

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

The Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, March 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) via Zoom, 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. Board and Advisory Board Member present via Zoom 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 Care Connections Fiscal Agent. Amanda Hansen from the Palo Alto County Auditor’s Office was also in attendance. Those present via Zoom were: Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr, Emily Rohik and Rebecca McCrackin - Seasons Center, Doug Schmidt - Hope Haven, and Courtney Cook - AEA.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:33 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Loss motioned and Merrill seconded the adoption of the current agenda as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Stone and seconded by Jensvold to approve the meeting minutes for February 23, 2021 with the following correction: “Motion to ~~postpone~~ table this discussion until more information is presented by Stone and seconded by Vande Hoef. ~~Motion passed with a majority vote.~~ A majority vote followed (4 to 2) Vande Hoef and Jensvold dissenting.” Motion was unanimously approved with the correction.

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

CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICE	353.50
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	240.60
COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE	SERVICE	1120.70
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICE	540.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICE	1734.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	SERVICE	5530.00
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICE	10358.17
MARTY ILLG	ADVOCATE EXP	99.00
INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS	SERVICE	1573.16
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMP EXP	277.25
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICE	488.48
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICE	180.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	35.00
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	468.05
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	1180.48
ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERVICE	722.15

OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	418.50
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICE	244.00
FRED BLAKE PERKINS	SERVICE	56.50
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICE	1300.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICE	13399.68
CANDILA SCHICKEL	SERVICE	240.50
SEASONS	SERVICE	7906.30
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SERVICE	48.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	OFFICIAL PUB	165.13
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	119.05
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICE	275.19
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	164.14
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICE	750.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	203.06
43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICE	896.28

The Region's fund balance is \$1,680,294.10 as of 03/23/2021. Moser will be billing the counties in April for the second half of each county's share.

New Business

The Board reviewed the Annual Historical Expenditures FY19, FY20 and FY21 for Care Connections and Fund Balances for the Regions across the state. The results of a Children's Service Survey was also reviewed.

Loehr reviewed changes to the Budget that was approved in January. Changes were made to Respite and SCL. Motion to approve the FY22 Annual Service and Budget Plan with the changes by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the FY22 Management Plan was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve increasing cell phone stipend for Region employees from \$25/month to \$40/month effective July 1, 2021 was made by Merrill and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the hiring of a full-time Office & Financial Specialist and authorizing the timeline to do so was made by Merrill and seconded by Jensvold. Motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business

A motion to let Hope Haven know we will not be doing Children's respite was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold. Motion passed.

A motion to withdraw the approval of Hancock joining Care Connections of Northern Iowa was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

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.

Loehr is working on Mobile Crisis contracting for Kossuth, Worth and Winnebago counties and bringing Crisis Stabilization community-based services to the Region by July 2021. She is also working on the 28E agreement to reflect the name change and any possible legislative changes.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Loss and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.

The next meeting will be held April 27, 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