

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
February 23, 2021 1:30 PM**

The Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, February 23, 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), Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor. Board and Advisory Board Members present were Holly Boettcher and 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 Care Connections Fiscal Agent. Also present at the meeting were Marlee Christoffel, Anna Miller, and Sandy Pelzer – Care Connections Service Coordinators and Amanda Hansen from the Palo Alto County Auditor’s Office. Those present via Zoom were: Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr - Seasons Center, Julie Jetter and Rob Aiken - DHS, Scott Witte - Hope Haven, Sandy Mireles - WHW Comm Services, Gary Rayhons – Hancock County Supervisor, Effie Hill – IDPH, Karen Rosengreen – ITP and Susan Garro – Rosecrance Jackson Centers.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Loss motioned and Stone seconded the adoption of the current agenda as amended to exclude Exception to Policy discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill to approve the meeting minutes for January 26, 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 Stone and seconded by Loss and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICE	128.04
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	110.40
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	115.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICE	6711.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICE	4932.40
INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS	SERVICE	1115.31
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICE	1592.86
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	68.11
MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	PHONE SERVICES	75.00
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	312.88
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	794.50
ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERVICE	2258.36
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	194.35
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICE	16112.23

CANDILA SCHICKEL	SERVICE	78.00
SEASONS	SERVICE	9116.35
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	ADVOCATE EXP	3641.46
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	835.52
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICE	43.83
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WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICE	87.30
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICE	750.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	23.69

The Region's fund balance is \$1,730,389.49 as of 02/23/2021. Moser will be billing the counties in April for the second half of each county's share.

Old Business

Discussion of Hancock County joining Care Connections or CICS was held. Motion by Vande Hoef to rescind the acceptance of Hancock County into Care Connections Region was made. Motion failed for lack of second. Hancock County is trying to find the best fit for them and will let us know their decision by March 1, 2021. If Hancock does intend to join Care Connections County Resolutions will be distributed upon learning of their intent.

New Business

Loehr presented an addendum to the Hope Haven Contract to add children to the current Respite services provided by Hope Haven. Motion to postpone this discussion until more information is presented by Stone and seconded by Vande Hoef. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Service Coordinators Marlee Christoffel, Anna Miller and Sandy Pelzer updated the Board on the execution of the job responsibilities. No action was needed.

Loehr reviewed current bills being debated in the Iowa Legislature that could possibly affect the Region. No action was needed.

Loehr presented the FY22 Budget Review & Regional Levy Review. No action needed until Hancock County decides which Region they will be joining in FY22.

Updates

Updates were given by service providers regarding regional services, which included an update on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Mobile Crisis Response and IPS Employment. Rob Aiken was introduced as the new DHS liaison.

Region CEO's are collaborating on the best place to put Access Centers in the state.

Care Connections is moving forward with the launch of a new name and website in early March. Included in that will be a change to all email addresses.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

The next meeting will be held March 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