

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019 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); Sherri Bootsma, O'Brien County Representative; Barry Anderson, Clay County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair); Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative (NWIACC Secretary); and Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative. Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent; Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate; Deb Broedersen, Spencer Hospital, Shante Whalen, Seasons Center ACT; Emily Rohlk, Seasons Center Crisis; JoAnn DeYoung, Compass Pointe and Doug Smit, Hope Haven Inc.

Bill Leopold called the meeting to order 1:07 P.M.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the agenda presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – The auditors have requested an extension for completion of the audit to June 30, 2019.

Legislative updates – Legislature is considering allowing a 40% ending fund balance for the regions. If this legislation would be passed, the counties would be allowed to change their levies for Fiscal 2020. Children's mental health services have been discussed at the legislature. Funding is the issue with these services. Federal Block Grant funding has been discussed as a source of funding for these services, but was met with resistance from the mental health centers as they received these funds for clients who can't or refuse to pay for services.

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

ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	SERV	400.00
BAUM-HARMON MERCY HOSPITAL	SERV	280.87
CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,419.32
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	57.50
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	4,677.33
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	926.64
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	OFFICE EXP	530.99
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	150.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	12,693.35
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	139.28

KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,792.64
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERV	75.00
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	278.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	584.00
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE EXP	25.92
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	760.78
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	455.50
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	400.00
POLK COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES	SERV	245.86
RENSINK, PLUM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERV	116.98
ROCKHILL, LISA	MLGE	55.00
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	29,721.59
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	38,955.06
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	2,350.29
WILDWOOD LODGE DES MOINES	MTG EXP	145.60
WILL, BETH	MLGE & EXP	173.72

The Region fund balance after today's claims is \$2,137,269.38

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to table approval of the Spencer Hospital contract and rates; and to approve the Village NW, Hope Haven and Horizons Unlimited contracts and rates. Motion carried by all eyes.

The Advisory Board Membership is still in process of filling the seats. Clay and O'Brien County seats are filled. Dickinson, Palo Alto and Osceola Counties still have openings. The Advisory Board will meet April 8, 2019 at the Hartley Public Library.

The Marketing Cards are finished. Kim brought several bundles of them for Board members to help distribute.

Information for disaster assistance programs due to the FEMA declaration on the March flooding will be listed on the Region's website.

The Mental Health Advocate 28E/Contract was discussed. The advocate will be working with the Sioux Rivers Region as well as NW IA Care Connections beginning July 1, 2019. The Board is looking at the best way to bill for these services. No action was taken at this time.

Updates from the following programs were presented to the board:

Assertive Community Treatment – The ACT program has a full staff, who are currently participating in a variety of trainings. The ACT program is enrolling at a good rate and are currently serving twelve individuals.

Mobile Crisis – Hiring for the 24/7 in the western counties continues. The eastern counties are up and running smoothly with 24/7 coverage.

IPS Employment – Counselors and staff continue to meet weekly to provide clinical support for the program. There are currently 16 clients with 10 placed in jobs. Transportation continues to be an issue.

Peer Support – Hope Haven continues to get referrals for peer support at a steady pace. There have been 24 referrals with 4 funded by the region.

Jail Services – Individuals in the county jails within the NWIACC region continue to be seen for assessment and medication management.

Jail Release Care Coordination – Referrals for this program are slow. People are being met with in the jails, but the service duration is somewhat short-term.

Transitional Living Network – No report.

C3 De-escalation – Trainers continue to train in the region. They are also working on data collection.

Zero Suicide – Working on identifying training and outreach opportunities.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to adjourn at 2:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary