

**Northwest Iowa Care Connections
Governing Board
November 24, 2020 1:30 PM via Zoom**

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections (NWIACC) Governing Board met on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 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.

Others in attendance via Zoom: Melissa Loehr - NWIACC CEO, Therese Trojahn - NWIACC Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and FY 21 NWIACC Fiscal Agent, Deb Broderson – Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr, Shante Whalen and Emily Rohik - Seasons Center, Jan Heikes – DHS, Krista McCalley – Amerigroup, Courtney Cook - AEA, Holly Boettcher and Michelle Huntress - Advisory Board Members, and Jason Vulk – F8 Creative.

The meeting was called to order by Barry Anderson, Chair, at 1:40 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Merrill motioned and Loss seconded the adoption of the current agenda with the addition of Exception to Policy to New Business. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Stone and seconded by Jensvold to approve the meeting minutes for October 27, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

ALGONA CSD	CARES GRANT	2685.00
ATLAS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY	CARES GRANT	7340.00
CENTRAL SPRINGS CSD	CARES GRANT	28311.00
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	292.71
CLAY CO CONSERVATION BOARD	CARES GRANT	2965.96
CLAY CO GENERAL RELIEF	CARES GRANT	1573.73
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	109.00
CORNWALL,AVERY,BJORNSTAD&SCOTT	SERVICE	180.00
COVENANT FELLOWSHIP CHURCH	CARES GRANT	4500.00
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKM	SERVICE	54.00
DHS CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT	SERVICE	578.20
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICE	1836.00
ELDERBRIDGE AGENCY ON AGING	CARES GRANT	10000.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICE	4880.44
FOUNDATION CHURCH	CARES GRANT	2492.32
F8 CREATIVE	CARES GRANT	60000.00
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	CARES GRANT	2239.96
GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP GRACE	CARES GRANT	415.00
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICE	7987.33
IA GREAT LAKES LUTHERAN SCHOOL	CARES GRANT	14880.00

IA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CARES GRANT	14030.00
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH	CARES GRANT	2600.00
INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS	SERVICE	826.32
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC.	SERVICE	5740.89
KLAY, VELDHUIZEN, BINDER, DEJONG	SERVICE	1915.89
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICE	180.32
MELISSA LOEHR	EMP EXP	443.76
RUTH MELBY	EMP EXP	35.00
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	455.98
NAMI OF NORTHWEST IOWA	CARES GRANT	402.62
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	3159.98
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICE	1060.50
O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	217.00
ONEOTA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION	CARES GRANT	7520.40
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERVICE	60.00
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	295.35
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICE	700.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICE	11557.11
RENSINK, PLUIM, VOGEL & HUYSER	SERVICE	373.48
SCENIC ACRES	SERVICE	6300.00
SEASONS	SERVICE	15718.91
SEASONS	CARES GRANT	8000.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	OFFICIAL PUB	84.41
SPENCER HOSPITAL	CARES GRANT	5581.46
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	141.21
THERESE TROJAHN	EMP EXP	11.78
U.S. CELLULAR	EMP EXP	81.65
VAN HEUVELEN PROPERTIES LLC	SERVICE	1044.00
ABBY WALLIN	EMP EXP	22.00
WEST BEND MALLARD CSD	CARES GRANT	3637.44
WINDING ROADS	CARES GRANT	14430.00
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICE	750.00

The Region's fund balance is \$1,893,857.84 as of 11/24/2020.

Old Business

Members were updated on the CARES Act Funds. \$410.00 will be spent on a State Marketing initiative. No action was taken by the Board.

Loehr updated the Board on the upcoming budget process and where service dollars have been spent in the past. Discussion was held on the payment of Juvenile services. Regions are waiting on the State to provide funding to provide these services. Board advised Loehr that juvenile mental health commitments will be paid by the individual counties rather than the Region. Board advised Loehr to assist County Auditors as needed.

NWIACC has received a Letter of Intent from Hancock County to join this region. More information is needed prior to accepting or rejecting this request.

New Business

Motion by VandeHoef and seconded by Merrill to approve the Annual Report presented to the board. Unanimously approved.

A presentation was made by Jason Vulk with F8 Creative who is working on re-branding, and website design for the Region. The power point presentation will be sent to each of the Board members for further review. No action was taken.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by Stone for an Exception to Policy to pay \$522.00 for an emergency rent payment. Unanimously approved.

Updates

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to move to closed session at 4:15 pm per Iowa Code 21.5(i) to discuss the CEO evaluation was made by VandeHoef and seconded by Merrill. The motion was unanimously passed. A motion to close session was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. Closed session ended at 4:25

A motion was made by Merrill and seconded by VandeHoef to increase Loehr's annual salary by \$2,500 per performance evaluation. Unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

The next meeting will be held December 22 at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Trojahn, NWIACC Governing Board Recording Secretary