

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**North Country Community Mental Health**  
**1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey MI 49770**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Ginop, Sr. Augusta Stratz,  
Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Christian  
Marcus, Robert Draves, Paul Liss, Dennis Priess, Robert  
Boyd, Caroline Loper, Louis Scholl

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patty Cox, David White

**STAFF:** Christine Gebhard, Kevin Hartley, Stacey Chipman

**GUESTS:** Ron Tresh, Rik Rambo, Vicky Otto

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. It was noted that Ms. Cox and Mr. White were unable to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda includes the agenda overview, minutes of the previous meeting and contracts signed in the past month.

**Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented by Mr. Boyd, support by Mr. Scholl.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION\***

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee met today at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Marcus reported details of the Revenue and Expenditure Report, and Bills through September 31, 2019. Balance on August 31, 2019 was \$3,507,060.88. Receipts through September were \$3,982,019.38; expenditures were \$896,953.02. Ending balance as of September 31 was \$3,030,724.80.

Mr. Marcus explained the Interim Financial Statements through August 31, 2019 including the Statement of Net Position; Revenue by Funding Source; Expenditures by Line Item; and Statement of Cash Flows.

Medicaid (including Autism): North Country capitation payments for the month of August were \$38,431,700; expenditures were \$40,546,474, resulting in an OVER expenditure of \$2,114,774.

Healthy Michigan Plan: North Country capitation payments received for the period were \$3,151,182. Expenditures were \$2,997,177 resulting in an UNDER expenditure of \$154,005.

State General Funds allotted to North Country for the period were \$1,817,091. General Funds expenditures were \$1,144,293, resulting in an UNDER expenditure of \$672,798.

**Mr. Ginop asked members if there were any questions about the financial reports. Hearing none, Mr. Ginop directed the reports be placed on file for audit.**

**ACTION ITEM(S) WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee – an application for membership on the Recipient Rights Advisory/Appeals Committee was received and reviewed. Ms. Rhonda Greiner indicated she is a guardian of a NCCMH Client and has worked in law enforcement in the past.

There was a brief discussion regarding the purpose of the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and the number of current/active members.

**Motion to approve Ms. Greiner’s application to the Recipient Rights Committee by Mr. Ginop, support by Ms. Sherman; MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION:**

Rik Rambo, CEO of Crossroads Industries, and Vicky Otto, Program Manager, gave a brief presentation about the community-based services they provide, including Studio 45 which was spotlighted recently on 9&10 News. Video presentation from August 30, 2019, “Crossroads Industries: People with Disabilities Channeling their Inner Artist” was shown.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gebhard directed the Board’s attention to the Governor’s removal of the Section 298 Pilots from FY20 Budget (the pilots transfer Medicaid funding from the PIHPs to the Medicaid Health Plans in an effort to improve integration of physical and mental health outcomes). It was announced at the Operations Committee meeting: expand the Behavioral Health Home Model by October 2020 as an alternative to 298.

The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Administration (BHDDA) leadership held a meeting with the ten PIHP CEO’s on October 16 to announce that the 298 Pilot Projects are [officially] cancelled. This is a major victory for the public behavioral health system following three years of intense advocacy.

Ms. Gebhard mentioned that HB 4325 was unanimously passed by the Michigan Senate today. The bill, which would codify the current rules for LPCs (licensed professional counselors), now goes back to the House for concurrence then on to Governor Whitmer for her approval.

## **CORRESPONDENCE, ARTICLES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Ms. Gebhard shared several items of correspondence, including:

**From the Community Mental Health Association of MI (CMHAM)**, an email regarding Directors Forum agenda which included a legislative and policy report as well as information on 31n and Caring for Students. A draft of the HMP work exemption as well as emails from Alan Bolter on the FY20 Budget update with Governor vetoes, and from Robert Sheehan 298 advocacy

**Other Correspondence** included a report from the Behavioral Health Services House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, CEO Friday Updates, NCCMH Transformation since October 2016 CARF Survey summary, a National Association of Counties advocacy document on the Reinstate Federal Health Care Benefits for Non-convicted Justice Involved Individuals.

## **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

There was no Quality Improvement update this month. Ms. Gebhard provided an update on the recent CARF survey,

## **NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY**

The draft minutes of September 25, 2019 Northern Michigan Regional Entity board meeting were shared as well as the September 17<sup>th</sup> draft minutes of the Operations Committee. Ms. Gebhard also reviewed the NMRE Funding Source Report which shows North Country CMH in relation to other members of the PIHP for both Traditional Medicaid (including Autism), and the Healthy Michigan Plan. North Country CMH is overspent in both, Traditional Medicaid by \$(2,114,773) and the HMP by \$(1,960,768).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Dinner** – December 19 meeting at Bayview Inn

**Ms. Sherman moved to hold a board dinner following the December board meeting, support by Mr. Marcus. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Wellness Committee –**

On behalf of the Wellness Committee Ms. Gebhard proposed to offer employees a ½ day off with pay as an incentive for completing Wellness activities. The committee has requested four of these ½ day incentives. Ms. Sherman supports this proposal and moves to accept it;

**Roll call vote:**

**Aye:** Sr. Augusta Stratz, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Christian Marcus, Robert Draves, Dennis Priess, Robert Boyd, Caroline Loper, Louis Scholl, Ed Ginop,

**No:** Paul Liss

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Close Agency on January 10, 2020** – for Staff Recognition/Training at Boyne

Ms. Gebhard proposed that staff who do not attend this event will use a personal/vacation day.

Mr. Ginop supports this proposal and moves to accept it;

**Roll call vote:**

**Aye:** Sr. Augusta Stratz, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Christian Marcus, Robert Draves, Dennis Priess, Robert Boyd, Caroline Loper, Louis Scholl, Ed Ginop,

**No:** Paul Liss

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Hold the Staff Recognition/Training Event at Treetops in Gaylord** – change location from Boyne. Mr. Liss moved to change the venue of the annual event due to weather, support by Ms. Stratz;

**Roll call vote:**

**Aye:** Paul Liss, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Robert Draves, Robert Boyd, Caroline Loper, Louis Scholl, Ed Ginop,

**No:** Karla Sherman, Christian Marcus, Dennis Priess,

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Marcus expressed positive feedback for the “Stepping Up” Initiative, implemented in Charlevoix. This initiative provides a blueprint by which counties can assess, develop and implement a systems-level, data-driven plan that can lead to measurable reductions in the number of people with mental illnesses in local jails.

There was a brief discussion on the status of funding the Jail Liaison position with the counties.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.**

  
Edward Ginop, Board Chair