

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

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, July 27, 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, Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor. Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor attended via Zoom. Board and Advisory Board Members present via Zoom were Holly Boettcher and Michelle Huntress.

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr – CEO, Therese Trojahn – Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Dykshoorn - Office and Finance Specialist, and Sandy Pelzer – Service Coordinator. Others in attendance were Carmen Moser – Palo Alto County Auditor and CCNIA Fiscal Agent and one member of the public. Those present via Zoom were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, LeAnn Blau - Hope Haven, Jill Barr and Rebecca McCrackin – Seasons Center and Monica Van Horn - Eyerly Ball.

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 with the addition of approval of Duncan Heights contract. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone to approve the meeting minutes for June 22, 2021, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved. A motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold to approve the meeting minutes for July 13 with the following correction: “Based on the population of Clay, Osceola and Palo Alto counties, a motion to approve a per capita contribution of \$124,800.00 to Rolling Hills Community Services for cost sharing for the Assessment Center/Access Center and Plains Area Crisis Stabilization Residential for FY22 was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold. Motion was unanimously approved.” Motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Discussion was held on the DHS-Regional Service Payment. Check has not been received yet.

Updates

Updates were given by service providers regarding regional services, which included an update on Seasons Center Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Eyerly Ball and Seasons Center Mobile Crisis Response and Hope Haven IPS Employment, Spencer Hospital, Osceola Hospital, and schools.

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 Jensvold and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	675.00
ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE	SERVICES	400.00
BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF	SERVICES	115.40
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	315.63
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	228.95
CLAY CO AUDITOR	PHONE EXP	55.25
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	247.16
COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE	SERVICES	490.00

CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	120.00
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	180.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	1632.00
JENNIFER DYKSHOORN	EMP EXP	62.10
DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	78.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	1570.13
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	SERVICES	5116.76
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	462.75
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	7260.77
IA COUNTIES TECHNOLOGY SERVICE	DUES	33949.76
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMP EXP	169.65
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	991.30
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	240.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	201.40
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	379.50
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	2740.95
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	1162.75
PAINTED CREATIONS BY KIM	SERVICES	150.00
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	199.00
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERVICES	270.90
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	179.03
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	600.00
POLK COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE	304.97
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	25208.40
SEASONS	SERVICES	7532.00
SERENITY APARTMENTS	SERVICES	825.00
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	ADVOCATE EXP	3687.70
SOLUTIONS INC.	SERVICES	212.75
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	88.32
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	77.95
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	103.12
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	875.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	38.89

The Region's fund balance on 7/27/2021 is \$2,043,047.90. Moser is waiting on the payment from the State and will also bill the Counties in October for their portion.

Old Business

Children Commitment Fees – A motion to approve the Region to pay fees associated with juvenile mental health commitments effective July 1, 2021, was made by Stone and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

New Business

Regional Finances – By consensus of the Board, it was decided to create a work group to identify special projects to facilitate spending down the Fund Balance. Members of the sub-committee will include 2 Board members, Jensvold and Merrill and members from the Advisory Board.

Children Services Update – Sandy Pelzer – Pelzer gave a verbal update of Children's services in the Region.

Provider Special Funding Requests (Horizons/Seasons Center) – A motion to approve Horizons Special Project Request for \$10,000 towards the purchase of an automobile for client services was made by Stove and seconded by Jensvold. The motion pass unanimously.

A motion to approve Seasons Center Special Project Request for Youth and Family supportive services for \$58,150 was made by Loss and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

Information Technology – A motion to approve the Next Generation quotes and approve Next Generation Technologies to implement IT infrastructure to support Care Connections operations independently of Clay County was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold. The motion passed unanimously.

Contracts and/or MOU – Update on Performance Based Contracts with DHS - A review of the DHS Performance Based Contracting process was given by Loehr.

A motion to approve the Berryhill Mental Health contract was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Foundation 2 contract was made by Loss and seconded by Vande Hoef. The motion was unanimously passed.

No action was taken on the contract for Mercy Medical.

A motion to approve the Rolling Hills/Sioux Rivers contract was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the adjusted rate contract with Pride Group was made by Jensvold and seconded by Vande Hoef. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve the Hope Haven FY21 addendum-Attachment A-Children services contract was made by Stone and seconded by Loss. 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 contract with Duncan Heights - addendum due to Medicaid Habilitation rates changes was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve a MOU with County Social Services fee for services for Waterloo Access Center was made by Stone and seconded by Jensvold. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve a MOU with Heart of Iowa fee for services for Woodward Access Center was made by Loss and seconded by Vande Hoef. The motion was unanimously passed.

A motion to approve a MOU with Central Iowa Community Services for Youth Shelter Care of North Central Iowa, Inc. for children crisis stabilization and residential services was made by Jensvold and seconded by Stone. The motion was unanimously passed.

County Brain Health Access Network Guides – Loehr provided samples of guides to be used by staff and providers as resources to identify levels of care for individuals experiencing brain health issues.

Regional Policies Update – Loehr will be working on Transitional Living/rental policies and RCF policies.

Discussion on the next regular meeting was held. The next meeting will be held August 31, 2021, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jensvold and seconded by Loss. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Trojahn, Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board
Recording Secretary