

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa  
Governing Board  
August 23, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were A. J. Stone - Worth County Supervisor (Board Vice-Chair), Donnie Loss - Kossuth County Supervisor, Jayson Vande Hoef - Osceola County Supervisor (Zoom), Craig Merrill - Palo Alto County Supervisor, and Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor. There were no Advisory Board members present. Also in attendance was Amanda Hanson - Palo Alto County Auditor representative.

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 via Zoom were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr and Karen Rosengreen - Seasons Center, LeAnn Blau – Hope Haven, Monica Van Horn – Eyerly Ball, Lorrie Young – Prairie Ridge, Darcie Grave – Plains Area Mental Health, and Nicolle Eaton – Siouxland Mental Health Center. In attendance in person were Danielle Korthals and Brienne Goings – Lakes Partnership School.

The meeting was called to order by Stone, Vice-Chair, at 1:38 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 Merrill and seconded by Jensvold to approve the minutes for July 19, 2022, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Updates**

Updates were given by regional service providers from Seasons Center, Eyerly Ball, Hope Haven, Spencer Hospital, Prairie Ridge, and Plains Area Mental Health

**Fiscal Agent/Finance Report**

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent representative, Amanda Hansen. A motion to approve the 8/23/22 claims as presented was made by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill and was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Merrill and seconded by Loss to approve an \$1,000.00 increase in amount paid to Palo Alto County Hospital to add an additional school for the motivational speaker presentation. Motion was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	374.42
ARENDS, LEE, EMICK, LEGVOLD & MYOTT	SERVICES	97.50
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	1047.88
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMPLOYEE EXP	78.75
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	1416.92
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	99.00
DOTSON, GUENTHER, CHRISTIAN & LAUER	SERVICES	237.60
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	6883.82
DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	110.50
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	13327.07
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	1932.37
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	8262.89
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	SERVICES	500.58
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	674.29
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	287.83
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	3602.40

HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	11949.43
HORIZONS UNLIMITED PALOALTO CO	SERVICES	264.03
IT SAVVY	OFFICE SERVICES	319.00
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMPLOYEE EXP	218.40
MELISSA LOEHR	EMPLOYEE EXP	747.28
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	600.00
MCMAHON, STOWATER, LYNCH & LADDUSAW	SERVICES	182.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	403.74
MERCY ONE	SERVICES	3804.40
ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	515.00
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	889.50
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	332.65
PALO ALTO CO HEALTH SYSTEM	PUBLIC ED	19878.00
SANDRA PELZER	EMPLOYEE EXP	248.75
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	30256.84
SEASONS	SERVICES	15690.47
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	ADVOCATE EXP	4554.27
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	2600.00
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET	100.00
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2101.64
SUNSET L.L.L.P. APARTMENTS	SERVICES	25.00
SYNERGY THERAPY	SERVICES	565.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	69.75
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	13.30
VERIZON	ADVOCATE EXP	41.71
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLIMITED	SERVICES	585.78
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	41.12

The Region's fund balance on 7/19/22 is \$2,603,782.60.

### Old Business

*Impact Grant Award Adjustments* – Loehr informed the board that Spencer Hospital will be moving a portion of their allotted grant money to a different use due to time constraints.

### New Business

*Siouxland Mental Health Access Center Update* – Nicolle Eaton, Crisis Center Director – Eaton reported that Subacute services started on 8/22/22 at the Center. CCNIA contracts with them for Crisis Stabilization Residential Services, Subacute Mental Health and 23-Hour Observation and Holding.

*Exception to Policy* – There were none.

*Lakes Partnership School Presentation & Special Funding Request* - Danielle Korthals & Brianne Goings – Korthals and Goings explained what Lakes Partnership School does and how it operates. They asked for special funding staff self-care. Motion by Merrill and seconded by Loss to approve \$2,141.06 for staff self-care expenses. Motion was unanimously approved.

*Commitment Transportation Reimbursement* – Motion by Merrill and seconded by Jenvold to approve following Iowa Code 331.655 (Fees – mileage - expense) regarding reimbursement for mental health court commitment fees. CCNIA will reimburse governmental entities within our member counties for transport fees up to \$25.00 per hour for round trip expenses to the following: Access Center, subacute, crisis stabilization service, admission/discharge from the hospital for physician's office and court hearings. This will be effective 7/1/2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

*CCNIA Planning Workgroup Member creation* – Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Loss to appoint Stone, Anderson and one member from the Advisory Board, possibly Michelle Huntress, to a workgroup to review, gather recommendations and feedback for visions for the future. This information will be presented to the board for consideration. Group will meet in September or October. Motion was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

Motion by Loss and seconded by Merrill to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Therese Trojahn                      Date

CCNIA Recording Secretary

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Bill Jensvold                      Date

CCNIA Board Secretary