

**Northwest Iowa Care Connections
Governing Board
September 22, 2020 1:30 PM The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom**

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections (NWIACC) Governing Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:30 pm at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present: Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), Jayson VandeHoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair) via Zoom, Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor, and Ken Abrams - Worth County Supervisor.

Advisory Board members present via Zoom were: Holly Boettcher, Michelle Huntress, Amanda Schmidt.

Others in attendance were: Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent, Melissa Loehr - NWIACC CEO, Therese Trojahn - NWIACC Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, and Sandy Mireles - WHW Community Services. Attending via Zoom were Shante Whalen - Seasons Center, Scott Witte - Hope Haven, Deb Brodersen - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr – Seasons Center, Pam Moldovan – DHS, and Kim Keleher – Plains Area Mental Health, Crystal Engstrom- Iowa Child Advocacy Board and NWIACC Children Advisory Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Abrams motioned and Loss seconded the adoption of the current agenda with no additions. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Merrill and seconded by Jensvold to approve the meeting minutes for August 25, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

There was no correspondence.

A Regional update was given by Melissa Loehr. She participated in strategic planning with DHS and with other Regional CEO's. The Region continues to work with Next Generation for IT issues.

Loehr gave an update for the regional COVID-19 weekly meetings

There was no Legislative update.

Claims were presented by the Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the claims as printed was made by Abrams and seconded by VandeHoef and was unanimously approved.

Following is a list of the claims:

Clay County Sheriff	Sheriff Transportation	115.00
Cornwall,Avery,Bjornstad&Scott	Legal Representation	4395.00
Dickinson County Sheriff	Sheriff Transportation	311.68
Duncan Heights, Inc	Supported Comm Living	4413.00
Exceptional Opportunities, Inc	Supported Comm Living/Voc/Day	4067.56
Hope Haven Inc.	Supported Comm Living/Day Hab	3852.15
Marty Illg	Employee Mileage	188.01

Integrated Telehealth Partners	Outpatient in Jails	1858.11
Kathleen's Care Inc.	RCF	5740.89
Klay, Veldhuizen, Binder, De J	Legal Representation	1078.89
Kossuth Co Sheriff	Sheriff Transportation	155.32
Melissa Loehr	Postage & Mailing	84.90
Ruth Melby	Employee Mileage	105.09
Anna Miller	Employee Mileage	532.45
Next Generation Technologies	Office & Data Processing	700.00
NW IA Youth Emergency Services	Other Transportation	418.25
Sandra Pelzer	Employee Mileage	93.15
Plains Area Mental Health Ctr	Outpatient in Jails	400.00
The Pride Group	RCF	20785.81
Scenic Acres	Supported Comm Living	6510.00
Candila Schickel	Legal Representation	565.50
Seasons	ACT/Crisis Eval/Mobile Resp	34650.15
Solutions Inc.	Data Processing Services	1038.45
Spencer Daily Reporter	Official Pub & Legal Notice	126.33
Spencer Office Supplies	Stationery/Forms/Gen Ofc	373.52
U.S. Cellular	Telecommunications Serv	81.63
Abby Wallin	Employee Mileage	84.00
Winnebago Co Sheriff	Sheriff Transportation	54.90
Winnebago County Public Health	In-Home Nursing	875.00

The Region's current fund balance is \$1,302,192.49 as of 09/22/2020.

Old Business

Received advice from Regional Attorney concerning the difference between the 28E Agreements and HF 2643 language. No action was taken.

A motion by Jenvold and seconded by Abrams to approve making funds available in the budget to pay for jail psychiatric medications. Unanimously approved.

Reviewed the CARES Funds distribution process. Seven grant requests have been received. The committee will meet September 29, 2020 to process grants.

New Business

Loehr proposed to discontinue the process of collection of crisis services from clients. Discussion was conducted and further research will be done.

A motion by Merrill and seconded by Abrams to allocate \$60,000 of CARES dollars to be used for marketing. Unanimously approved.

Reviewed the possibility of setting up a Regional credit card for those items that need to be paid upfront, i.e. postage, trainings, background checks. Loehr will develop a policy and present it to the Board for approval.

Reviewed Access Centers throughout the State. The Region has been invited to work with Rolling Hills and Sioux Rivers to develop a center in NW Iowa. Iowa Code states that there will be 6 centers across the state on or before July 1, 2021.

Updates

Updates were given by service providers regarding regional services, which included an update on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Mobile Crisis Response, and Individualized Placements and Supports (IPS) Supported Employment Service which saw no new referrals, 5 active cases and 3 individuals currently employed. Updates were also given by Broderson with Spencer Hospital, Moldovan with DHS, Keleher with Plains Area MH and Advisory Board members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Abrams and seconded by Merrill. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.

The next meeting will be held October 27 at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn, NWIACC Governing Board Recording Secretary