

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 15, 2018
North Country Community Mental Health
Antrim County Building, Room 211
203 E. Cayuga
Bellaire, MI

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Ginop, Joel Evans, Michael Newman,
Christian Marcus, Louis Scholl, Robert Boyd,
Ron Iseler, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Betsy White,
Patty Cox, Caroline Loper

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Priess, Karla Sherman, Paul Liss

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Joan Booth, Emily Meeder,
Amy Christie, Stacy Chipman

GUEST: Alberta Zeman

Ed Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed the Board members and staff to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Statement – Provider Operations - North Country CMH:

Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 2017	\$5,767,724.04
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, Jan.	\$4,104,887.69
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, Jan.	\$3,590,756.03
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$ 514,131.66
Balance, Jan. 31, 2017	\$6,281,855.70

**MOTION BY RON ISELER, SECOND BY LOUIS SCHOLL, TO APPROVE THE
CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.**

Information (I) Items from Committee reports

Information items were included in the committee minutes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION

There were no committee recommendations this month.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Ms. Gebhard talked about inpatient screening for persons with private insurance and read from the mailout on the treatment of private pay patients by licensed hospitals. She explained that a licensed hospital may admit and treat voluntary or involuntary private pay patients without complying with the preadmission screening requirements of section 410 or consulting with the community mental health services program before release or discharge of the patient. She also indicated that 402 is an exception to the rule of a person having a preadmission screening by CMH.

Ms. Gebhard referred to page 16 and reviewed the data contained therein. She explained the information on the charts that showed inpatient screenings at hospitals for persons without Medicaid. Ms. Chipman explained that in the years the agency has with private insurance it has tried to be good partners. When the agency staff do the work that the hospitals should do it takes time away from the Medicare clients we are supposed to serve. Ms. Gebhard asked for permission to quit doing private insurance clients so that we can take care of North Country's clients and staff. The doctors at the hospitals are skilled and credentialed and can admit and treat a patient in a hospital.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE AGENCY'S PRACTICE OF SEEING CLIENTS WITH PRIVATE INSURANCE ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 10 - ROBERT BOYD, PATTY COX, JOEL EVANS, ED GINOP RON ISELER, CAROLINE LOPER, LOUIS SCHOLL, SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, NAYS – 2 – CHRISTIAN MARCUS, MIKE NEWMAN.

PRESENTATION

Self-Determination

Ms. Meeder introduced herself and discussed self-determination. It gives the client the option to have direct control over the services they receive. She made a presentation and explained that it helps them live the life they want. The client decides who will serve them and how and when support will be provided. The principles are freedom, authority, responsibility and support. What an individual budget is was described and explained. After an appropriate amount of time they can decide if it is right for them. She gave an example of what a budget would look like and explained the fiscal intermediary services and what they involve. Every service must be medically necessary to support their recovery. She distributed a brochure and explained the self-determination agreement and what it entails. The Medicaid provider requirements were described. Friends and family can help. The budgeted funds cannot be used in any way they want and if a budget runs out of funds the money must come out of their own pocket and changes need to be made in the plan of service.

Ms. Meeder introduced Alberta Zeman who is the mother of a daughter who is nonverbal and in total care. She is almost 40 years old and wheelchair bound but has gone to school on a bus to Traverse City. Ms. Zeman indicated that they had owned a business and her daughter would come there and make some things. They eventually hired a person for a few hours and that gave them a break. Mom was in the hospital for 2 weeks and her daughter was very happy when she

got back. Her daughter is going to a program tonight called “Arts for Northern Michigan”. She also belongs to the Aktion Club.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard noted and reviewed her written report listing her activities of the last month. She indicated that the annual Staff Recognition Event was held in Gaylord on January 19 and Christian Marcus attended.

CORRESPONDENCE, ARTICLES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Gebhard referred the Board members to several correspondence and articles that were included in the Board mailing.

She referred to Page 23 which is a letter from DHHS approving the funding for the FY 18 Children’s Mental Health Block Grant Children’s Crisis Projects beginning April 1, 2018.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Ms. Christie referred to the report included in the packets. She reviewed the work of the NMRE Quality Oversight Committee and that they are in the process of selecting measures for the PIHP. They are conducting a regional snapshot satisfaction survey in which NCMH is participating. The QI Council is getting updates from all standing committees to begin drafting the QI Annual Report.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Gebhard referred to the minutes. She explained that an attorney is going to start a lawsuit in several counties against opioid manufacturers. Should the state decide to do a class action suit if the agency is not on board prior to the suit it will not be included.

She reported that Lakeshore Regional Entity is overspent by \$29 million and two years ago they were \$12 million overspent and the state brought someone to look into it. Eric Kurt will be at our meeting next month. She gave speculation, is the Department setting them up for failure?

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard reported on the MACMHB conference. The Association conference was held on Feb. 6 & 7 in Kalamazoo. Representative Rendon was in attendance. Ed Ginop, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Bob Boyd and Stacy Chipman attended with her.

Ms. Gebhard attended the workshop on Early Intervention for Psychosis within Community Mental Health and it was very informative. Mr. Boyd attended a session on Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence and felt it was very good. Sr. Augusta went to an early childhood workshop that gave 3 steps on how to handle difficult children. Mr. Ginop went to an opioids workshop that was unbelievable. He felt that it is hard to believe how bad it is and that it started by doctor’s prescriptions.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ginop moved Louis Scholl off the Program Committee and replaced him with Caroline Loper.

MOTION BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS, SECOND BY JOEL EVANS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Ginop, Chair