

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2019 1 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); Dennis Vanden Hull, O'Brien County Representative (alternate); Barry Anderson, Clay County Representative (NWIACC vice chair); Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative (NWIACC Secretary); Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative. Lyon County Representative, Mark Behrens, was absent. Those also in attendance were: Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate; Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital; Shante Whalen, Seasons Center ACT; Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor; Dona Nielsen, Kossuth County; Donnie Loss, Kossuth County Supervisor; Melissa Drey Plains Area Mental Health Center; Jack Plathe, Kossuth County Supervisor; and Todd Holmes, Kossuth County Attorney.

Bill Leupold called the meeting order at 1:00 P.M.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the agenda with one amendment; moving up Kossuth County update to the first item on the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kossuth County Supervisor provided the NWIACC board with an update from his auditor. Kossuth County continues to express interest in joining the NWIACC region. The Kossuth County attorney provided the board with an update regarding mediation and arbitration. The NWIACC board provided feedback and posed questions to Jack Plathe and Todd Holmes. Kossuth County would like to join NWIACC region prior to July 1, 2020. The NWIACC board discussed processes laid out in the 28E regarding that request. The NWIACC board members agreed to discuss this topic and request with their respective county boards.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson informed the board that the only correspondence received was in regards to approval of the current management plan and FY 20 service and budget plan.

Kim Wilson informed the board that the only legislative update is regarding the Children's Mental Health Services, which will be discussed later per the agenda.

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

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	EQUIP EXP	180.86
AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL	SERV	1,792.00
BAUM-HARMON MERCY HOSPITAL	SERV	1,220.06
CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,571.39
CHATHAM OAKS RES CARE FACILITY	SERV	3,199.76

CLAY CO AUDITOR	MLGE & EXP	19.95
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	172.50
COURTNEY, CLAIRE	SERV	2,326.37
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	1,795.64
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	OFFICE EXP	90.20
DONALD A. BENEKE, ATTORNEY	SERV	78.00
DUHN, SUE	MLGE & EXP	328.49
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	1,601.25
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	6,413.28
KLAY VELDHUIZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	360.00
KOL CONSULTING	SERV	2,283.00
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERV	75.00
LYON COUNTY	OFFICE EXP	317.82
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	271.20
MERCY MEDICAL SERVICES	SERV	531.53
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	1,103.00
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	509.50
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	OFFICE EXP	24.44
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	198.76
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	333.44
POCAHONTAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	495.44
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	532.07
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	35,423.83
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	33,084.63
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	82.44
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	2,822.67
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	92.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE & EXP	244.76
YELLOW CAB INC	SERV	186.00

Kim Wilson presented the board with the exit interview from the state auditor. Board members reviewed the document. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, second by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the exit interview. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with several contracts. Contracts were reviewed and acted on separately as follows:

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the contract with Seasons Center for Behavioral Health Crisis for provider services, including access to crisis response, medication coordination and nursing support. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the contract for Seasons Center for Behavioral Health ACT, which will include funding for direct care transportation and staff training expenses. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the contract with Seasons Center for Behavioral Health for Mobile Crisis Services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the contract for Avera Behavioral Health in Sioux Falls. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the contract for the YES Center transportation services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with a request for exception to policy from regional staff, Sue Duhn. Kim explained to the board that applications for regional funding had been sent to an individual for hospitalization, but were not returned to the regional office. The exception to policy would honor the contract with Avera for the involuntary hospitalization. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the exception to policy and pay Avera the contracted rate of \$896.00 for the one day. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with service agreements related to regional reimbursement rates for county jail mental health services. Hope Haven Inc. will discontinue jail services effective June 27, 2019. Until there is an official request for proposal (RFP), the region is in need of temporary service coverage in the jails. Plains Area Mental Health Center will provide single episodes for consultation and direct service at a rate of \$100. Plains Area will provide psychiatric services including evaluation, consultation and medication management at the rate of \$200 per episode. These service agreements will be in place for Palo Alto, Dickinson and Osceola Counties. Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the service agreements for Palo Alto, Dickinson, and Osceola Counties.

The board further discussed future service agreements and rates for Clay and O'Brien County jails. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull that future contracts for jail service agreements in O'Brien and Clay Counties will be for the same rate as Palo Alto, Osceola, and Dickinson Counties. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with a request for proposal (RFP) regarding justice-related integrated behavioral healthcare services. This RFP allows the NWIACC region's network of providers to provide on-site screening, consultation, treatment engagement, brief treatment, short-term care coordination, and referrals for adults who are in need of mental health and co-occurring disorder services. The board reviewed the RFP. Moved by Dennis Vanden Hull, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to send the RFP and proceed with the process. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim requested a phone conference regarding the selection of the approved provider on August 12, 2019 at 8 A.M. Board agreed to date and time of phone conference.

Kim Wilson presented the board with information regarding NWIACC CEO vehicle business expenses. The board discussed options for the CEO vehicle. One option presented is a day-by-day rental option through Borth Auto-Plaza. Vehicle rental per day is \$40, with the first 100 miles being free, and \$.15 per mile following. This option also requires the renter to pay for their own fuel and maintain full insurance coverage. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef approving the day-by-day rental option for use by the CEO. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with the invoice from Iowa Community Assurance pool for insurance. The region will have the same level of coverage as they have always had. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to pay the invoice on July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$7,063. Motion carried by all ayes.

The board reviewed the by-laws presented by Kim Wilson, which remove Lyon County. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the by-laws with the following amendment; remove Linda Swanson as Secretary and substitute Jayson Vande Hoef (NWIACC secretary). Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with information regarding a proposal for continued development of a motivational interviewing learning collaborative in NWIACC region. Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network, located in Omaha, receives a grant from SAMHSA and can provide the training for free. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Dennis Vande Hull to approve the proposal for free motivational interview training. Costs associated with space rental and lunch options for all day trainings are not included in these arrangements. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson presented the board with information as it relates to transition plans for children's mental health in the region. Starting July 1, 2019, there will be a statewide crisis line provided by The Iowa Department of Public Health; Your Life Iowa – Foundation 2. There is a transition plan from the region due April 1, 2020. The board discussed possible impacts of these mandates on the region. The board agreed to bring this information back to their respective county boards to discuss lack of funding for these requirements.

Assertive Community Treatment – The ACT program is fully staffed. They are currently serving nineteen clients; they started with five in January. Due to the contract with the region, the ACT program will have the option to assist up to 5 eligible non-medicaid clients on July 1, 2019 within the parameters of their Fee For Service contract.

Mobile Crisis – Mobile Crisis recently received a new certification from the American Association of Suiciology, which provided a level two standing which is difficult to receive. This is one of the regional requirements met for crisis service delivery.

CCBHC - People are being seen and services have been lined up for CCBHC.

Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) – Kim discussed EBPs that will be rolled out for training of staff and providers statewide; this will allow for consistency in the state.

IPS Employment – There is a call tomorrow morning and they are winding down with consultants, per Kim Wilson for this fiscal year. The fidelity review has taken place with high marks reported for the first year.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to adjourn 3:49 P.M. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abby Wallin – NWIACC Recording Secretary