

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
February 22, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, via Zoom due to inclement weather and unsafe roads. Board members present were Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Donnie Loss – Kossuth County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, Bill Jensvold – Winnebago County Supervisor and A. J. Stone – Worth County Supervisor. Board and Advisory Board members present were Holly Boettcher and Amanda Schmidt.

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr – CEO, Therese Trojahn – Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Dykshoorn - Office and Finance Specialist, Sandy Pelzer - Service Coordinator and Anna Miller – Service Coordinator. Also in attendance was Carmen Moser – Palo Alto County Auditor and CCNIA Fiscal Agent. Service providers and others in attendance were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr– Seasons Center, Bre Degelau – Eyerly Ball. Kim Scorza - Crittenton Center, Jason Wagner – Amerigroup and Rob Aiken – DHS.

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

A motion by Stone and seconded by Vande Hoef to approve the minutes for January 18, 2022, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved with the correction.

Updates

Updates were given by regional service providers from Seasons Center, Eyerly Ball, Spencer Hospital, and Crittenton Center regarding regional services.

Sandy Pelzer, CCNIA Service Coordinator, gave an update on services provided to children and adults in her assigned counties.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the 2/22/22 claims as printed was made by Jensvold and seconded by Stone and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

ALGONA PUBLISHING COMPANY	FLYERS	80.00
ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD & MYOTT	SERVICES	109.00
ASSOCIATES FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES	SERVICES	800.00
ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STATE	FY20 AUDIT	5824.13
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMPLOYEE EXP	27.60
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	336.24
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	13188.24
JENNIFER DYKSHOORN	EMPLOYEE EXP	56.19
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY	SERVICES	160.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	14566.55
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	2047.72
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	8262.89
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	678.08
F8 CREATIVE	SERVICES	300.00
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	281.83
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	3722.48
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	20284.82

HORIZONS UNLIMITED PALO ALTO CO RCF	SERVICES	11342.95
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMPLOYEE EXP	166.75
KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	900.90
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	240.00
ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	567.58
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	1543.95
NORTH IOWA REGIONAL SERVICES	SERVICES	390.00
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	5047.75
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	466.50
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	32631.84
SANDY LAW FIRM SHANNON SANDY	SERVICES	127.53
SEASONS	SERVICES	31112.03
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	ADVOCATE EXP	3696.58
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	5200.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	99.70
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET SERVICES	100.00
SUNRISE APARTMENTS, INC.	SERVICES	685.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	366.61
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	86.72
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED	SERVICES	355.68
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	522.38
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	875.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	33.04
YOUTH & SHELTER SERVICES, INC.	SERVICES	40701.47

The Region's fund balance on 2/22/22 is \$2,579,673.67. Moser will be working with counties who have employees of record as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year to be sure funds are transferred to cover payroll. She will be sending invoices to the counties for the second half payments.

Old Business

Considerations for FY23 Planning – Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Stone to enter into a per capita share of crisis intervention training for law enforcement not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion passed unanimously. Other discussion included: Access Center funding, Behavioral Health Intervention services (BHIS), youth crisis stabilization and vehicle purchases. A work group was established to work on the budget which includes Anderson, Jensvold, Vande Hoef, Loehr and Dykshoorn.

28E Agreement – Waiting on a response from Winnebago county. Clay, Kossuth, Palo Alto and Worth have accepted the agreement. Osceola county did not vote in favor of the agreement.

Planning for MHDS Supervisor Training – A training session for all members of the boards of supervisors for member counties will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at The Shores in Emmetsburg starting at 9:00 a.m.

New Business

County ARPA Dollars & MHDS Regions – Discussion was held on ARPA dollars received by counties. Anything expended by counties for Mental Health must go through the Region. Counties are advised to send those bills to the Region for reimbursement or payment.

Update Regional Rental Subsidy Policy – Motion by Merrill and seconded by Vande Hoef to add an addendum to the Regional Rental Subsidy Policy to allow for the extension of rental payments/maintenance fees assistance while individuals are waiting on social security benefits. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Project Funding Requests & Process – Lakes Partnership School & Crittenton Center – Motion by Stone and seconded by Merrill to approve a special project funding request for Lakes Partnership School for \$201.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone to approve a special project funding request for Crittenton Center for \$11,667 or up to \$17,500.00 if all three regions to not participate. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by Vande Hoef to allow the CEO to approve Special Project Funding Requests up to \$500.00 without approval from the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Exception to Policy – Motion by Stone and seconded by Merrill to approve an exception to policy to pay for medication management services for college student. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no public comment.

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

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn
CCNIA Recording Secretary

Craig Merrill
CCNIA Board Secretary