

## Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2015 9:00 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 Representative (NWIACC Secretary); Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative; and Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative who arrived at 9:15 a.m. Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative was absent. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator. Visitors: Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, Pam Moldovan, DHS Case Management Supervisor and Kim Renken of Seasons Center. Crystallyn Sterler from the Pride Group arrived later.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the agenda as amended to include the approval of the Home and Community Based Services rates. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Ron Graettinger, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the minutes of February 20, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence received – Kim discussed the email received from the Department of Human Services regarding the Social Services Block Grant and State Payment Program funds that the counties are receiving this year and discussion of how those funds may be distributed in fiscal 2016 based on some current DHS funding proposals.

Moved by Linda Swanson, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve an exception to policy for payment of \$.01 for a person in an ICF-ID in 2004. This payment will be made to the Department of Human Services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the following claims for payment. Motion carried by all ayes.

CLAY CO AUDITOR	REIMB MEDICAID	39,661.00
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	2,721.09
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	70.74
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	527.50
HANSMANN, ALLEN	SERV	870.00
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	13,263.90
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	13,648.20
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	110.45
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	7,621.90
KLAY VELDHUIZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	120.00
LAKES LIFESKILLS LLC	SERV	186.64
LAW OFF OF DONALD H CAPOTOSTO	SERV	340.00
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERV	75.00

MALLARD VIEW INC	SERV	337.04
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	1,435.32
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF	SERV	619.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	312.84
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	1,119.29
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	3,561.12
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	223.20
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	62,296.82
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH	SERV	285.00
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	11,975.54
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	36,715.84
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	27,450.01
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	2,968.00
WINGERT LAW OFFICE	SERV	207.38
	GRAND TOTAL	228,723.32

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pre-Voc, Day Habilitation and Transportation rates as submitted for Village NW, Horizons, and Hope Haven for the Medicaid funded Services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the FY 16 NWIACC Annual Service and Budget Plan. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Phil Bootsma, seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the revised contract with Lakes Life Skills to adjust the rate to the Medicaid tiered rate to \$51 and the contract with City View in Des Moines for \$35 per day. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Board discussed service priorities based on client need and determination of regional eligibility for the funding of services currently defined in the NWIACC Management Plan and Annual Service and Budget Plan as it relates to waiting lists at the state level.

The Board reviewed the 5 star Quality Performance Measures and regional plans to address these priorities through an outcome based, trauma informed, multi-occurring capable, positive behavior supports system of care model.

Ron Graettinger left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed By-laws, which have also been distributed to counties for additional review.

Employment Initiative – Grant Funds were received from Workforce Development for training at Dynos convenience stores region wide to work with individuals with disabilities.

Crisis Services in the County Jails - No report on usage yet for this month. Clay, O'Brien, and Osceola County jails received orientation in March. No concerns expressed at this time.

Supported Housing Team Update – Plans are on hold right now due to funding uncertainty.

Website – in process of getting things developed. Hoping for a July 1<sup>st</sup> date for launching the site.

Kim discussed PROJECT ALERT that has been done by the Spencer ADA Council since 2005. Contact and health information voluntarily provided by persons with special needs through these kits are used by responders to emergencies or disasters. As a component of regional crisis services, this service has potential to meet another priority of our region so will be discussed with our regional Crisis Services team members.

Moved by Mark Behrens seconded by Linda Swanson to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary