

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
September 27, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, September 27, 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, and Bill Jensvold - Winnebago County Supervisor. Advisory Board member present was Amanda Schmidt – WB-M school. Also in attendance was Carmen Moser - Palo Alto County Auditor and 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 via Zoom were Deb Broderson - Spencer Hospital, Jill Barr - Seasons Center, LeAnn Blau – Hope Haven, Bre Degelau – Eyerly Ball, and Darcie Grave – Plains Area Mental Health. In attendance in person were Karen Rosengreen and Michelle Theesfeld - Seasons Center, and Wendy Marco – Osceola Regional Health Center.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:31 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Stone 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 August 23, 2022, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Encumberment Approval letter was received from HHS. Thank you cards were received from the Teacher Appreciation baskets that were distributed.

Updates

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

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

The Region's fund balance on 9/27/22 is \$3,039,866.37. We received a quarterly payment from the State.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Crisis Services Seasons Center Update & Introduction of VP of Medical Services – Karen Rosengreen – Rosengreen introduced herself and gave an update on the Crisis Services Center at Seasons. There will be a delay of three to four months in opening because of workforce and material shortages. Currently, the expected opening date would be between March or April, 2023.

Special Project Request & Update: Osceola Community Hospital – Wendy Marco – Marco presented a request for a program entitled "You Matter" to bring suicide prevention education, support, and awareness to all Sibley-Ocheyedan students and employees. Motion to approve the special funding request for Osceola Regional Health Center in the amount of \$10,000.00 was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone. Motion was unanimously approved.

Special Project Request: Palo Alto Zero Suicide and Seasons Center – Motion by Stone and seconded by Loss to approve the special project funding request for Palo Alto Zero Suicide in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a Family Wellness event. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Stone and seconded by Jensvold to approve the special project funding request for Seasons Center in the amount of \$5,000.00 to support the Seasons food bank expansion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Policy – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold to approve the CCNIA Transportation Policy for regionally funded crisis and non-crisis transportation effective September 1, 2022. Motion was unanimously approved.

Exception to Policy – Motion by Stone and seconded by Loss to approve payment of \$250.00/month for up to 90 days for respite services for the caregiver of a client as an exception to policy. Motion was unanimously approved.

Contract Addendums: Linda Putney – Job Coach – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Stone to approve the change of the provider rates based on the 7/1/22 Medicaid rates for Linda Putney. Motion was unanimously approved.

Transitional Living Center Proposal – Discussion was held pertaining to a provider offering transitional living services within the region and proposed regional funding for the services. More details will be coming.

Claims were presented by Fiscal Agent, Carmen Moser. A motion to approve the 9/27/22 claims as presented was made by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

43 NORTH IOWA	SERVICES	780.66
CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	353.50
MARLEE CHRISTOFFEL	EMPLOYEE EXP	60.00
CLAY CO AUDITOR	PHONE EXP	32.38
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	57.50
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	198.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	7391.33
JENNIFER DYKSHOORN	EMPLOYEE EXP	105.35
DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	104.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	4306.32
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC	SERVICES	1588.53
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH	SERVICES	16525.78
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	674.29
F8 CREATIVE	PUBLIC ED SERV.	477.73
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	444.30
HANCOCK CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	86.75
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	7981.88
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	9498.23
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERVICES	318.19
KEN BORTH AUTO PLAZA INC	EMPLOYEE EXP	547.25
MELISSA LOEHR	EMPLOYEE EXP	400.20
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERVICES	75.00
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	120.00
RUTH MELBY	ADVOCATE EXP	142.08
ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	618.49
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	1603.74

NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	1160.75
O'BRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	150.25
OSCEOLA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	PUBLIC ED SERVICES	10000.00
SANDRA PELZER	EMPLOYEE EXP	597.63
PRAIRIE LAKES AEA	SERVICES	2141.06
PRAIRIE RIDGE	SERVICES	278.34
PRIDE GROUP, PRIMGHAR	SERVICES	71.71
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	29673.82
LINDA PUTNEY	SERVICES	1609.29
SANDY LAW FIRM SHANNON SANDY	SERVICES	104.47
SEASONS	SERVICES	75600.69
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	90.72
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET	100.00
SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	687.61
SUNSET L.L.P. APARTMENTS	SERVICES	25.00
SYNERGY ETHERAPY	SERVICES	190.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	207.62
U.S. CELLULAR	ADVOCATE EXP	199.50
VERIZON	ADVOCATE EXP	41.71
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	159.80
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	SERVICES	1875.00
WORTH COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	16.67

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Therese Trojahn
 CCNIA Recording Secretary

 Date

 Bill Jensvold
 CCNIA Board Secretary

 Date