



# CICS

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## Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting was provided via conference call. Members of the Board and public were able to call in or attend via zoom.

**Board Members Present:** Boone, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, Warren, JD Deambra, Allie Wulfekuhle, Kendra Alexander, Julie Smith, Andrea Dickerson.

**Counties/Members Absent:** Warren. **Administrative Team Present:** Russell Wood, Patti Leeds, Betsy Stursma, Karla Webb, Linn Adams. **Others Present:** Gary Rayhons, Hancock County; Tony Reed, CIJDC.

### Agenda & Minutes

Motion to approve the February 25, 2021 agenda. Motion by Dawley, second by Rudolph. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair asks for motion to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes. Motion by Clifton, second by Nolte. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Bill Patten stated at the end of June, 2021 he will no longer be Board Chair. Vice Chair BJ Hoffman will become Chair. The Governing Board will be needing a new Vice Chair. If anyone is interested contact Patten in writing. The Board will elect a new Vice Chair in March.

CEO Russell Wood showed two brief videos TRILIX has worked on with CICS for community outreach. Wood then provided HIPAA training to the Board and CICS employees. The training was recorded and is available for those unable to attend by emailing Wood directly.

Wood requested CICS pay approximately \$8,500 towards COBRA for health insurance in July, 2021 for five of the seven new staff from Wright, Webster and Cerro Gordo Counties. Motion by Kloberdanz, second by Kretzinger All ayes, motion carried.

Wood continued the Regional Employment discussion. The Employment Committee met and they would like guidance on what the next steps the Board would like the Committee to take. It may be possible to move to regional employment by July 2022. Tony Reed of CIJDC talked about the option of CIJDC being the Employer of Record and how that works. They do offer IPERS and are flexible, giving the group their own ability to establish what they want for their employees. Wood discussed options CICS could look at: become its own entity like CSS did, find an Employer of Record, or have a county or group of counties become the Employer of Record for the Region. Patten asked if anyone has any thoughts or questions to contact him and the Employment Committee will look into any concerns at their next meeting in March.

Gary Rayhons of Hancock County spoke regarding the application to join CICS. The Administrative Team unanimously voted to recommend to the Board to accept Hancock County's application. After discussion between the Board and Rayhons, Kloberdanz motioned to accept Hancock County into the CICS Region,

second by Clifton. Roll call vote. Ayes: Boone, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Madison, Marshall, JD Deambra, Allie Wulfekuhle, Kendra Alexander. Nays: Hardin, Jasper, Poweshiek, Story. Nine ayes, four nays, motion carried.

Finance Officer Betsy Stursma shared the January Financial Report and claims report for February 9 and 23, 2021. Motion by Talsma, second by Heddens to approve claims. On a roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Stursma continued discussion from last month's meeting regarding the levy rate. Last month the Board set it at \$22.20. After looking at the numbers closer for future years and lack of legislation removing the levy cap, the recommendation is to lower the rate to \$19.00 per capita. Motion by Dawley, second by Talsma. All ayes, motion carried. Stursma will send the new rate to Auditors this afternoon.

Operations Officer Karla Webb presented the FY22 contract template. Motion by Clifton, second by Heddens to approve the template. All ayes, motion carried.

Webb requested ITP reimbursement for retroactive claims totaling \$5,120. Motion by Kloberdanz, second by Kretzinger. All ayes, motion carried.

Webb presented a contract amendment for Eyerly Ball Community Mental Health Services. Motion by Heddens, second by Dawley to approve the amendment. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair asked for public comments at this time. Rayhons thanked the Board for allowing them to take their time, and also for the clients of Hancock County he would like to say thank you for accepting their application to CICS.

Andrea Dickerson with YSS requested everyone is welcome to watch the YSS Facebook page this evening for a live she will be doing regarding an overview of Crisis Stabilization in the 18 years and under population.

Talsma asked if an updated 28E agreement will have to be ratified by each county. Wood stated that it had not been done in the past. The Board can choose to, but it does not happen automatically. Talsma will defer to his county attorney.

Patten will set up a meeting with the Employment Committee before the March Governing Board meeting. Motion by Heddens to adjourn, second by Kloberdanz. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is March 25, 2021.

Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Patti Leeds, Recording Secretary

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Bill Patten, Board Chair

