

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2020 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; Barb Rohwer, O’Brien County Auditor; Emily Rohlk, Seasons Center Crisis; Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County Supervisor; Sandy Mireles, WHW County Social Services and Scott Witte, Hope Haven. Deb Brodersen, Spencer Hospital, was on the phone.

Bill Leopold called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 Sherri Bootsma to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting with a correction to the following motion: In accordance with the Region’s attorney, David Scott’s interpretation of the Region’s 28E and subsequent Board approved recommendation based on his findings, Dickinson and O’Brien County will retain their ending fund balances consistent with the manner it was handled in when Lyon County exited. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 work group meeting minute. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – Kim shared information regarding the Governor’s proposed state funding to assist with mental health service for regions.

Advisory Board update – there are currently 2 vacancies on the board. Osceola and Palo Alto Counties are lacking a representative for consumers and/or family members. With the Children’s Behavioral Health Services coming on, the Advisory Board had a discussion regarding the board structure. The thought is to have a separate board for the children’s advisory committee. Scheduling for the two groups are being considered for the same day with opportunity for the two boards to meet when specific issues affect them both.

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

BK RENTALS LLC	RENT	450.00
CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	306.65
CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD	SERV	120.00
DEKOTER THOLE DAWSON & ROCKMAN PLC	SERV	926.00
DHS-CASHIER	SERV	8,218.60
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	1,480.82
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	OFFICE EXP	95.48

DUHN, SUE	MLGE	57.50
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	9,100.63
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	4,865.76
INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS	SERV	2,320.00
ISAC	REG	570.00
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,628.36
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	MLGE	164.55
KLAY VELDHIJZEN BINDER DEJONG	SERV	540.00
MARCO INC	COPIER EXP	295.84
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	876.00
O'BRIEN COUNTY AUDITOR	SERV	1,120.23
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE	23.58
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	600.00
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	33,861.73
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	25,613.22
VERIZON WIRELESS	SERV	165.56
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	6,432.64
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	107.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE	185.60
WILSON, KIM	MLGE	584.50

Contracts – Pride Group has requested a 3% increase in rates for Fiscal 2021. This contract is normally done in coordination with Sioux Rivers Region. Moved by Jayson Vanden Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to table this contract. Motion carried by all ayes.

Exception to policy – An Osceola County client no longer has a guardian. A new guardian needs to be established. It is estimated that \$1,000 in attorney fees would be needed to get the process completed. Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to approve an exception to policy for an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the legal fees to complete the necessary steps required to appoint a new guardian for this Osceola County client. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to approve up to \$200 for lodging of 2 people to attend the Mobile Crisis Response Statewide Summit. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to approve funding for one of the Seasons staff to attend the AAS Accreditation Conference in Portland, Oregon. Motion carried by all ayes.

Election of Officers –

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to nominate Barry Anderson as Chairman for 2020. Moved by Craig, seconded by Jayson that nominations cease. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Barry Anderson to nominate Jayson Vande Hoef as Vice Chair for 2020. Moved by Barry Anderson, seconded by Craig Merrill that nominations cease. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Barry Anderson to appoint Craig Merrill as Secretary for 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Bill Leupold to designate Palo Alto County as the Region's fiscal agent beginning July 1, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to instruct the members counties of Clay, Osceola and Palo Alto to budget \$18 per capita for Fiscal 2021. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef to adhere to the current practice of not covering the funding for Guardianship/Representative Payee expenses as they are not in the Region's management plan and are a non-core service. Removal of proposed funding in these line items in the Fiscal 2021 budget was also noted. Motion seconded by Craig Merrill. Motion carried by all ayes.

Hiring Process for CEO – discussed where advertising would be done and the timeline for the process. Clay County will be the employer of record for the CEO. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the hiring process for the CEO. Motion carried by all ayes.

Updates –

Assertive Community Treatment – the substance abuse coordinator has taken a new job. A new coordinator will need to be hired.

Mobile Crisis Response – it has been very busy. There have also been some staffing changes.

Community Based Crisis Stabilization – an enrollment specialist has been hired.

IPS Employment – Hope Haven has served 32 clients since the beginning of their grant. 24 have obtained employment. The current caseload is 21 with 15 clients employed and there have been 2 referrals.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Sherri Bootsma to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary