

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015 9:10 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), Linda Swanson, Clay County (NWIACC Secretary); Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative; and Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair). Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative was absent. Barry Whitsell, Village NW Advisory Board member was present and Nancy Ketcham, Parent Advisory Board representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator. Visitors: Pat Lange – DHS Targeted Case Management, Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, Christina Eggink-Postma and Kim Scorza of Seasons Center.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the minutes of December 19, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Kim and Barb discussed the memo sent to the county supervisors and auditors discussing the budget process for Fiscal 2016.

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

CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD&SCOTT	SERV	75.00
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	3,427.47
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	171.92
DICKINSON COUNTY	REIMB MEDICAID	28,451.00
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	150.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	SERV	870.00
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	16,585.26
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	18,980.52
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	101.15
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	3,304.60
LAKES LIFESKILLS LLC	SERV	631.12
LAW OFF OF DONALD H CAPOTOSTO	SERV	155.00
LYON COUNTY	REIMB MEDICAID	2,121.00
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	1,080.52
O'BRIEN COUNTY	REIMB MEDICAID	6,364.00
O'BRIEN COUNTY AUDITOR	SERV	858.00
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	286.77
PALO ALTO CO HOSPITAL	SERV	1,040.62
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	115.10
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERV	96.00
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	2,225.70

SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	119.56
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	31,038.41
SPENCER HOSPITAL	SERV	7,231.18
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	14,074.54
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	42,415.96
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	31,113.51
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,286.00

Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor gave the fiscal report. Dickinson, Lyon and O'Brien Counties have submitted their request for reimbursement for the Medicaid Offset. Osceola does not owe on Medicaid Offset and Palo Alto County must lessen their FY 16 Levy to address their Offset amount.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to set a limit of \$2,000 for start-up costs for mental health services in the Northwest Iowa Care Connections' county jails. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve payment to Palo Alto County for jail updates – motion withdrawn due to a prior motion setting policy for payment.

Moved by Tom Farnsworth, seconded by Mark Behrens to deny the exception to policy for the Palo Alto Hospital for mental health screening at their emergency room in the amount of \$3,595.60. Motion carried by all ayes. Recommendation was made for regional staff to pursue a regional contract for this service where applicable.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the exception to policy for two \$285 bills at Siouxland Mental Health for emergency court commitments evaluations. Motion carried by all ayes.

A contract with the YES Center for transportation was discussed. A request for a comparison of costs was made and was brought to the meeting. Depending on each County's staffing it varies between the YES Center and counties as to which is less expensive.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Ron Graettinger to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with NW Iowa YES Center for transportation services. Motion carried by all ayes.

The rate setting and negotiation policy was tabled until the next meeting pending further information.

No old business.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Ron Graettinger to keep the current slate of officers (Bill Leopold, Chair, Tom Farnsworth, Vice-Chair, and Linda Swanson, Secretary) for 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Regional training was discussed. Kim Wilson serves on the Iowa State Association of Counties Community Services Training Committee which is identifying priorities. NWIACC has been approached to fund Core Services Family Support training at a cost of \$10,000 which is included in the FY 16 budget. More information will be forwarded to the Board.

Kim Wilson presented a Fiscal 2016 and 2017 revenue and budget projection. Much discussion was held and the Board deferred to the County Auditors to evaluate current and future revenues and expenditures, reserves, and the financial impact and sustainability of funding for mandated, core and extended core services now and in the future.

Kim Scorza met with the board to discuss a contract for Regional Crisis Services and a contract for those services. Ms Scorza stated that due to the uncertainty of regional funding from the state, and the short period of time left in the current fiscal year (5 months); that this Crisis Services proposal be tabled at this time. She will be back to the Board in the future with some proposals when more funding and logistical information would be available.

Discussion on the rural psychiatric inpatient access payment for Seasons Center was discussed again. Seasons is requesting \$160,000 for the year to assist in offsetting

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Linda Swanson to approve \$130,000 to Seasons for inpatient access payment for Fiscal 2015 contingent upon the Board receiving client information consisting of client number, dates of service, and the patient's resident county. Ayes: Linda Swanson, Ron Graettinger & Mark Behrens Nays: Tom Farnsworth Motion carried.

No new business

Updates: Crisis Services in jails 3 in Palo Alto – no consultation with jail staff there. Compass Pointe was also working with folks in Spirit Lake &

Supported Housing Update - Kim Wilson met with several of the groups involved with housing. HUD is not real helpful as they look at total housing incomes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary