



MINUTES OF THE BOARD
March 17, 2022, 4:00 PM
North Country Community Mental Health
Boardroom, 1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

David White, Caroline Loper, Ed Ginop, Christian Marcus, Michael Newman Robert Draves

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Karla Sherman, Gary Knapp, Robert Boyd, Dennis Priess, Ron Iseler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Liss, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Katina Banko

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Brian Babbitt, Kevin Hartley, Nancy Rhue, Emily Ramirez, Jeff Yoder

GUESTS: None

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. Nancy Rhue, the new Executive Assistant, was introduced. There were no guests in attendance. With only six members attending in-person, there was not a quorum. This is an informational meeting.

Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest: No board members expressed a conflict with any agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes the agenda overview, minutes of the previous meeting, privileging recommendations and contracts signed in the past month. Items requiring approval will be placed on the April meeting agenda.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting were reviewed by Chair Ron Iseler.

Personnel Committee Report: Minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting were reviewed by Ed Ginop.

Executive committee Report: Minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting were reviewed by Ed Ginop

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through February 28, 2021; Interim Financial Statements as of January 31, 2022; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of January 31, 2022; and NMRE Funding Source Report.

The committee moved to approve a 4% COLA retroactive to January 1, 2022. The committee moved to approve a proposal for network penetration testing by Rehmann for \$17,640.00. There was discussion on reimbursing relocation expenses as a part of contract negotiations for psychiatrists and executive leadership.

Mr. Ginop requested the financial reports be placed on file for audit.

PRESENTATION – Self Determination, Emily Ramirez, Self-Determination Coordinator
Ms. Ramirez explained what Self-Determination (SD) arrangements are, how SD budgets are developed, and why SD arrangements are an important service delivery method to help amplify the control the client has in who provides their services. She explained the costs and funding sources, shared the number of clients who are using SD arrangements broken down by county, population, and primary diagnosis. Included in the presentation was how many arrangements were started and terminated in FY21. Ms. Ramirez shared client stories of success, and FY21 and FY22 program enhancements.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard showed a video clip from 7&4 News on the Behavioral Health Emergency Partnership Training, and NCCMH/s new social media presence. Ms. Gebhard is continuing to meet with McLaren leadership on their behavioral health expansion in Cheboygan. She shared information on the recent reorganization at MDHHS which absorbed the BHDD administration under a new Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services administration (BPHASA). A new Bureau of Children’s Coordinated Health Policy and Supporters was also created. Farah Hanley is now Chief Deputy Director of Health (previously senior deputy of Financial Operations).

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – There was no QI Update this month.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Operations Committee minutes, and financials relating to NCCMH were shared. February minutes of the NMRE Board meeting were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Response Update – Ms. Gebhard shared the revised Resuming In-office and In-Person services for Low/Med Pandemic Risk Level based new guidance from the CDC, MDHHS, and public health departments. She also reviewed the environmental enhancements that were put in place in NCCMH facilities.

Senate Bills 597& 598 – Substitute bills (version 3) were submitted and moved forward for the third reading. Currently, it appears there are not enough Republican votes.

Representative Whiteford’s bills were reintroduced at the House Health Policy Committee today. The substitute bills are more favorable, but still require a single statewide ASO.

iPad and SharePoint Use – Paper packets for the Board and committee meetings will continue to be mailed, as well as posted on the SharePoint site. Board member iPads were collected for an upgrade.

NEW BUSINESS


Appointment of Nominating Committee- Mr. Ginop appointed Caroline Loper, Robert Draves, Robert Boyd, David White, Katina Banko, and Ron Iseler to the nominating committee. They are charged with presenting a slate of officers (one per position) at the April meeting.

2022 CMHA PAC Campaign – Ms. Gebhard shared the CMHA PAC campaign notification and offered again to contribute \$25 to each member's donation. This is a very critical year for advocacy!

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Ginop thanked Dennis Priess for his years of service on the NCCMH and NMRE Boards and asked that he return to the May meeting for a formal presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.



Ed Ginop, Board Chair

