

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa  
Governing Board  
January 18, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, and A. J. Stone – Worth County Supervisor. Board and Advisory Board members present were Holly Boettcher and Amanda Schmidt 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– Seasons Center, Monica Van Horn – Eyerly Ball, Jay Ricke – ITP and Darla Peterson - IDPH.

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

A motion by Merrill and seconded by Stone to approve the meeting minutes for December 28, 2021, with one correction. Delete “Merrill” from the motion to approve The Next Generation Technologies 2022 Service Contract. Motion was unanimously approved with the correction.

**Updates**

Updates were given by regional service providers from Hope Haven, Seasons Center, Eyerly Ball, ITP, IDPH, West Bend-Mallard School, Osceola Hospital and Spencer Hospital regarding regional services.

**Fiscal Agent/Finance Report**

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the 1/18/22 claims as printed was made by Merrill and seconded by Stone and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	23672.31
ARONSON PAINTING JONI ARONSON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1471.52
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	1212.00
DOTSON, GUENTHER, CHRISTIAN & JENNIFER DYKSHOORN	SERVICES	191.40
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	EMPLOYEE EXP	123.63
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	160.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	290.00
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	2608.84
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	8262.89
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	678.08
HORIZONS UNLIMITED PALO ALTO CO	SERVICES	1440.96
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	1458.93
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	1577.20
MCMAHON STOWATER LYNCH & LADDUSAW ANNA MILLER	SERVICES	84.50
MCMAHON STOWATER LYNCH & LADDUSAW ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	632.50
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	2584.47
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	1037.50
PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	1955.00
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	272.00
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERVICES	217.80

SANDRA PELZER	EMPLOYEE EXP	411.30
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	1061.28
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	32443.36
SEASONS	SERVICES	12712.76
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	SANITATION & DISPOSAL	52.00
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SUPPLIES	1000.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	83.95
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET SERVICES	110.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	84.76
THERESE TROJAHN	EMPLOYEE EXP	73.31
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	80.48
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	160.38
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	750.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	742.25

The Region's fund balance on 1/18/22 is \$2,784,760.50. Moser stated counties will need to amend their 10000 account to move funds to the Region before the end of the fiscal year. The Region will need to transfer funds to those counties who have regional employees before they can cut payroll checks in June.

### Old Business

*Consideration for FY23 Planning* – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone to recommend a 6% cost of living salary increase for regional employees for FY23. Motion passed unanimously. Other discussion included developing a regional salary scale, availability to pool regional benefits with other regions and review other regions organizational charts.

*28E Agreement* – Motion by Stone and seconded by Merrill to approve the 28E agreement as printed. Motion passed with Board member Vande Hoef voting against.

### New Business

*Personnel Contracts* – Motion to approve personnel contracts for administrative staff and Service Coordinators was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Merrill. Motion was unanimously approved.

*Board Training: Video Series: Mobile Crisis, Crisis Stabilization Residential, Service Coordination first meeting* – A series of videos were presented for training purposes on Mobile Crisis, Crisis Stabilization Residential, Service Coordination first meeting and a welcome by the CEO to CCNIA. Discussion was held regarding future regional training for all members of the Boards of Supervisors and Auditors to explain regional services.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn  
CCNIA Recording Secretary

Craig Merrill  
CCNIA Board Secretary