

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
April 26, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson - Clay County Supervisor, (Board Chair), A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor, Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, and Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor. Advisory Board member present was Michelle Huntress. Also in attendance was Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and CCNIA Fiscal Agent.

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr - CEO, Therese Trojahn - Claims Processor and Recording Secretary, and Jennifer Dykshoorn - Office and Finance Specialist.

Service providers and others in attendance were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr, Dan Ries, Michelle Theesfeld - Seasons Center, Monica Van Horn - Eyerly Ball. Michaela Simmons - Hope Haven, Karen Rosengreen – ITP, Rob Aiken – DHS, and Sande Smith – EMS Osceola County.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:32 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Loss motioned and Jensvold seconded the adoption of the current agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Stone and seconded by Merrill to approve the minutes for March 22, 2022, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

Updates

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

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the 4/26/22 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	374.42
ALGONA PUBLISHING COMPANY	SERVICES	42.50
ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD	SERVICES	136.50
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	1818.00
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMPLOYEE EXP	56.35
CORNWALL AVERY BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	359.50
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	102.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	3678.12
EDGEWATER BBQ LLC	EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING	385.20
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	8196.65
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	SERVICES	2480.20
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	8262.89
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	678.08
F8 CREATIVE	EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING	1476.00
GFC LEASING	OFFICE SERVICES	281.83
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	1921.28
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	12456.28
HORIZONS UNLIMITED PALO ALTO CO	SERVICES	5096.04
HUMBOLDT CO. SHERIFF	SERVICES	32.00
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMPLOYEE EXP	120.60

KOSSUTH CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	152.82
MELISSA LOEHR	EMPLOYEE EXP	307.93
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	345.59
ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	618.90
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	2000.49
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	631.00
OSCEOLA COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	19.00
PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	1955.00
SANDRA PELZER	EMPLOYEE EXP	119.60
FRED BLAKE PERKINS	SERVICES	316.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	24100.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	36026.03
SEASONS	SERVICES	15424.88
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	2600.00
SOLUTIONPOINT+ LLC	EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING	2525.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	115.77
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET SERVICES	100.00
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1505.83
SQUIRE SHOPPE	EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING	600.95
SYNERGY ETHERAPY	SERVICES	375.00
THE SHORES AT FIVE ISLAND	EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING	224.50
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	121.42
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	86.72
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	110.38
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	875.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	32.44

The Region's fund balance on 4/26/22 is \$3,591,557.28. All payments from member counties have been received. The April quarterly payment from the State has been received. All counties will need to transfer their Fund 10000 in June and Moser will be collaborating with them to get that completed.

Old Business

MHDS Training Evaluation Results – Loehr thanked those who attended. No action taken. Completed surveys were reviewed and notes were taken for potential improvements for future trainings.

FY22 Budget Impact Grant Implementation – The FY22 Budget has been sent to DHS for approval. The upcoming Impact Grant process was discussed and explained. Once the grant applications are received the committee established in March will meet to evaluate. No action taken.

New Business

Attorney Fee Policy Update – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone to approve and update the Care Connections Attorney Reimbursement Rate Policy to follow Iowa code 815.7 rate structure. Region will pay a maximum of 3 hours per committal fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Exception to Policy – It was moved by Stone and seconded by Jensvold to approve paying an outstanding pharmacy bill of \$98.49 to allow a client to utilize remaining funds for activities. Motion passed unanimously.

Provider Contract – Linda Putney – Job Coaching Services – It was moved by Jensvold and seconded by Loss to approve the Non-traditional provider contract with Linda Putney for supportive employment services. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Behavioral Health Outreach Navigator Pilot Program – It was moved by Vander Hoef and seconded by Stone to fund the development of the Behavioral Health Outreach Navigator pilot program requiring a two-year commitment not to exceed \$100,000.00 during that timeframe. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Funding Project Request – Osceola County and Palo Alto Zero Suicide Coalition - It was moved by Vander Hoef and seconded by Merrill to approve a special funding Request for Osceola County EMS to purchase a transit van for \$60,000.00. Vehicle will be maintained by Osceola EMS after the initial purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Merrill and seconded by Vander Hoef to approve a Special Funding Request for Palo Alto County Zero Suicide Coalition for self-care packages for educators in Palo Alto County for \$8,375.00. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Stone and seconded by Loss to approve \$16.75 per self-care package for educators in Care Connections member counties other than Palo Alto. Motion passed unanimously. Michelle Theesfeld, Seasons Center, will coordinate this process.

Seasons Center Crisis Center Proposal – It was moved by Stone and seconded by Jensvold to approve the Seasons Center Crisis Center proposal to upgrade existing elevator, upgrade HVAC system, renovate additional office space, vehicle purchase and IT infrastructure and software upgrades for a total not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

HIPPA Compliance Training – It was moved by Stone and seconded by Loss to table the training for today and have the power point presentation emailed to members. Motion passed unanimously. Members will complete and return the acknowledgement forms to CCNIA.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2022, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn

Date

CCNIA Recording Secretary

Bill Jensvold

Date

CCNIA Board Secretary