

## Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2019 1 P.M. – O'Brien County Sheriff's Office

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governing Board met with the following board 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.

Those also in attendance were: Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Abby Wallin, Mental Health Advocate; Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital; Dona Nielsen, Kossuth County; Roger Tjorks, Kossuth County; Donnie Loss, Kossuth County; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County; Sandy Mireles, WHW/CSS; Ken Abrams, Worth County; and Scott Witte, Hope Haven.

Bill Leupold called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

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

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 and December 9, 2019 work group meeting minutes. Motion carried by all ayes.

There was no new correspondence to the region at this time.

Kim Wilson presented the board with The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Notice of Privacy Practices as well as the employee Confidentiality Agreement. Each board member will sign theirs and return them to Kim Wilson.

Kim Wilson reports that ISAC legislative proposals and priorities are being batted back and forth. These proposals and priorities relate to how services will be funded. Kim Wilson attended a legislative forum in Holstein with Rolling Hills and Sioux Rivers Regions to advocate for and talk about recent legislation, services and funding.

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

ADVANCED SYSTEMS INC	COPIER EXP	164.42
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERV	52.00
CHAMPION STATE OF MIND	SERV	250.00
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	57.50
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	366.36
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.25
DUHN, SUE	MLGE	321.56
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	19,713.96
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	2,432.88
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	109.52

KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,446.80
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	TRAVEL	266.95
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	211.00
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE	23.41
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	118.50
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	1,230.00
RAMIREZ, JENNA	SERV	681.48
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	76.60
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	73,450.93
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	25,583.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	82.89
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	4,239.81
WILL, BETH	MLGE	133.40
WILSON, KIM	MLGE	304.80

There were no new contracts to discuss or sign at today's meeting.

Kim Wilson presented the board with a couple of changes that needed to be made to the annual report. The table of contents required one addition; Regionally Designated Intensive Mental Health Services. There was also a correction made to the accrual bund balance as of 6/30/2019 on page twelve. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the aforementioned changes to the annual report. Motion carried by all ayes.

Kim Wilson provided the board members a document called "CAMHI4KIDS; Building the Case for Adequately Funding Iowa's Children's Behavioral Health System." This document was provided by Kim Scorza at Seasons/Autumn Center. This document provides talking points and creates a dialogue in the state regarding children's mental health services and funding for those services. The board discussed taking action in support of this document. Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill to support this document with the following change to #4 on page 2; exclude local resources from the talking point. Motion carried; Sherri Bootsma abstained from the vote.

Kim Wilson presented the board with information regarding a gaming grant applied for by The Zero Suicide Coalition in Palo Alto County. The grant amount of \$3650.00 will cover some of the costs for a cargo trailer, wrap and paint for the trailer. The Zero Suicide Coalition is requesting a 10% match from the region because the grant amount is less than \$5,000. The board inquired about whether or not this trailer could be used in other counties for parades and events; Kim Wilson anticipates no issues with that, but will get some clarification. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve a 10% match in the amount of \$365.00. Motion carried by all ayes.

The board members and Kim Wilson discussed recommendations from the work group that has been meeting regarding transition plans. The board discussed ending fund balances and how this will be handled when O'Brien and Dickinson County exit. Craig Merrill reminded the board that Lyon County was allowed, per the 28E, agreement to keep their ending fund balance upon their exit. Jayson Vande Hoef, disagrees with how the 28E agreement reads in regards to this and that will be addressed moving forward.

As advised by the region's attorney, David Scott, Northwest Iowa Care Connections Region will dispose a per capita portion of the regional fund balance to Dickinson and O'Brien Counties upon their exit. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson. Motion carried; Sherri Bootsma abstained from the vote.

In the future, if member counties exit the Northwest Iowa Care Connections region, a per capita portion of the ending fund balance will be provided after consideration of future annual levy participation. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill. Motion carried; Sherri Bootsma abstained from the vote.

Assertive Community Treatment Update – No update provided today.

Community Based Crisis Stabilization Update – County Social Services, Rolling Hills, Sioux Rivers and NWIACC regions met with Seasons Center regarding contracts. There was some conversation about mobile crisis going to a per capita rate, per report of Kim Wilson. Mobile Crisis has attempted to bill out to Medicaid, but has been unsuccessful in those attempts. NWIACC region bills were being supplemented by other regions who are utilizing these services and that was reflected in recent bills. Kim Wilson also reports that the Transitional Living Network has been discussing a new position, a housing specialist, to assist people with housing needs and community crisis care coordination. There will be a proposal for this position and cost from Seasons Center at the next meeting.

Mobile Crisis Update – (See Community Based Crisis Stabilization) An update was also provided to the board members in their packets.

IPS – Currently, there are 20 individuals on an active caseload in the NWIACC region. Since the start date of July 1, 2018, IPS has served a total of 41 individuals in this region. Hope Haven reports that 29 of those individuals have obtained employment, 16 are currently employed and there are no new referrals for enrollment at this time.

EBPs – Kim Wilson reported to the board that there will be a housing fidelity assessment training at ISAC in the near future; regional staff will attend this training in Des Moines.

Motivational Interviewing Collaborative – Kim Wilson reported that 40 people attended the Basic and about 1/3 of those attended the Advanced training. She also reports that there are a few individuals who will be attending the supervisory trainings.

Transitional Plans – Kim Wilson presented the board with information as it relates to regional transition plans and tentative timelines.

The Regional Governing Board discussed letters of intent from Winnebago, Worth and Kossuth Counties to join the NWIACC region. The work group is recommending to the Regional Governing Board that they accept the letters of intent with stipulations and a July 1, 2020 entry date. Worth, Winnebago and Kossuth Counties are requesting an early entry date. The board discussed and Jan Heikes noted caution of doing this. The board maintains that July 1, 2020 will be the best entry date, per the 28E agreement. Some of the stipulations, including the balances the three counties will bring with them upon their entry, will be discussed with Bob Lincoln in the work group meeting this afternoon. The NWIACC board instructs the regional attorney, David Scott, to make contact with the regional attorney for County Social Services to discuss the stipulations and the agreement for fund balances.

Letters of intent are accepted pending the agreement between Regions regarding the ending fund balances they will be bringing with them; their share of a minimum 9 million dollar CSS fund balance. Once a satisfactory agreement has been reached, the 30 day window for review and approval process within the NWIACC member counties will begin. Worth, Winnebago and Kossuth counties may have to levy higher in the first year prior to their entry to NWIACC. Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill. Motion carried; Sherri Bootsma abstained from the vote.

The Regional Governing Board entered a closed session at 3:15 P.M. for the CEO annual evaluation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Abby Wallin – NWIACC Recording Secretary