

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
August 31, 2021, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, August 31, 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), via Zoom, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor. Board and Advisory Board Members present via Zoom were Holly Boettcher, Michelle Huntress, and Amanda Schmidt.

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr – CEO, Therese Trojahn – Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Dykshoorn - Office and Finance Specialist, and Marlee Christoffel – Service Coordinator. Others in attendance were Amanda Hansen – Palo Alto County Auditor and CCNIA Fiscal Agent representative and Jay Ricke - ITP. Those present via Zoom were Kasey Fear - Spencer Hospital, LeAnn Blau - Hope Haven, Jill Barr and Rebecca McCrackin – Seasons Center, Rob Aiken – DHS, Susan Garro – Roscrance, 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. Stone 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 July 27, 2021, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved

Updates

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

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

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

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	384.12
BUENA VISTA CO. SHERIFF	SERVICES	183.80
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	656.50
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	32.20
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	57.50
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	450.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	2055.42
DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	104.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	4629.28
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	8262.89
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	678.08
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	281.83
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	3181.63
HORIZONS UNLIMITED PALO ALTO CO	SERVICES	10222.36
IA COMM POOL ADMINISTRATORS IOWA	TORT LIAB INSURANCE	7183.00

MARTY ILLG	ADVOCATE EXP	163.72
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	204.36
MELISSA LOEHR	EMP EXP	153.18
MCMAHON, STOWATER, LYNCH & LADDUSAW	SERVICES	858.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	31.14
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	391.00
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	787.00
ONE VISION-OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERVICES	361.58
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERVICES	422.10
SANDRA PELZER	EMP EXP	369.01
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	5932.69
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	29096.29
SEASONS	SERVICES	8622.51
SERENITY APARTMENTS	SERVICES	825.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	153.37
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	222.87
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	6530.91
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	SERVICES	2964.63
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	585.54
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	750.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	239.34

The Region's fund balance on 8/31/2021 is \$2,196,794.85.

Old Business

Information Technology Updates – Loehr updated the Board that SMU has added ethernet cables and Next Generation will be adding their equipment on 9/9/21.

CARES Act Grant Update – Jenn Dykshoorn gave an update on how the CARES grant dollars received by the Region and distributed to recipients in the Region were used.

New Business

Children/Adult Services Update – Marlee Christoffel – Christoffel gave an update of Children and Adult services in the counties that she covers.

Finance Subcommittee Update – Loehr presented a list of brainstorming ideas that came from the meetings held in August. She will also be discussing the funding of Habilitation services with providers.

Provider Special Funding Requests -Seasons Center – This agenda item was tabled at this time.

Respite Policy Progress Review – A motion to approve the Respite Policy as presented was made by Merrill and seconded by Stone. The motion passed unanimously. The policy will become effective on September 1, 2021.

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

MOU – CICS & YSS Crisis Stabilization – Mason City (youth) – A motion to approve CICS & YSS Crisis Stabilization – Mason City (Youth) MOU was made by Jensvold and seconded by Vande Hoef. The motion was unanimously passed.

28E Agreements & Bylaw Review – Possible changes to the 28E Agreement and bylaws were presented. These changes were also presented to the regional attorney for review. No action was taken by the Board until the attorney has reviewed.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be held September 28, 2021, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg and via Zoom.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stone and seconded by Merrill. The motion was unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

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