

## Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 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); and Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative. Also present was the Board's adhoc Provider Representative, Barry Whitsell, Village NW Unlimited.

Those also in attendance were: Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate, Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital; Sandy Mireles, WHW County Social Services; Leann Blau, Hope Haven; Roger Tjarks, Kossuth County Supervisor; Donnie Loss, Kossuth County Supervisor; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County Supervisor; Jan Heikes, DHS; Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor; Pam Moldovan, DHS Targeted Case Management; Jill Barr, Seasons Center; Bob Lincoln, County Social Services CEO; Dawn Mentzer, Rolling Hills CEO.

Bill Leupold called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

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

Moved by Sherri Bootsma, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Legislative Update – the administrative rules for children's behavioral systems have just been made available for comment. There are still concerns being expressed to the legislature with funding of mental health.

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

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	COPIER EXP	240.63
CLAY CO AUDITOR	POSTAGE & EXP	129.95
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	57.50
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	1,145.31
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	652.32
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE & EXP	86.62
DUHN, SUE	MLGE	234.32
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	7,750.42
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	72.36
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,628.36
LYON COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	76.98
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	417.50

O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	1,095.00
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE EXP	24.26
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	112.00
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	635.50
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERV	318.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	690.00
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	405.10
SMITH GRIGG SHEA & KLINKER PC	SERV	144.90
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	23,247.21
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	82.89
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	194.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE	541.72

The balance in the Region fund after today's claims is \$1,474,692.14. Billing for the first half of the Fiscal 2020 funding from member counties was sent out today.

The statewide crisis line and mobile crisis dispatch with Foundation 2 is still in process. They are continuing to work on issues with seamless transfer of calls. For the time being, the Region will continue to use the services of Seasons Center.

There was discussion on the uncollected balance to date. There is \$7,229.79 that has not been able to be collected. The Board felt that it is very unlikely these funds can be received. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Barry Anderson to write off \$7,229.79 of receivables as uncollectible. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Fiscal 2019 NW IA Care Connections Annual Report was reviewed. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to approve the Fiscal 2019 NW IA Care Connections Annual Report with the inclusion of the customer and provider satisfaction surveys. Motion carried by all ayes.

A Resolution of the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors was read. Dickinson County will be leaving the NW IA Care Connections Region effective June 30, 2020.

An overview of various funding designs was reviewed for NW IA Care Connections going forward with the remaining three counties and also looking at joining with another existing mental health region.

The counties of Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth have submitted letters of intent to join the NW Iowa Care Connections Region. Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to table the letters of intent. Motion carried by all ayes.

Assertive Community Treatment – The ACT program is going well. ACT currently has 20 clients. 1 under NW IACC Contract.

CS De-escalation – There is continued work to get the level one C3 trainers recertified.

CCBHC – CCBHC continues to receive referrals and the program continues to be successful. They continue to look for resources in the western half of the region.

Mobile Crisis – Emily Rohlk will provide the board with an update via email, but it is reported that as of October 1, 2019, there will be 24 hour coverage in the western half of the region. Mobile Crisis has expanded to Sioux Rivers – Sioux Center office has a whole new staff for that team. Sheldon office will cover O’Brien and Dickinson Counties.

CCBHC – Still enrolling

IPS Employment – 2 new referrals since October; 20 active cases; 41 cases since they began; 27 clients have gained employment since beginning; 13 currently employed

Familiar Faces – Dickinson County’s team will meet tomorrow at Lakes Life Skills.

C3 De-escalation – funding was approved by both NWIACC and Sioux Rivers for training at the Pride Group facilities in both regions. Training for Pride Group in Primghar is in process this month.

Access Centers /Access Service Network– working with mobile crisis for pre-screening for civil commitments, mobile access to licensed professionals for assessments, and community crisis stabilization services.

Public comment – Deb Brodersen made the comment that she feels the Region needs to move very slowly with upcoming decisions and to keep the constituents informed.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to adjourn at 2:55 P.M. Motion carried by all eyes.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary