proceed with accepting Kossuth County into the NW IA Care Connections Region in Fiscal 2020. Ayes: Tom Farnsworth, Barry Anderson, Jayson Vande Hoef Nay: Craig Merrill Mark Behrens abstained Motion carried.

Assertive Community Treatment – Shante Whalen introduced herself as the new ACT Team Lead. She reports the program is moving forward and has a waiting list.

Mobile Crisis Response – Emily Rohlk, Crisis Specialist, states the service is working on the gaining more staff in the western counties to secure 24/7 coverage.

Transitional Living Network – Kim Wilson reports that the team has been meeting regularly and will be discussing getting clients stabilized with housing.

ISP Employment – The specialist for this region has resigned, but are in the process of hiring a replacement. Have 13 active referrals. This has more than doubled in a month. Voc Rehab is without staff currently in the Sheldon office which has slowed the referral process.

Regional Staff Review – in the process of the reviews.

Peer Support Network – 3 clients are currently being funding by the Region.

Jail Release Care Coordination – has been very slow with few referrals

C3 De-escalation – classes have been on going and more coming up next year

Workforce Shortage Team – met recently and is addressing recruiting and retention of staff in shortage areas, including direct care staff and certain mental health professional groups.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Barry Anderson to enter into executive session for the CEO Evaluation at 2:50 pm. Ayes: Tom Farnsworth, Mark Behrens, Craig Merrill, Barry Anderson & Jayson Vande Hoef Nays: None Motion carried

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Craig Merrill to close the executive session on the CEO Evaluation at 4:09 pm. Ayes: Tom Farnsworth, Mark Behrens, Craig Merrill, Barry Anderson & Jayson Vande Hoef Nays: None Motion carried

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, second by Barry Anderson to have a letter sent to the DSCs to give the Board a solution to some issues they see are in need of attention. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary