

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

Care Connections of Northern Iowa Governing Board met on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at The Shores, Emmetsburg, IA and via Zoom. Board members present were Barry Anderson, Jayson Vande Hoef, Craig Merrill, Bill Jensvold, Barbara Vanderveen, Erin Schmidt, and Bo Miller. Also in attendance were Melissa Loehr, Therese Trojahn, and Jennifer Dykshoorn. Service providers and others in attendance were Jill Barr, Dan Ries, Bre Degelau, Brittney Spieker, Michaela Simmons, Rob Aiken and Heidi Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson, at 1:34 p.m. Merrill motioned and Jensvold seconded the adoption of the current agenda as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

A motion by Schmidt and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes for June 25, 2024, as printed. Motion was unanimously approved.

Updates

Introductions and updates were given from Duncan Heights, Eyerly Ball, Hope Haven, Clay County Outreach Navigator, and Seasons Center.

Fiscal Agent/Finance Report

A motion to approve the 07/23/2024 claims was made by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill and was unanimously approved. Following is a list of the claims:

CENTRAL IA JUV DETENTION CTR	SERVICES	641.65
CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	309.58
CORNWALL, AVERY, BJORNSTAD & SCOTT	SERVICES	73.00
DOTSON, GUENTHER, CHRISTIAN & LAUER	SERVICES	182.40
DUNCAN HEIGHTS, INC	SERVICES	6449.73
EVIZZIT OF IOWA PSYCHIATRY PC	SERVICES	12458.02
EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	SERVICES	509.76
EYERLY BALL COMMUNITY M.H.	SERVICES	5960.28
FOUNDATION 2 CRISIS SERVICES	SERVICES	678.54
GFC LEASING - WI	OFFICE SERVICES	300.83
HOPE HAVEN INC.	SERVICES	19779.32
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERVICES	883.61
JCL SOLUTIONS/SOS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	52.06
KOSSUTH CO AUDITOR	SALARY	6531.13
LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM	SERVICES	75.00
MASON CITY CLINIC	SERVICES	60.00
ANNA MILLER	EMPLOYEE EXP	592.28
NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	920.00
NORSE VENTURES DBA THRIVE	SERVICES	779.57
NW IA YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	384.00
PLAINS AREA MENTAL HEALTH CTR	SERVICES	31016.00
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERVICES	11264.10
SEASONS	SERVICES	24387.00
SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	SERVICES	17874.00
SOLUTIONPOINT+ LLC	CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING	46492.00
SPENCER DAILY REPORTER	PUBLICATIONS	95.33
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	INTERNET	100.00
TAILORED GRAPHICS LLC	PUBLIC EDUCATION	1025.00
THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY	SERVICES	151.99
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	SERVICES	160.00
VISA	MILEAGE, SUPPLIES, VEH REPAIR, EMP MEETING	325.28
WINNEBAGO CO AUDITOR	SALARY	6111.43

The Region's fund balance on 07/23/2024 was \$911,913.47.

Old Business

Behavioral Health Alignment Updates and Discussion – Loehr reviewed the three proposed behavioral health district maps and gave an update on the transition plan and ongoing regional development and collaboration for ASO proposals. The districts will be designated by August 1. A special board meeting may be called in early August to discuss the next steps for Care Connections.

New Business

Turning Point Update – Ashley Miller, Director – Miller was unable to attend, and the report was given by Loehr. They have had a low admission rate due to high-risk referrals.

Community Housing Initiatives Impact Grant Update – Brittney Spieker, Director of Resident Service – The grant provided by Care Connections has had positive results. Through the grant, CHI has been able to provide rent and utility assistance, food security and medical bill write-offs. They have been able to provide services to the individuals where they live.

FY25 Contracts – Exceptional Opportunities, Duncan Heights, Hope Haven, Foundation 2, Horizons Unlimited. Contract negotiations are still pending for Avera McKennon, Respite Connections and Kossuth Regional Hospital.

Motion by Jensvold and seconded by Merrill to approve the contract with Exceptional Opportunities with updated rate changes for FY25. The motion was approved. Schmidt recused herself from the vote because of her association with the company.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Miller to approve the contract with Duncan Heights with updated rate changes for FY25. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Jensvold to approve the contract with Hope Haven with updated rate changes for FY25. The motion was approved. Vanderveen and Vande Hoef recused themselves from the vote because of their association with the company.

Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Vanderveen to approve the contract with Foundation 2 for FY25. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Merrill and seconded by Schmidt to approve the contract with Horizons Unlimited with updated rate changes for FY25. The motion was unanimously approved.

No motion was made regarding the contract with Avera McKennon – waiting for information.

No motion was made regarding the contract with Respite Connection – waiting for information.

Kossuth Regional Hospital is not interested in signing a contract for services. No action taken.

Special Funding Request – Kossuth County Liaison – Motion by Vande Hoef and seconded by Jensvold to approve a special funding request for Kossuth County Liaison for safety equipment not to exceed \$1,450.00. The motion was approved. Miller recused himself from the vote because of his association with the county.

There was no Public Comment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2024, at 1:30 at the Shores in Emmetsburg. There will be a special meeting called in early August to discuss the proposed district map and transition plans.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trojahn
CCNIA Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Jensvold
CCNIA Board Secretary

Date