

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa  
Governing Board  
June 22, 2021, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor. Board and Advisory Board Members present via Zoom were Holly Boettcher and Michelle Huntress.

Others in attendance: Melissa Loehr - Care Connections CEO, Therese Trojahn - Care Connections Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Dykshoorn – Care Connections Office and Finance Specialist, and Amanda Hansen - Palo Alto County Auditor Representative. Those present via Zoom were Kasey Fear - Spencer Hospital, Michaela Simmons - Hope Haven, and Sandy Mireles – WHW Comm Services.

The meeting was called to order by Vande Hoef, Vice-Chair, at 1:30 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Jensvold motioned and Loss 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 May 25, 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. An update was given by Loehr on office technology services.

**Fiscal Agent/Finance Report**

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

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| 43 NORTH IOWA                      | SERVICES        | 1888.59  |
| ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE | SERVICES        | 400.00   |
| ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STATE         | AUDIT SERVICES  | 6327.75  |
| MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL                 | EMP EXP         | 32.20    |
| CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF                | SERVICES        | 57.50    |
| CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT | SERVICES        | 165.00   |
| DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC                | SERVICES        | 3060.00  |
| EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC      | SERVICES        | 3430.46  |
| EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC     | SERVICES        | 5511.44  |
| GFC LEASING - WI                   | OFFICE SERVICES | 277.22   |
| GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP GRACE    | CARES GRANT     | 200.00   |
| HOPE HAVEN INC.                    | SERVICES        | 6459.38  |
| INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH PARTNERS     | SERVICES        | 2065.80  |
| KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC           | EMP EXP         | 179.50   |
| KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF                 | SERVICES        | 408.72   |
| KOSSUTH REG.HLTH CNTR              | SERVICES        | 472.00   |
| LAKES LIFESKILLS, LLC              | SERVICES        | 11025.00 |
| MELISSA LOEHR                      | EMP EXP         | 405.66   |
| RUTH MELBY                         | ADVOCATE EXP    | 126.00   |
| ANNA MILLER                        | EMP EXP         | 569.16   |

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| NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES   | DATA PROCESSING       | 772.50   |
| NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES | SERVICES              | 1015.50  |
| ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE | SERVICES              | 723.16   |
| OSCEOLA CO AMBULANCE SERVICES  | CARES GRANT           | 2605.44  |
| OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF         | SERVICES              | 94.29    |
| PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR           | ACCT/AUDIT/CLERICAL   | 2074.00  |
| PALO ALTO CO CONSERVATION      | CARES GRANT           | 3600.00  |
| FRED BLAKE PERKINS             | SERVICES              | 102.50   |
| PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR  | SERVICES              | 300.00   |
| THE PRIDE GROUP                | SERVICES              | 25090.06 |
| SANDY LAW FIRM SHANNON SANDY   | SERVICES              | 75.00    |
| SEASONS                        | SERVICES              | 8447.37  |
| SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS         | SANITATION & DISPOSAL | 48.00    |
| SPENCER DAILY REPORTER         | PUBLICATIONS          | 84.41    |
| SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES        | OFFICE SUPPLIES       | 17.03    |
| THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY         | SERVICES              | 203.00   |
| THERESE TROJAHN                | EMP EXP               | 76.76    |
| ABBY WALLIN                    | ADVOCATE EXP          | 60.00    |
| WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF           | SERVICES              | 544.98   |
| WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH | SERVICES              | 750.00   |

The Region's fund balance on 6/22/2021 is \$2,140,542.05.

### **Old Business**

*Service Development Update* – An Access Center update was given by Loehr.

Children's Services – A motion to approve payment of children's respite services provided by Hope Haven and to be backdated effective July 1, 2020, was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve contracting with ITP to expand telehealth option for evaluations in regional hospitals and as well as client placements for level of care for clients aged 0-65. Invoices will be screened for residency and payment will be made if approved and necessary.

### **New Business**

*Exception to Policy* – Motion to approve to pay the Painted Creations by Kim invoice dated Sept. 11, 2020, for \$150.00 from the 2019 Zero Suicide Awareness Walk was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold.

*28E Agreements – Mental Health Advocates* – Loehr will continue to review and update the Regional 28E agreements in accordance with legislative changes and future administrative rules that may affect any wording. These will be forwarded to Board members prior to the July meeting. Mental Health Advocate 28E agreements have been sent to Kossuth, Winnebago and Worth to be reviewed and signed.

A motion to approve a MOU with CICS for Mental Health Advocate services for Hancock with billing for Hancock County done quarterly for their portion of services was made by Jensvold and seconded by Stone. Motion passed by a 3 to 1 vote. Dissenting vote by Vande Hoef.

A motion to approve the 28E agreement that we have with Sioux Rivers to continue to share the mental health advocate services and for Sioux Rivers to bill Care Connections for our portion, changing Northwest Iowa Care Connections to Care Connections of Northern Iowa and add Emmet County was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

*Contracts and/or MOU* - A motion to approve the Winnebago Public Health contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Exceptional Opportunities contract was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Duncan Heights contract was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Hope Haven contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Seasons Center contract and Business Associate Agreement was made by Loss and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Spencer Hospital contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve The Pride Group contract was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the YES Center contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Plains Area Mental Health contract was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Plains Area Mental Health/Palo Alto County Jail contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

The Berryhill Mental Health contract was tabled by consensus.

A motion to approve the Prairie Ridge contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Horizons Unlimited contract was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Palo Alto County Hospital contract for a term of 3 years was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Foundation 2 contract was made by Jensvold and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Sioux Rivers contract was made by Stone and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **Public Comment**

Discussion was held on continuing to use Zoom. The Zoom option will remain an option. The 28E agreement will be reviewed for any conflicts.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

The next meeting will be held July 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