

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
October 21, 2021, 4PM
North Country Community Mental Health
1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karla Sherman, Sr. Augusta Stratz, David White, Michael Newman, Robert Boyd, Gary Knapp, Caroline Loper, Ed Ginop, Robert Draves, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Ron Iseler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katina Banko, Dennis Priess

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Joe Balberde, Amy Christie, Kevin Hartley, Lorraine Manary

GUESTS: None

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 3:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting; there were no guests in attendance. A quorum was present.

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.

MOTION BY CAROLINE LOPER TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SUPPORT BY ROBERT BOYD.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee: Minutes of the July 29, 2021 meeting were shared. The committee meets quarterly. The minutes were shared as information only.

Program Committee Report: No meeting held this month.

Personnel Committee Report: Minutes of the October 5, 2021 minutes were shared. The minutes were shared as information only.

Executive Committee Report: Mr. Ginop reviewed the minutes of the October 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. The committee approved Amendment 1 to the agreement for FY22 with a vote of 4-Yeas and 1-Nay. Time constraints prevented full details of the contract changes coming to the full board for approval.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. The Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through September 30, 2021; Interim Financial Statements as of August 31, 2021; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source and Trending Revenue and Expenses as of August 31, 2021; and NMRE Funding Source Report were covered. Mr. Ginop requested the financial reports be placed on file for audit.

PRESENTATION – Information Technology Update. Mr. Balberde provided an overview of the FY20-21 information technology strategic plan. He reviewed the goals and accomplishments in the areas of staffing and support, business continuity/disaster recovery, hardware, software life cycle & replacements, overall system security, the migration to cloud-based services, confidentiality regarding HIPPA and the electronic health record. Mr. Balberde explained the data collection and data decision making process and how data has helped plan for staffing and HR needs. There are a number of projects and initiatives in which NCCMH is a strategic partner. NCCMH is partnering with local law enforcement on jail diversion software integration, created a workgroup with CMH's in the upper peninsula, participate with the Virtual Integrated Patient Record (VIPR), and is working on data sharing agreements with local hospitals. A Michigan Health Endowment Fund award of \$60,000 was received to create an integrated health dashboard to include both mental and physical health. Mr. Balberde also mentioned that a member of his team, Tim Stapp, is pursuing a degree in Cyber Security and Mr. Balberde is pursuing a degree in Data Analytics.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard referred to several items in her report. She reported having met with Dr. Ali Ibrahim; the agency will be purchasing adult psychiatry services from his practice and are discussing establishing an adult crisis residential facility in our catchment. A meeting held with county sheriffs took place and they are open to a regional approach to jail diversion efforts. Ms. Gebhard directed the boards attention to the PowerPoint slides on the KB vs. MDHHS lawsuit. The lawsuit resulted in a settlement agreement which is not yet public. It resulted in the creation of the MiKids Now Initiative to improve access to care for children and adolescents.

Ms. Gebhard mentioned the FY22 State Budget Conference report which includes the final budget specific to mental health and substance abuse services. The state will continue the 5-year phase out of the local CMH match funding (Section 928). Ms. Gebhard directed Board members to the notes from the recent Directors Forum, which meets quarterly. The meeting includes sessions with the leadership of state departments and may be of interest.

A list of Representative and Senator coffee hours was provided; Ms. Manary will update each month for the Board. Board members are encouraged to attend.

The Walk A Mile Rally was held in Lansing with Board member Caroline Loper attending. The event is an opportunity for attendees to meet with legislators. Ms. Gebhard mentioned the billboards and a number of Board members mentioned seeing them in the community. The quarterly Executive Team summary report for FY21 4th quarter was shared.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Christie reviewed the second quarter Medicaid Claims Verification Audit. Services and total dollars were both validated at 100% and no billing adjustments were required. Performance indicators were shared with Ms. Christie noting an increase in total number of initial assessments from the second to third quarters. The QI Team is working on other projects including the 31 county MiThrive initiative. NCCMH has assisted consumers with answering survey questions on a range of topics. This information will help inform the Community Needs Assessment. Staff will be working with clinic offices in the implementation of a CMHA Telehealth Client Survey. Ms. Christie also provided an update on the work the QI committee has been doing with the myStrength Implementation Team.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The Board minutes, Operations Committee minutes, and financials relating to NCCMH were shared. PA2 Liquor Tax fund distribution was approved by the NMRE SUD Oversight Board and confirmed by the NMRE Board. The minutes from the SUD Oversight Board were included in the packet and if there is Board interest, will continue to be shared. It was mentioned that the County representatives to the SUD Oversight Board do not regularly report back at the County Commission meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard discussed the Senate Bills 597 & 598. A resolution opposing these bills was sent to each county for the Board of Commissioners to consider. The resolution is going to committee in most counties, Kalkaska has not reported on their intentions. Emmet County has responded that they are not taking up resolutions unless they are related to county business. Ms. Gebhard will follow up with each county. . . Ms. Gebhard also shared two info graphics on the topic. Mr. Iseler asked to see information on and from those supporting the Bills, Ms. Gebhard will provide this. Ms. Sherman mentioned the importance of being committed to the services we provide and advocating on the agency's behalf. She mentioned that our NMRE region is doing well and is solvent.

COVID Update

Ms. Gebhard provided a short update. The NCEC program is temporarily closed due to low census of both staff and clients being COVID-positive. Our communities are seeing an increase in numbers. We continue to wait for OSHA to publish rules on vaccine mandates. Once these are published MIOSHA has 30 days to adopt the rules.

NEW BUSINESS


Board Retreat: The board reconfirmed their interest in meeting in person for the November Retreat and December Board meetings. November's meeting will take place at Stafford's Perry Hotel from 10AM – 3PM and begin with a short Board meeting then continue with the retreat. Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Kurtz will attend and provide an environmental scan. The December meeting will be held at Stafford's Bay View Inn and begin at 4PM, as usual, followed by dinner. Board members and staff are welcome to invite their significant other, paying for their meal selection.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Gebhard announced the first Board Continuing Education session to be held on Oct. 29. Natalie Weber will present on "A day in the Life of an Outpatient Clinic". A link will be shared for this virtual presentation, and it will be recorded for future viewing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair