

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governing Board Work Group met January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the O'Brien County Courthouse Assembly room at 3:45 pm. Those in attendance were: Barry Anderson, Clay County Supervisor, Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Supervisor, Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Leupold, Dickinson County Supervisor. Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO was also present. Guests included: Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County Supervisor, Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor, and Sandy Mireles, WHW Community Services were also present. Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor and Dona Nielsen, Kossuth County Disability Services Coordinator was on the phone.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson who asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. The NWIACC Governance Board at their meeting earlier today named Carmen Moser as the FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent and thanks were expressed by the group in attendance to take on this position. Gathering information about FY 21 Revenues and an anticipated budget continue to go forward to determine an FY 21 per capita rate for Clay, Osceola, and Palo Alto counties.

Winnebago and Worth County currently plan to budget a \$34 per capita rate and Kossuth County is at its maximum per capita of \$43.65 for FY 21 after conversations between Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth representatives with the County Social Services Board.

CEO Kim Wilson states that regional contracts will be reviewed in the coming weeks to determine which contracts need to be completed. There were questions about the usage of the I-START program, along with services being received by Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth Counties for mental health and disability services through various local providers. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the date for notification of the change in funding when the 28 E agreement is signed by all the counties.

There was also discussion about the timelines for compliance with Children's Behavioral Health Services Plan implementation. A request for Advisory Board members, which must represent specialized segments of the CBH system was given to all in attendance as part of this process. It is noted that members of the Governing Board believe this is an unfunded mandate and will only consider funding when approved through Board action.

There was a question regarding the payment of Mental Health Advocate services. Winnebago County has an employee that serves Worth and Hancock Counties. NWIACC will work with them to set up a 28 E Agreement like what we have with Sioux Rivers to address direct and indirect costs.

The Work Group reviewed the staffing for the NWIACC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Disability Services coordinators (DSC). Resumes are due for the CEO position by February 28<sup>th</sup>. A selection committee, including a Clay Board representative, An Osceola County Governing Board representative, and the NWIACC FY21 Fiscal Agent were considered primary for this task. Craig Merrill would be an alternate. Through consensus, it was determined that each of the CSS Counties would have a Supervisor representative on the CEO selection committee also. It was also discussed that there be a requirement that the regional CEO reside in a member county.

Ken Abrams motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Craig Merrill provided the second. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Kim Wilson NWIACC CEO