

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
August 20, 2020
North Country Community Mental Health
Telephone and Video-Conference Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Ginop, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, David White, Patty Cox, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sr. Augusta Stratz, Robert Boyd

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Kevin Hartley, Brian Babbitt, Amy Christie, Christine Dillon, Lorraine Manary

GUESTS: None

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. A roll call was taken and quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes the agenda overview and minutes of the previous meeting. There were no new contracts signed in the past month.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED BY KARLA SHERMAN, SUPPORT BY PATTY COX.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ed Ginop, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, David White, Patty Cox, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Executive Committee Report: Mr. Ginop provided an overview of the meeting. MDHHS issued a FY20 Contract Amendment #1 and requested it be signed by August 10. The Executive Committee approved the amendment and recommends the full board support this approval. The contract amendment has been submitted.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MDHHS/CMHSP FY2020 CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1, MADE BY ED GINOP, SUPPORT BY DENNIS PRIESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ed Ginop, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, David White, Patty Cox, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the minutes of the finance committee meeting. This included the Statement of Cash on Deposit, Interim Financial Statements, and Revenue by Fund Source. Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2020 shows our net position at \$4,557,495. Total Operating Revenue \$37,318,331; Total Operating Expenses of \$36,217,008; Projected increase in Net Position of \$838,764. Net position is \$614,643 above budget.

The NMRE Funding Source Report through June 30, 2020 shows NCCMH with a Surplus of \$3,314,149 after adjustments. The region has a total Medicaid and HMP Net Surplus, including Carry Forward and ISF of \$18,743,291.

NCCMH sent a notice to contract providers informing them that they may be eligible for stability payments to compensate for lost claim revenue due to COVID related closings.

Mr. Marcus discussed the intent to solicit proposals for a fleet management company for agency vehicles. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be sent out next month.

MOTION TO PLACE THE FINANCE REPORT ON FILE FOR AUDIT BY ROBERT DRAVES, SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ed Ginop, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, David White, Patty Cox, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The report will be placed on file for audit.

Mr. Marcus brought the Finance Committee's recommendation to the board for a one-time \$500 incentive payment to all staff. The incentive payment is in recognition of the efforts staff have made to continue providing excellent service to our clients through these unprecedented times.

MOTION TO APPROVE A ONE TIME INCENTIVE PAYMENT TO ALL STAFF BY DAVID WHITE, SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ed Ginop, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, David White, Patty Cox, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEM(S) WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: None

PRESENTATION: Children with Severe Emotional Disturbance

Christine Dillon, Director of Children and Family Services, provided an overview of North Country CMH's services focusing on children with severe emotional disturbances. Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) is a term used in reference to children under the age of 18 with a diagnosable mental health problem that severely disrupts their ability to function socially, academically, and emotionally. Ms. Dillon provided an overview of the services provided for children with this diagnosis, including the provider qualifications, setting, duration, and numbers served in the past twelve months. She described the monthly trauma informed and responsive trainings for NCCMH staff and community partners provided by Dr. Mark Sloan. Dr. Sloan is the medical director of the Children's Trauma Assessment Center at Western Michigan University.

Ms. Dillon mentioned that clients are doing well during this pandemic and there has been a lower rate of hospitalizations compared to the same period last year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard drew the boards attention to two themes running through the report; expanding relationships with the Intermediate School Districts (ISD's) to better help students, especially with the expansion of telehealth into schools; and the continuing work to explore a crisis stabilization center solution for our area. An RFP is being developed to hire a consultant to assist with this work, to be funded jointly by NCCMH, McLaren Northern Michigan, Munson Charlevoix Hospital, and Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties.

Ms. Gebhard shared two client stories highlighting the difference staff make in the lives of those we serve. She discussed the MDHHS Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Pillars which describe the five focus areas for behavioral health services moving forward. She congratulated Ms. Dillon and informed the board of her success in securing a Juvenile Justice grant to support diversion for children with severe emotional disturbances. Ms. Gebhard directed the boards attention to an Attorney General press release regarding a \$117 million settlement against Universal Health Services, Inc. which owns and manages psychiatric and behavioral health care facilities and was found to have submitted false claims to Medicaid.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Christie provided the board with a copy of "The Leaning Post" a newly created newsletter designed to keep staff informed on Lean process improvement values and tools, staff training, and Lean projects. She described the updated SharePoint site for staff members to review videos, submit Lean project ideas and stay abreast of process improvement efforts within the agency.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The July minutes were not available. The NMRE is preparing a preliminary budget for FY2021. The NMRE is projecting a 2.5 percent increase in revenue, although Milliman's data predicts a 3.1 percent increase. This increase can be explained, in part, by the state's pandemic response of not letting Medicaid recipients drop from the roles and an influx of new Medicaid enrollees.

Mr. Marcus mentioned that he sits on the NMRE Substance Use Disorder (SUD) planning group and recognizes and appreciates the importance of having engaged boards.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update: Ms. Gebhard provided an overview of possible and confirmed exposures to the COVID-19 virus at NCCMH sites and the agencies efforts to combat spread. She shared a newly created flyer on NCCMH Mental Health Resources and Support describing the resources available at North Country CMH including the Warm Line, as well as our Access and Crisis Line numbers. The flyer has been distributed widely within our six counties, including school districts, courts, childcare centers and other organizations serving children and families.

CMHA Member Assembly: The Member Assembly was held virtually on August 13. The focus was on updating bylaws, approving financial reports and approving a dues increase, Mr. Ginop and Ms. Gebhard attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard discussed the MSA Bulletin 20-48 which addresses the Behavioral Health Home expansion to the NMRE, the Upper Peninsula and Oakland County. The Behavioral Health Home model will be a topic at this year's board retreat.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Priess recognized Ms. Gebhard for her efforts in changing the culture of the organization through support of concepts like Lean management. The sentiment was echoed by the rest of the board.

Ms. Dillon mentioned the creation of electronic forms for health screens prior to staff entering each building as well as before and after client visits.

Ms. Gebhard shared the CMHA solicitation for PAC donations, especially since traditional fundraisers are not currently possible. She offered to match all contributions made by the Board and reminded the Board that checks be made out to CMH PAC. She asked that donations be sent to Lorraine Manary who will compile and forward on to the association. Board members were interested in knowing how the CMH-PAC funds have been previously spent and what policies or individuals the association will be supporting. Ms. Gebhard will inquire and share what she learns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.


Edward Ginop, Board Chair