

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

October 22, 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); Sherri Bootsma, O'Brien County Representative; Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative (NWIACC Secretary); Barry Anderson, Clay County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair) arrived at 1:23 p.m.; and Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative. Those also in attendance were: Barry Whitsell, Village NW (NWIACC Advisory Board Adhoc Representative); Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital, Diane Snider, NAMI Family Support and Emily Rohlk, Seasons Center.

Chairperson Leupold called the meeting to order.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to approve the agenda with the amendments to add a contract for the Pride Group and correspondence from Worth County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Regional Updates – Worth County sent a request to join the NW IA Care Connections Region. O'Brien County voted to leave the Region and join the Sioux Rivers Region. O'Brien County will also be ending their contract with NW IA Care Connections for the fiscal agent duties.

Legislative Update – the Children's mental health services rules will be coming out soon.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to approve the following claims. Motion Carried by all ayes.

ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	SERV	400.00
CENTRAL IOWA JUVENILE DETENTION	SERV	204.00
CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD	SERV	3,262.50
DEKOTER THOLE DAWSON & ROCKMAN PLC	SERV	222.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	552.80
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	EXP	87.24
DUHN, SUE	MLGE & EXP	234.32
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	15,572.20
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	109.52
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,446.80
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	TRANSP	142.80
KLAY VELDHIJZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	348.00
MARCO INC	COPIER EXP	300.19
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	914.75

O'BRIEN COUNTY AUDITOR	SERV	1,250.35
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	EXP	24.61
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	379.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	300.00
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	948.17
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	25,617.42
SIOUX RIVERS MHDD FISCAL AGENT	EXP	1,600.00
SMITH GRIGG SHEA & KLINKER PC	SERV	264.60
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	23,435.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	82.84
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	2,743.94
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE & EXP	129.00

It was discussed that a new fiscal agent will need to be found for next fiscal year since O'Brien County will be leaving the Region. Clay and Dickinson County Auditor's will be asked if they have any interest in taking on this responsibility.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve a contract with Plains Area during Fiscal 2020 for psychiatric evaluation and mental health outpatient services. Motion carried by all ayes.

Diane Snider with NAMI Family Support gave an overview of the program. She will be doing a family support group for families with persons who have mental illness in Sheldon once a month. NAMI NW IA currently offers family support groups in Sioux Center and Cherokee.

Children's Behavioral Health Services Development - a process to get board members needs to be developed. A transition plan must be done by April 1, 2020. Children's mental health and complex needs are both financial concerns. Hopefully the legislature will address these funding issues in the upcoming session.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the requests for HCBS 5th beds at Hope Haven's Sibley and Spirit Lake sites. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to adopt the Community Based Housing Funding Policy. Motion carried by all ayes.

A usage report on the Crisis Line/Mobile Crisis Dispatch was reviewed.

A proposal for training funds for C-3 De-escalation was discussed. Funding for staff training at the Pride Group in the NW IA Care Connections and Sioux Rivers mental health regions has been requested. A maximum of \$770.28 for up to 20 people would be NW IA Care Connections share of the cost. Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the funding contingent upon the approval of Sioux Rivers. Motion carried by all ayes.

A letter of interest has been received from Worth County to join the NW IA Care Connections Region effective July 1, 2020. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to deny the request due to the logistics of the request. A county requesting to join with another region must be contiguous to the region; Worth County does not border NW IA Care Connections and is therefore ineligible to make this request at this time. Motion carried by all ayes.

Assertive Community Treatment – The ACT program has 19 clients enrolled and is fully staffed.

Mobile Crisis – Emily Rohlk provided the board with an update.

Access Centers – still in need of sub acute services for the Access Service Network to be complete in our Region.

IPS Employment – There are currently 20 individuals on an active caseload. There have been three new referrals.

Familiar Faces – met in August - Spencer Hospital needs to do an upgrade on their software to offer this service; meetings are being scheduled to address the practice and its potential once new computer systems are in place.

Evidence Based Practices (EBP) – this is going well. Individual Placement and Supports (IPS) is moving forward in our and two other Regions. Permanent Supportive Housing is being launched next month with the work of a state-wide steering committee getting underway with technical assistance and support from Mid America Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC). Staff orientation for services state-wide related to complex needs individuals in access centers, access service networks and intensive residential services utilizing EBPs (trauma informed care, cultural competency, and integrated co-occurring disorders) are being developed through a steering committee process. Our region’s Motivational Interviewing Learning Collaborative is moving forward with scheduling Basic, Advanced and Supervisory Training through assistance from MHTTC.

The next meeting will be at 1:00 pm November 19, 2019.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to adjourn at 2:18 P.M. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary