

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa  
Governing Board  
January 26, 2021 1:30 PM**

The Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, and Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor. Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor were present via Zoom. Board and Advisory Board Member present was Michelle Huntress.

Others in attendance: Melissa Loehr – Care Connections CEO, Therese Trojahn – Care Connections Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, and Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and FY 21 Care Connections Fiscal Agent. Those present via Zoom were: Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr - Seasons Center, Pam Moldovan and Julie Jetter - DHS, Scott Witte and LeAnn Blau - Hope Haven, Sandy Mireles - WHW Comm Services, Abby Wallin - MH Advocate, Barry Whitsell – Village Northwest Unlimited, Jerry Tlach – Hancock County Supervisor and Michelle Eisenman – Hancock County Auditor.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson, Chair, at 1:35 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Jensvold motioned and Merrill seconded the adoption of the current agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Stone and seconded by Vande Hoef to approve the meeting minutes for December 22, 2020 and January 11, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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| CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR       | SERVICE         | 1237.25 |
| CERRO GORDO CO SHERIFF             | SERVICE         | 62.15   |
| MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL                 | EMP EXP         | 74.66   |
| CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT | SERVICE         | 150.00  |
| DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN   | SERVICE         | 126.00  |
| DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC                | SERVICE         | 2040.00 |
| EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC     | SERVICE         | 4618.76 |
| FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE      | SERVICE         | 939.30  |
| HOPE HAVEN INC.                    | SERVICE         | 5506.04 |
| HYVEE PHARMACY-SPENCER             | SERVICE         | 60.67   |
| INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS     | SERVICE         | 4666.71 |
| KATHLEEN'S CARE INC.               | SERVICE         | 3086.50 |
| KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF                 | SERVICE         | 543.88  |
| MELISSA LOEHR                      | EMP EXP         | 120.00  |
| RUTH MELBY                         | ADVOCATE EXP    | 72.45   |
| ANNA MILLER                        | EMP EXP         | 394.45  |
| NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES       | DATA PROCESSING | 772.50  |
| O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF             | SERVICE         | 300.50  |

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| OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF         | SERVICE             | 165.11   |
| PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR           | ACCT/AUDIT/CLERICAL | 2159.00  |
| PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR  | SERVICE             | 100.00   |
| THE PRIDE GROUP                | SERVICE             | 18006.53 |
| SEASONS                        | SERVICE             | 12255.46 |
| SIOUX RIVERS REGION            | ADVOCATE EXP        | 3648.42  |
| SPENCER DAILY REPORTER         | OFFICIAL PUB        | 90.56    |
| THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY         | SERVICE             | 655.88   |
| TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA       | SERVICE             | 5929.26  |
| U.S. CELLULAR                  | ADVOCATE EXP        | 81.94    |
| VER HELST SNYDER DRUG          | SERVICE             | 130.29   |
| WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH | SERVICE             | 1625.00  |

The Region's fund balance is \$1,779,390.32 as of 01/26/2021. Moser will be billing the counties in April for the second half of each county's share.

### **Old Business**

Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill to accept Hancock County into Care Connections of Northern Iowa. This will be effective July 1, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

Access Centers were discussed. There was a consensus of the Board members to not join with Sioux Rivers to build a center in Sheldon. No other action was taken.

### **New Business**

Loehr gave an update on the Region including the logo and website re-design. Still planning on having it rolled out in March. Continue to have weekly COVID-19 update calls. Jail diversion/Transitional living continues to meet on a regular basis. No action was taken.

### **Election of Officers**

Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Merrill to retain the current Region Officers: Barry Anderson as Chairman, Jayson Vande Hoef as Vice Chair and Craig Merrill as Secretary for 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Vande Hoef to approve the FY22 budget as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Stone to recommend to member county Board of Supervisors to determine the FY 22 per capita rate at \$12 for Clay, Osceola and Palo Alto, a rate of \$25 for Kossuth and Winnebago, a rate of \$28 for Worth and a rate of \$35.18 for Hancock. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **Updates**

Updates were given by service providers regarding regional services, which included an update on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Mobile Crisis Response, IPS Employment, Spencer Hospital, and Head Start.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jensvold and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next meeting will be held February 23, 2021 at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Trojahn, Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board  
Recording Secretary