

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
May 25, 2021, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor. Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair) had intermittent connection through Zoom.

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. 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, Effie Hill - IDPH and Rob Aiken - DHS.

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

A motion by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill to approve the meeting minutes for April 27, 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, Rosecrance Jackson Centers and IDPH.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

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

ALGONA PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICATIONS	141.40
CELLULAR DIMENSIONS, LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	44.98
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	337.74
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	237.44
COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE	SERVICES	1890.00
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	174.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	1938.00
EMMETSBURG PUBLISHING CO	SERVICES	270.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	2354.79
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	5749.00
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	277.22
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	5212.60
INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS	SERVICES	290.00
IOWA INFORMATION	PUBLICATIONS	174.39
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	1569.16
LAKES LIFESKILLS, LLC	SERVICES	1575.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	35.00
MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC	PHONE EXP	75.00

ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	372.60
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	1587.00
NORTHLAND AUTO & MARINE	EMP EXP	43.68
THE NORTHWOOD ANCHOR	PUBLICATIONS	153.60
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	250.00
ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERVICES	361.58
PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS	SERVICES	1034.11
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	414.35
FRED BLAKE PERKINS	SERVICES	32.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	100.00
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	2294.95
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	20639.56
SEASONS	SERVICES	10421.88
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	ADVOCATE EXP	3468.62
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	652.57
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	117.84
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	2258.47
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	82.12
ABBY WALLIN	ADVOCATE EXP	58.00
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	494.14
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	750.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	109.14
43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	1760.55

The Region's fund balance on 5/25/2021 is \$2,229,899.51.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Legislative Updates – Loehr provided information on SF619 which will change the way MHDS are funded. No action was needed.

Contracting - A motion to approve the contract with ITP was made by Loss and seconded by Merrill. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve a contract with Avera McKennan was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

Remaining CARES Funds - A motion to authorize distribution of the remaining CARES Act dollars of \$6,405.44 to three providers was made by Merrill and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

Eyerly Ball Mobile Crisis Mobile Crisis and Community Based Crisis Stabilization Contract Rates and MOU - A motion to sign the MOU between Eyerly Ball, CICS and Care Connections effective June 1st for mobile crisis and community-based crisis stabilization at a rate of \$3.05 per capita for Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth counties was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

Care Connections Vacation Schedule - A motion to add vacation schedule to the Care Connection Operations Manual was made by Merrill and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

Staffing Update – Loehr provided information on the hiring process of a Finance and Office Specialist. Eleven applications were received and 3 applicants were interviewed. The position has been offered

and accepted and the new hire will start June 21. The name was withheld until they had time to inform their current employer.

Other agency updates (outreach, coordination, service development, etc.) – Loehr provided information concerning activities of the Service Coordinators, covid calls, data analytics, ISTART changes (could be made available to the Region at no cost) and other agency activities.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stone and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

The next meeting will be held June 22, 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