

**Northwest Iowa Care Connections
Governing Board
October 27, 2020 1:30 PM The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom**

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections (NWIACC) Governing Board met on Tuesday, October 27, 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), Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor, and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor via Zoom.

Others in attendance: Melissa Loehr - NWIACC CEO and Therese Trojahn - NWIACC Claims Processor and Recording Secretary. Attending via Zoom: Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent, Kasey Fear - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr and Emily Rohik, Seasons Center, Pam Moldovan and Jan Heikes – DHS, Jason Wagner – Amerigroup, Aaron McHone – Berryhill MH Center, Effie Hill - IDPH, Gary Rayhons – Hancock County Supervisor, Doug Smit – Hope Haven, and Jay Rlicke – ITP.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Jensvold motioned and Merrill seconded the adoption of the current agenda with the addition of Exception to Policy to New Business. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Loss and seconded by Jensvold to approve the meeting minutes for September 22, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Thank you from the family of Ken Abrams.

Claims were presented by the Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the claims as printed was made by VandeHoef and seconded by Jensvold and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

CITY OF ALGONA	CARES GRANT	5816.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	CARES GRANT	35200.00
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICE	328.25
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	55.20
CLASSROOM CLINIC	CARES GRANT	72860.00
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	115.00
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD	SERVICE	90.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICE	2244.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	CARES GRANT	32308.82
EMMETSBURG CSD	CARES GRANT	15000.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICE	5521.96
FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH	CARES GRANT	24295.50
FOREST CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	CARES GRANT	27000.00
GRAND AVENUE OUTREACH	CARES GRANT	4998.07
HOPE HAVEN INC.	CARES GRANT	5580.29
IA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CARES GRANT	20000.00
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CARES GRANT	14400.00

INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNER	SERVICE	702.15
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC.	SERVICE	5555.70
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMP EXP	81.65
KLAY, VELDHUIZEN, BINDER, DEJONG	SERVICE	305.90
LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA	CARES GRANT	5770.00
RUTH MELBY	EMP EXP	72.45
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	369.15
MOSAIC	CARES GRANT	30725.00
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	3273.86
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICE	SERVICE	850.50
OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	61.00
PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR	FISCAL SERVICE	1581.00
PALO ALTO CO CONSERVATION C/O	CARES GRANT	10000.00
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	111.20
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICE	600.00
PRAIRIE RIDGE	CARES GRANT	20000.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICE	11184.30
RENSINK, PLUIM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERVICE	322.09
SANDY LAW FIRM SHANNON SANDY	SERVICE	143.80
SCENIC ACRES	SERVICE	6300.00
CANDILA SCHICKEL	SERVICE	162.50
SEASONS	SERVICE	7532.00
SEASONS	CARES GRANT	60621.16
SOLUTIONS INC.	DATA PROCESSING	1197.15
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	OFFICIAL PUB	110.12
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	243.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICE	311.47
TRINITY PRESCHOOL/DAYCARE	CARES GRANT	679.99
U.S. CELLULAR	EMP EXP	216.63
VAN HEUVELEN PROPERTIES LLC	SERVICE	347.00
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC H	SERVICE	875.00
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC H	CARES GRANT	6963.00

The Region's current fund balance is \$1,675,881.16 as of 10/27/2020.

Old Business

Discussion of 28E Agreements and Legislation HF 2643.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with recent legislation, when a county leaves the Region, the cash flow amount to be disturbed to the county shall be based on the population but does not include funds saved for emergencies.

Motion by VandeHoef and seconded by Jensvold to identify the Fund Balance as the Emergency Fund. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by Loss to authorize the acquisition of a Regional credit card and update the credit card policy. Unanimously approved.

Update on the CARES Funds distribution process was distributed to board members.

Update on the CARES Funds Regional Initiative and discussion of possible name change.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by VandeHoef to discontinue collection of crisis service payments and implement the practice of issuing a welcome letter and offering service coordination to those in crisis.

New Business

Motion by VandeHoef and seconded by Jensvold for an Exception to Policy to pay \$1,391.00 for an emergency rent payment. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by Jensvold to set Attorney fees at a max of \$65.00/hour for a max of 3 hours for committal fees. Unanimously approved.

A consensus of the Board was to continue with the Regional policy to not pay for Children's commitment fees. This will be reviewed during the upcoming budget process.

No action was taken on Berryhill Mobile Crisis in Kossuth County at this time. This will be reviewed at the December meeting.

No action was taken on the Hancock County Letter of Intent to join this Region. More information is needed.

Updates

Updates were given by service providers regarding regional services, which included an update on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Individualized Placements and Supports (IPS) which saw no new referrals, 3 active cases and 3 individuals currently employed and an update by Fear with Spencer Hospital.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stone and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held November 24 at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn, NWIACC Governing Board Recording Secretary