

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governance Board Work Group Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020 3 pm

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections' Governance Board Work Group met on February 25th, 2020 at the O'Brien County Courthouse Assembly Room. Those present included: Barry Anderson, Clay County Supervisor (Chair), Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Supervisor (Vice-Chair) Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Supervisor (Secretary), Ken Abram, Worth County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County Supervisor, Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO, and Sandy Mireles, WHW Community Services Director. Carmen Moser, Palo Alto County Auditor and FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent and Jan Heikes, DHS were on the phone.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 3 pm. The agenda was approved as presented through a motion by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill, and approved unanimously.

Carmen Moser, FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent, gave an update on Fiscal Agent transition preparations, including the development of software entries through Solutions for budgeting purposes.

There was discussion about the distribution of the Resolutions to NWIACC member counties to take action on the letters of intent for Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth Counties to join NWIACC.

Kim Wilson provided an update on Governor Reynold's Funding Proposal for Mental Health and Disability Services, which includes the state's participation in funding to a max level of \$38.04 along with a per capita of \$12.50 for county property tax dollars. We will continue to monitor the progress this proposal has in the Legislature.

HF 2151 and subsequent HF 2555 were discussed as these bills attempt to form a new MHDS Region in the state. Since County Social Services Counties, including Webster, are driving these bills, along with Emmet County, there was discussion about the intent of Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth to stay the course with the development and continuation of work together to make this Region a viable partnership. There was discussion about the levy inequity between Kossuth County and the rest of the Region. The conversation about the ending fund balance inequity was again discussed and it was agreed that a formula should be developed to address this during this initial time as a new Region.

Continued work is being done on transitioning to a six county Region. Regional 28E Agreement revisions have been sent to the member and perspective counties for review as the document is prepared for circulation April 1st for county Board signatures. It was suggested that the 28E reflect the need for two (2) representatives from each County should Region size be limited to three counties to assure a proper quorum. There was also discussion about weighting the vote of elected officials for financial matters in light of non-elected members being added to the Governing Board in response to HF 690 and subsequent Administrative Rule.

There was also discussion about the revisions to the Administrative contract for member counties who perform as an Employer County of Record for staff performing regional duties.

In addition, an update was given on the recruitment for the Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee members continues throughout the six counties. It is also noted that the Region's Management Plan, which will reflect new member counties, has some additions due by the April 28th

Board meeting to support the advent of Children's Behavioral Health Services into the array of regional responsibilities.

Consensus was reached on the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Selection Process provided by CEO Kim Wilson, as well as the Disability Service Coordinators (DSC) position advertising and hiring process also presented by the CEO. There were logistical discussions about representation on the Selection Team and plans were made to meet March 2nd 8 am to review CEO applications by the CEO Selection Team.

There was cost-benefit conversation about ISTART programming in Winnebago County through County Social Services following a presentation by the ISTART coordinator during the previous Governance Board meeting this afternoon. and no public comment. The meeting was adjourned by motion from Ken Abrams which was seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef and approved unanimously. Chair Barry Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Wilson NWIACC CEO
and Recording Secretary