

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
April 27, 2021 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, April 27, 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 via Zoom and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor via Zoom. Board and Advisory Board Members present were Holly Boettcher via Zoom and Amanda Schmidt.

Others in attendance: Melissa Loehr – Care Connections CEO, Therese Trojahn – Care Connections Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and Care Connections Fiscal Agent, Amanda Hansen from the Palo Alto County Auditor’s Office, Peter Hart, Palo Alto County Attorney and Jay Ricke from ITP. Those present via Zoom were: Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr, and Rebecca McCrackin - Seasons Center, LeAnn Blau - Hope Haven, Susan Garro – Rosecrance Jackson Centers, Sandy Mireles – WHW Community Services and Felicia Bates – I-START.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Vande Hoef motioned, and Loss seconded the adoption of the current agenda with the Exception to Policy being stricken. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Merrill to approve the meeting minutes for March 23, 2021 with the following correction: Change “Motion passed” to “Motion passed with a majority vote (6 to 1), Merrill dissenting.” Under Old Business letting Hope Haven know we would not be doing Children’s respite, and to approve the minutes for March 31, 2021 as printed. 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 and IPS Employment, Spencer Hospital and Rosecrance Jackson Centers.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

Claims were presented by Amanda Hansen. A motion to approve the claims as printed was made by Merrill and seconded by Stone and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

ALGONA PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICATIONS	282.80
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	404.00
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	179.40
CLAY CO AUDITOR	PHONE EXP	138.62
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	442.98
COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE	SERVICES	1990.00
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	819.00
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	456.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	2091.00

DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	201.50
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	1858.11
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	6220.40
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	277.22
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	5492.75
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMP EXP	82.65
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	333.44
LAKES LIFESKILLS, LLC	SERVICES	1890.00
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	240.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	35.00
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	538.78
NORTHLAND AUTO & MARINE	EMP EXP	100.40
ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERVICES	722.15
PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR	ACCT/AUDIT/CLERICAL	1462.00
PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS	SERVICES	94.01
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	34.27
FRED BLAKE PERKINS	SERVICES	166.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	100.00
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	261.20
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	14835.36
SANDY LAW FIRM SHANNON SANDY	SERVICES	38.00
SEASONS	SERVICES	8467.25
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	OFFICIAL PUB	74.91
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	50.80
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SERVICES	2964.63
ABBY WALLIN	ADVOCATE EXP	76.50
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	558.18
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	1000.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	29.16
43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	992.31

The Region's fund balance on 4/27/2021 is \$1,625,377.90. Payments for the second half of allocations are being remitted.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mobile Crisis (Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth Counties) - A motion to approve contracting with Eyerly Ball to provide Mobile Crisis services for Kossuth, Winnebago, and Worth counties and to contract with Foundation 2 for dispatch services was made by Loss and seconded by Vande Hoef. Motion unanimously passed.

Integrated Telehealth Partner Proposal - A motion to approve contracting with ITP to expand telehealth option for evaluations in regional hospitals as well as client placements for level of care for clients 18 - 65 (Invoices for children under 18 will be screened for residency and sent to County Auditor for payment.) was made by Merrill and seconded by Vande Hoef. The motion was unanimously passed.

ISTART Proposal - A motion to approve contracting with ISTART for a 12-month pilot program with outcome-based measures to be reviewed by the CEO and Board was made by Merrill and seconded by Loss. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Jensvold was the dissenting vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The Board members were presented with annual training on HIPPA Security and Privacy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Merrill. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

The next meeting will be held May 25, 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