

**Care Connections of Northern Iowa
Governing Board
January 23, 2024, 1:30 PM**

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson, Carter Nath, Craig Merrill, Bill Jensvold, A.J. Stone, Erin Schmidt, and Amy Davis. Present through Zoom were Jayson Vande Hoef, Barbara Vanderveen and Bo Miller. Also in attendance were Melissa Loehr, Therese Trojahn, Jenn Dykshoorn and Carmen Moser. Service providers in attendance via Zoom were Jill Barr, Dan Ries, and Michaela Simmons. Carla Firkins and Janell Lindell attended briefly.

The meeting was called to order by Anderson, Chair, at 1:35 p.m. Welcome and introductions were exchanged. Stone motioned and Jensvold seconded the adoption of the current agenda amended to change the date of the next meeting to February 27, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Merrill and seconded by Nath to approve the minutes for December 26, 2023, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

Appoint Board Officers – A motion was made by Merrill and seconded by Nath to approve Barry Anderson as Chair, A.J. Stone as Vice Chair and Bill Jensvold as Secretary. Motion was unanimously approved.

Updates

Updates were given by regional service providers from Seasons Center, Clay County Outreach Navigator, and Hope Haven.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

A motion to approve the 01/23/2024 claims was made by Schmidt and seconded by Davis and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

ALGONA PUBLISHING COMPANY	PUBLICATIONS	424.20
THE ARMSTRONG JOURNAL	PUBLICATIONS	662.40
BAXTER & WILD LAW OFFICES	SERVICES	302.07
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	345.00
COMMUNITY CARE OF KNOXVILLE	SERVICES	2452.41
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	136.00
THE CRITTENTON CENTER	EDUCATION/TRAINING	3388.33
DEKOTER, THOLE, DAWSON & ROCKMAN	SERVICES	198.00
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	5135.73
DYLAN THOMAS ATTORNEY AT LAW	SERVICES	123.50
EMMETSBURG PUBLISHING CO.	PUBLICATIONS	120.00
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	7784.30
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	SERVICES	1173.51
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY MH	SERVICES	7672.38
FOUNDATION 2	SERVICES	678.54
F8 CREATIVE	WEB SITE HOSTING	300.00
HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES	SERVICES	2395.60
LAKE MILLS GRAPHIC	PUBLICATIONS	243.00
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERVICES	75.00
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	240.00
MID-AMERICAN PUBLISHING	PUBLICATIONS	64.58
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING/SUPPLIES	1350.98
NORSE VENTURES DBA THRIVE	SERVICES	1218.96
THE NORTHWOOD ANCHOR	PUBLICATIONS	342.00
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	388.75
PALO ALTO CO AUDITOR	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	2484.00
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	87.50
SANDRA PELZER	EMPLOYEE EXP	660.90

PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	31016.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	13011.32
REGIONAL TRANS.AUTHORITY	SERVICES	360.00
SEASONS	SERVICES	20631.24
SIOUX RIVERS REGION	SERVICES	9301.59
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	17874.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	87.95
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET	100.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	6.49
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	SERVICES	160.00
VISA	EMP TRAVELAND EMP TRAINING	277.51
ABBY WALLIN	ADVOCATE EXP	127.60
WINNEBAGO CO SHERIFF	SERVICES	117.34

The Region's fund balance on 01/23/2024 was \$631,734.21.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Exception to Policy-Horizons Unlimited – Motion by Stone and seconded by Nath to approve the exception to policy to pay \$883.99 for maintenance fees and deny the forgiveness of the \$3,301.88 repayment amount. The motion was unanimously approved.

Life Connections Contract – BHIS Services – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Merrill to approve the contract with Life Connections-BHIS services for FY24. The motion was unanimously approved.

Service Coordination Update – Jenn Dykshoorn – Dykshoorn shared with the board that with the uncertainty of changes being made by the state, we will be putting the hiring of a Service Coordinator on hold. Duties will be split between current staff.

Financial Projection Update & Appropriation withholding finalization amounts – Motion by Merrill and seconded by Schmidt to approve a budget amendment to increase the FY24 budget to \$3,201,213. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regional Staffing – Planning and FY25 Salary Adjustments – Motion by Stone and seconded by Schmidt to approve a 4% salary adjustment for FY25. The motion was unanimously approved.

Health and Human Services HMA Report – Loehr shared with the board the realignment plans of the State to consolidate Regions to an ASO (Administrative System Organization) that will oversee MHDS Regional Funds, Tobacco Funds, and Gambling Funds. Governing Boards will no longer exist, but the ASO would require an advisory board.

There was no Public Comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2024, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn
CCNIA Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Jensvold
CCNIA Board Secretary

Date