

# Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 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); Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative; Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative and Barry Whitsell, Village NW/NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representative. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, Regional Fiscal Agent; Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO (by phone), Kim Rhode, Spencer Hospital; Emily Rohlk, Seasons Center Crisis; Jen Rohwer, Pride Group, Matt Buley, Hope Haven; Sarah Jackson, Pride Group and Jayson Wagner, Amerigroup (by phone).

Bill Leopold called the meeting to order 1:00 P.M.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda with an amendment to include approval of a RCF placement rate agreement sheet. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Discussion of call with the Department of Human regarding the County Social Services Region and some of the counties in that region with the concerns with issues they are having.

Legislative updates – Discussion regarding the end of the legislative session for 2019. HF 691 was passed by the Legislature enabling counties to revisit their tax levies for Fiscal 2020 to work toward a 40% ending fund balance in Fiscal 2024. HF 690 gives the children's mental health service to regions. Both are awaiting Governor Reynold's decision at this time.

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

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	EQUIP	179.96
CEDAR VALLEY RANCH	SERV	1,571.39
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	115.00
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	888.26
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	946.34
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE & EXP	225.55
DUHN, SUE	MLGE	248.36
GEORGE OFFICE PRODUCTS	SUPP	142.72
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	113.76

KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	6,413.28
KLAY VELDHIJZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	240.00
LYON COUNTY	PHONE SERV	511.22
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	120.60
MARCO INC	COPIER EXP	339.40
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	1,216.50
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	352.00
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE SERV	25.95
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	306.54
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	802.75
RAMIREZ, JENNA	SERV	165.72
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	SERV	355.04
RENSINK, PLUM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERV	132.95
ROCKHILL, LISA	MLGE	138.41
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	849.91
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	47,887.18
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	108,635.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	164.96
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	2,665.21
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	52.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE	193.14
WILSON, KIM	MLGE	72.80
WINGERT LAW OFFICE	SERV	247.50

The Region fund balance after today's claims is \$1,982,683.66

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve a contract with Sioux Rivers for crisis residential service through their Crisis Stabilization Center at \$400 per day and a contract with Plains Area Mental Health Center (PAMHC) Turning Point Center for crisis residential services at \$400 per day. In addition, Family Support Services, as a core service for adults, and Family Support for Children's Mental Health Services is included in this contract with Plains Area Mental Health Center in conjunction with PAMHC's Integrated Health Services. The motion to ~~but~~ not to include the family support services for children was presented for consideration. Ayes: Jayson Vande Hoef and Barry Anderson Nays: Sherri Bootsma, Craig Merrill and Bill Leupold - Mark Behrens abstained. Motion failed.

Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve a contract with Sioux Rivers for crisis residential service through their Crisis Stabilization Center at \$400 per day and a contract with Plains Area Mental Health Turning Point Center for crisis residential services at \$400 per day including the family support services for adults and children.

Ayes: Sherri Bootsma, Craig Merrill, Barry Anderson    Nay: Jayson Vande Hoef    Abstained: Mark Behrens - Motion carried.

Mental Health Advocate Services Discussion – Sioux Rivers has requested contracting or joining a 28E with the Care Connections Region for mental health advocate services. O'Brien County is the employer of the advocate. Currently the Care Connection Region has a 28E with O'Brien County for these services. Going forward it was decided that the current 28E would continue and that Sioux Rivers would sign a 28E with O'Brien County for advocate services as well. O'Brien County will continue to use the county mental health fund for the payroll and the advocate services will be billed through the CSN program by the Care Connection Region to the county with the client that has the services. The advocate has a spread sheet from last year showing the hours of direct client services and administrative services time. and a percentage of time in each area will be computed to an hourly rate to charge for fiscal 2020 to Sioux and Plymouth Counties requesting service) as part of this new proposed 28E agreement.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the amended NW IA Care Connections Management Plan. Motion carried by all ayes except Mark Behrens who abstained.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the amended Fiscal 2020 Annual Service and Budget plan. Motion carried by all ayes except Mark Behrens who abstained.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Mark Behrens to approve a \$150 fee for a vendor booth at the Beyond Limits Expo in Sheldon on Saturday May 4, 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve a letter of commitment for the Iowa DHS grant for supported employment. Motion carried by all ayes.

Discussion on a recommendation to member counties for Fiscal 2020 levy rates per legislative action this session: the 2019 session of the Iowa legislature passed a bill allowing for counties to revisit their Fiscal 2020 levies due to the increased allowance of fund balances to 40% by Fiscal 2024. Upon signature of the Governor, counties have 30 days that they may adjust their tax levies for mental health from the adopted rates. It was decided that each of the Care Connections Board members would go back to their Boards and discuss this and if the Governor signs the legislation, there could be a special meeting to decide next steps.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to give the CEO permission to seek legal counsel on a rate agreement sheet for use with providers of residential care placement. Motion carried by all ayes.

Updates from the following programs were presented to the board:

Assertive Community Treatment – The ACT program has a full staff. The ACT program is currently serving fifteen 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 – There are currently 15 clients with 12 placed in jobs. Two people are new to the program.

Peer Support – Hope Haven will continue waiver and Hab services along with peer support and intensive psychiatric rehabilitation.

C3 De-escalation – Train the Trainer Training is complete and the program is moving forward.

Zero Suicide – Caring for the Inner You Suicide Prevention and Awareness Cards are being distributed in all regional counties to market access to crisis services .

There was no public comment.

Moved by Mark Behrens, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to adjourn at 2:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary