

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020 1 P.M.

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governing Board met with the following board members present: Dennis Vanden Hull, O'Brien County Representative (Alternate); Jayson Vande Hoef, Osceola County Representative (NWIACC Vice Chair); Barry Anderson, Clay County Representative (NWIACC Chair); and Craig Merrill, Palo Alto County Representative (NWIACC Secretary). Bill Leupold, Dickinson County representative was absent.

Those also in attendance were: Kim Wilson, NWIACC CEO; Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor; Ken Abrams, Worth County Supervisor; Bill Jensvold, Winnebago County Supervisor; Sandy Mireles, WHW County Social Services; Felicia Bates, I-Start; Pam Moldovan, DHS; Kasey Fear, Spencer Hospital and Scott Witte, Hope Haven. Carmen Moser, Palo Alto Auditor and Jan Heikes, DHS were on the phone.

Barry Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2020 conference call meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 work group meeting. Motion carried by all ayes.

Correspondence – No changes on the Children's implementation plan – it is still due April 1st.

Regional & Legislative Updates – Information on the Governor's current plan regarding the state supplement to regional mental health funding which includes \$38.04 per capita from a state appropriation and a proposed cap the Regions at \$12.50 per capita. There are approximately 5 Regions that would have reduced revenues under this plan.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the following claims. Motion carried by all ayes.

CLAY CO SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	264.92
CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD	SERV	282.00
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	698.10
DICKINSON COUNTY TREASURER	OFFICE EXP	305.37
HOPE HAVEN INC	SERV	235.00
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	2,432.88
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	146.68
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	5,628.36
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	TRAVEL EXP	141.70
MERCY MEDICAL SERVICES	SERV	181.54

NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	89.00
O'BRIEN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	634.50
OSCEOLA CO AUDITOR	PHONE	22.08
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HLTH CENTER	SERV	300.00
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	410.28
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	33,843.21
SIOUX RIVERS MHDD FISCAL AGENT	SERV	1,600.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	21,397.70
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	3,057.40
WALLIN, ABBY	MLGE	87.00
WILL, BETH	MLGE	271.93
WILSON, KIM	MLGE	440.22

Contracts – The Pride Group contact for Fiscal 2021 will be reviewed by Sioux Rivers today. Negotiations will continue as that Region explores its recommendations for a possible rate increase.

Exception to policy – Court commitment to Avera for a client. Attempts have been made to contact the client to have an application for services completed with no success. We would like to keep our relationship in good standing with Avera. NW IA Care Connections policy is to pay \$896 per day. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to pay the \$896 per day amount to Avera. Motion carried by all ayes.

Letters of Intent –Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth Counties have made their requests to join this region through letters of intent. The criteria set by NW Iowa Care Connections appears to have been met along with the concerns that had been expressed. It appears to be reasonable to proceed to ask the member counties for their approval in the upcoming weeks.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to accept the letters of intent from Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth Counties to join the NW IA Care Connections Region now that the conditions of joining have been (as identified in the December 19, 2019 meeting) met: this will be effective as of July 1, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to have the CEO send NWIACC member counties the Resolution for Kossuth County to join NW IA Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to have the CEO send NWIACC member counties the Resolution for Worth County to join NW IA Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Craig Merrill to have the CEO send NWIACC member counties the Resolution for Winnebago County to join NW IA Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Board Members are asked to review the proposed revisions to the NW IA Care Connections 28E Agreement.

CEO Applicants – there are two applications received so far. Applications are due Friday, February 28, 2020.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to hold a meeting at 8:00 a.m. March 2, 2020 at the Clay County Administration Building to review the CEO applications received. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to approve the CEO Selection Process as outlined. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Dennis Vanden Hull, seconded by Craig Merrill to approve the Disability Service Coordinator hiring process for advertising and interviewing timeline. Motion carried by all ayes.

I-Start – this program provides community based crisis prevention and intervention services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

Fiscal 21 proposed budget – will have the figures next month.

Children’s Advisory Board Membership – There should be an application process. Once the application is approved, it would be sent out to those interested persons. Moved by Craig Merrill, seconded by Jayson Vande Hoef to approve the NWIACC Children’s Behavioral Health Advisory Board Membership application and selection process. Motion carried by all ayes.

March meeting date will be March 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Updates –

IPS Employment – Hope Haven current caseload is 16 clients. 11 employed. Two new referrals.

Moved by Jayson Vande Hoef, seconded by Dennis Vanden Hull to adjourn at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barb Rohwer – NWIACC Recording Secretary