

Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 5 at 3:30 pm
Zoom Only
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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Adult & Children Joint Meeting



Advisory Committee Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions- Melissa Loehr

Advisory board members present: Police Chief Bo Miller- Law Enforcement Representative, Lorrie Young- Prairie Ridge Executive Director Children's Mental Health, Tom Jorgensen- Child Welfare Advocate, Jayson VandeHoef- Governing Board Representative, Barry Anderson- Governing Board Chair, Nettie Renshaw- Retired Department of Corrections, Michelle Huntress- Educational Representative, Erin Schmidt, Michaela Simmons

Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr- CEO, Marlee Christoffel- Service Coordinator, Anna Miller- Service Coordinator, Serena Rustad- Administrative Assistant

- Coordinator Updates – Anna. Marlee

Anna stated there are continued shortages for children's placement and BHIS services as well as housing and transportation issues in our communities. Winnebago County

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only has one SEL worker. Kossuth Regional has started a new program “Senior Life Solutions.”

Marlee spoke about the benefits of ITP services, and improved collaboration and communication with service providers to strengthen referrals and meet gaps in service to meet citizens’ needs. Homelessness continues to be a problem that CCNIA is assisting with. The long-term benefits of this for the clients can be decreased hospitalizations and incarcerations as well as increased access to crisis services. This is cheaper for the region than RTF and least restrictive for the client.

Melissa gave a brief tour and explanation of the online crisis guides and online secure transportation forms.

- Impact Grant Awards

Melissa explained the providers’ requests, the summary of projects and award explanations, and the award amounts. Melissa talked about the ways this money helps our community.

- CCNIA Board Makeup- Terms, Members, Designation, Votes

Governor Reynold’s new law will require some changes to our board. Melissa sought recommendations from our Advisory Board for potential new Governing Board members.

- FY 24 Focus Areas for MHDS Regions

CCNIA will add brain injury and developmental disabilities to our areas of service.

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Justice involved and outpatient treatment are a large part of our contracts for next year.

Melissa talked about jail assessment referrals and collaboration, expanding prevention, and service coordination across the state.

- Agency Updates/ Information Sharing

Melissa introduced CCNIA's new Administrative Assistant, Serena Rustad

Michelle offered space at CC-E's public events for CCNIA to have a booth and share/educate public about our services.

Lorrie gave updates about services offered at Prairie Ridge including telehealth, PCIT and EMDR, FEP, and trauma therapy services available. Lorrie said they are moving to Worth and Winnebago Counties, and will expand services to Kossuth County if they get enough clients. She also encourages everyone to become familiar with CCBHC and voice their concerns.

- Next Meeting- September 11 @ 3:30 pm at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA
- Adjourn

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