

Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023, at 3:30 pm
The Shores, Emmetsburg and via Zoom
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Adult & Children Joint Meeting

Advisory Committee Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions- Melissa Loehr

Meeting called to order by Loehr at 3:30 pm.

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- Exceptional Opportunities, Amy Davis- LSI
Care Connections employees in attendance: Melissa Loehr- CEO, Jenn Dykshoorn- Client and Finance Director, Marlee Christoffel- Service Coordinator, Anna Miller- Service Coordinator, Sandy Pelzer- Service Coordinator, Serena Rustad- Administrative Assistant

- Coordinator Updates – Anna Miller, Sandy Pelzer, Marlee Christoffel

Miller stated she is attending coalition meetings and continuing community engagement.

Pelzer is also involved in coalition meetings and community engagement. Pelzer spoke about provider shortages for children's needs.

Christoffel said the treatment coordination teams are going well. Law enforcement resource binders have been provided to Clay and Osceola County deputies. Christoffel has been busy with IEPs in schools, making accommodations for students' needs, and placing children on waiver lists as needed to be prepared when they are ready to transition from school to employment. Christoffel spoke about the effects of Medicaid loss when a client is in a residential facility.

- Updates- Jenn Dykshoorn

Dykshoorn reports she is analyzing FY 23 data and warehouse reports. She spoke about the HHS quarterly report including core services, per capita expenses, ACT program, and cost spent on Brain Health, ID, DD, and BI.

- Review/Action: CCNIA Board Makeup

- Barry Anderson discussed the value of the Advisory Board.

- Terms

- Members Designation: CCNIA Governing Board Member Requirements-

- No more than 49% will be elected officials (Board of Supervisors).

- 51% will be comprised of: Person Utilizing/Relative- Barb Vanderveen, Adult Service Provider- Erin Schmidt Exceptional Opportunities Executive Director, Child Service Provider- Amy Davis LSI, Education Representative- Michelle Huntress CC-E Principal,

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Parent with Child with Severe Emotional Disorder- to be filled, Law Enforcement- Bo Miller Algona Chief of Police, and Judicial System- to be filled.

-A motion was made by Renshaw to approve adding Barb, Erin Schmidt, and Amy Davis to the board, and was seconded by B. Miller. The motion passed unanimously. The next Governing Board meeting will be September 25, 2023, and the Governing Board will be asked to adopt the designations from the Advisory Board.

- Review/Action: Management Plan Updates

Loehr reviewed the plan and any updates. A motion was made by Renshaw to approve the changes made to the management plan and was seconded by VandeHoef. The motion passed unanimously and will be presented to the Governing Board at the next meeting for approval.

- Agency Updates/Information Sharing

Jorgenson discussed continued work on the merger of DHS and the Department of Public Health to HHS.

Renshaw stated that B. Miller and Marissa are working on the community liaison position. She commended Schmidt for doing a great job.

Schmidt spoke about the increased participation in the Exceptional Opportunities employment program over the summer. They are making connections for families with kids transitioning.

Young said the 5-year ACT team grant has expanded to all 8 counties (including Worth, Winnebago, and Kossuth). She is waiting for the CCBHC grant. Young encourages others to please refer high schoolers and young adults to the Prairie Ridge first episode psychosis team.

Loehr explained CCBHC catchment areas. She discussed the Crisis Services Statewide Baseline Report. Loehr stated the FY 24 Encumberment App was approved by HHS for the Season's Project. Loehr talked about updating bylaws and the 28E agreement to be in compliance with the Iowa code.

- Next Meeting- December 11, 2023, via Zoom

- Adjourn-

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm by Loehr.

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