

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
November 23, 2021, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, November 23, 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), Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor, A. J. Stone – Worth County Supervisor via Zoom. Board and Advisory Board Members present were Amanda Schmidt and Holly Boettcher via Zoom.

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr – CEO, Therese Trojahn – Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, and Jennifer Dykshoorn - Office and Finance Specialist. Also in attendance was Carmen Moser – Palo Alto County Auditor and CCNIA Fiscal Agent. Attending via Zoom were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr, and Rebecca McCrackin – Seasons Center, Michaela Simmons – Hope Haven and Bre Degelau – Eyerly Ball.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:31 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Jensen motioned and Merrill seconded the adoption of the current agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Loss to approve the meeting minutes for October 26, 2021, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved

Updates

Updates were given by regional service providers from Hope Haven, Seasons Center, Eyerly Ball, and Spencer Hospital regarding regional services. Boettcher and Schmidt also gave updates on mental health services for children and adults. Loehr gave an update on upcoming first responder training on dealing with mental health issues they may encounter on the job.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the 11/23/21 claims as printed was made by Merrill and seconded by Jensvold and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	992.31
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMP EXP	194.69
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	57.50
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	108.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	2055.42
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	160.00
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EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	2328.28
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	8262.89
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	678.08
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	281.83
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	25788.22
KCAU/IKCAU	PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL	2997.45
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMP EXP	165.30
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	300.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	204.74
MERCY ONE	SERVICES	247.00
ANNA MILLER	EMP EXP	565.80
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	801.50

NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	226.50
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	268.50
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	23400.00
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	342.51
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	32443.36
SEASONS	SERVICES	12478.37
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	5200.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	181.68
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET SERVICES	465.14
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	187.72
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	85.48
VICKIE'S COUNTRY CATERING	SERVICES	243.75
DIANNE WALLWEY	SERVICES	234.00
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	301.92
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC	SERVICES	750.00

The Region's fund balance on 11/23/2021 is \$2,732,237.88. Member counties have been billed and monies have been received. Moser will be collaborating with other auditors in the region who have regional employees to establish new funding codes.

Old Business

Update 28E, Bylaws & Personnel Contracts –28E agreement, bylaws and personnel contracts are still being developed.

New Business

Exception to Policy – A motion to approve the Exception to Policy to pay Horizons Unlimited for 50 units of Supportive Community Living (\$1,308.00) and Supported Employment (\$264.52) was made by Merrill and seconded by Jensvold was passed. Dissenting vote by Vande Hoef.

Special Funding Request – A motion to approve a special funding request for Seasons Center for food baskets (\$5,000) and food bank (\$2,000) was made by Merrill and seconded by Loss was passed. Dissenting votes by Vande Hoef and Anderson.

FY21 Annual Report Review and Approval – A motion to approve the FY21 Annual Report with a change on page 12 Table E. County Levies title bar from FY20 to FY21 was made by Loss and seconded by Vande Hoef. Motion was passed unanimously.

Seasons Center Crisis Stabilization Community Based Program Start Up and Funding – A motion to table until clarification of costs is determined was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Loss. Motion was unanimously approved

Considerations for FY23 Planning – Loehr presented concepts to consider for the upcoming FY23 budget. The board requested more information.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 28, 2021, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

The meeting was adjourned by Anderson at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn
CCNIA Recording Secretary

Craig Merrill
CCNIA Board Secretary