

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
June 21, 2018
North Country Community Mental Health
Board Room
1420 Plaza Drive
Petoskey, Michigan

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Scholl, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Paul Liss,
Dennis Priess, Ed Ginop, Bob Boyd,
Ron Isler, Joel Evans, Christian Marcus,
Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Patty Cox,
Caroline Loper, Betsy White

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Brian Babbitt, Joe Balberde,
Carole Doherty, Rob Griffin, Scott Shearer,
Stacy Chipman, Amy Christie, Joan Booth

GUEST:

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Statement – Provider Operations - North Country CMH:

Balance on Hand, April 30, 2018	\$6,102,579.61
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, May	\$3,773,407.59
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, May	\$4,115,767.65
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$ 342,360.06
Balance, May 31, 2018	\$5,760,219.55

MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY BOB BOYD, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

Information (I) Items from Committee Reports

Information items were included in the committee minutes. Ms. Sherman apologized for missing the May meeting because of a personal reason.

Privileging Recommendations

There were no privileging recommendations this month.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION

There were no committee meetings this month.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Ms. Gebhard reviewed a change order for the estimate for the roof work at the Bridge Street Home approved last month. The builder is recommending we add 12 inches of roof overhang at a cost of \$9,565.00. In the current condition, water is running behind the siding. Because the cost was so high, staff suggested that the overhang could be cut back to 4 inches. Board members decided to go with the original quote of 12 inches.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN, SECOND BY PAUL LISS, TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE ROOL OVERHANG AT THE BRIDGE STREET HOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,565.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Gebhard reviewed the Advanced Directives Policy. An addition was needed following the NMRE Delegated Functions Review.

MOTION BY CHRISTION MARCUS, SECOND BY DENNIS PRIESS, TO APPROVE THE ADVANCED DIRECTIVES POLICY. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Ginop read a resolution that Julie Moran asked the board to pass for Patricia Sullivan who has been a longtime public guardian for clients of North Country CMH and prior to that for Antrim Kalkaska CMH.

WHEREAS, Patricia Sullivan has been a public guardian for clients of North Country Community Mental Health, and before that Antrim Kalkaska Community Mental Health, since 1996 and continues to the present; and

WHEREAS, Patricia has fulfilled the responsibilities of this role with reliability, continuity, consistency, and caring going above and beyond expectations and rarely turning away a client needing the services of a guardian with no one else to turn to; and

WHEREAS, Patricia has performed her duties with good judgement, in collaboration with her wards' wishes and the recommendations of the North Country Community Mental Health treatment team, to promote the most beneficial outcomes in the best interest of her wards with a sense of responsibility, decency, advocacy and humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that North Country Community Mental Health commends Patricia Sullivan for her continuous good works over the years and expresses its deep appreciation for her service.

THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 13 – ROBERT BOYD, JOEL EVANS, ED GINOP, RON ISELER, PAUL LISS, CAROLINE LOPER, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, MIKE NEWMAN, DENNIS PRIESS, LOUIS SCHOLL, KARLA SHERMAN, SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, BETSY WHITE. NAYES -NONE.

Mr. Scholl shared with everyone the difficult time he has been having recently regarding the deaths in his family and of his friends. He encouraged everyone to talk to someone when faced with personal tragedy or loss.

PRESENTATION

Joe Balberde; Carole Doherty & Rob Griffin

Mr. Balberde demonstrated how to access the Board packet via email and how to review a pdf document. Mr. Marcus indicated that he did not receive the electronic mailing; Joan will verify his email address. Discussion ensued about purchasing electronic tablets for the board members. Ms. Gebhard will contact the Board members to determine if they are interested in receiving a tablet.

Ms. Doherty introduced Rob Griffin, who's position as Criminal Justice Mental Health Consultant has been grant funded since October 2016. The primary goal of this position is to divert qualified persons with SMI, SED or I/DD from incarceration for a misdemeanor or nonviolent felony crime. Mr. Griffin spends time in every county jail during the week; most for a full day. He provides emergency/crisis evaluations; diagnostic impressions and disposition recommendations to mental health referral sources; arranges, coordinates, and promotes improved services to legally involved persons with serious mental health problems; and provides training to local law enforcement agencies. By being onsite, he is often able to help a person deescalate and avoid a crisis. Ms. Chipman said that the Board should be very proud of Mr. Griffin, he is doing a fantastic job. Ms. Gebhard noted that several of the Sheriffs have expressed a high level of satisfaction with Mr. Griffin and the work he does.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard reviewed several items:

- Tamlynn Evans, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, was hired; a second Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner is being interviewed. Both will replace the days vacated by Dr. Owen.
- Two documents: one describing the State Innovation Model (SIM) and the other describing the Community Health Innovation Region (CHIR). Ms. Gebhard is a member of the CHIR Steering Committee.
- She has presented her annual report to Charlevoix, Antrim and Kalkaska counties. The remainder are scheduled in July and August.
- The FY19 MDHHS Budget Conference Report going to the Governor for signature. Some highlights: Medicaid allocation increased about 2%; removed Section 298 2(e) of the pilots; increased Autism spending; continued the \$.50 wage increase for direct care workers; and added language to restrict migration to HMP for persons eligible for traditional Medicaid; among others.
- The Michigan Protection and Advocacy Services filed a class action against the State of Michigan for failure to provide needed mental health care (autism services) for children, which is largely due to a statewide workforce shortage.
- An article in Crain's Business reporting that Meridian Health Plan sold to Florida-based WellCare Health Plans, a private for-profit with \$17 billion in revenue in 2017.

- Three of the four hospitals have responded favorably to our proposal for funding two emergency services specialist. She expects to hear from the fourth next week.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Christie reported that 21 out of 28 access timeliness were met in the 2nd quarter. She is working closely with supervisors to improve performance. Several refresher trainings were held on NorthStar, the electronic health record; this will continue throughout the year. Ms. Christie reported that most staff ($\approx 90\%$) will have participated in a LEAN simulation by July 31. The first project team was established to redesign the Access Center process, which is currently provided by the NMRE.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Gebhard was not at the meeting. She noted on page 32 of the minutes that NMRE is moving forward with securing office space and transitioning to NMRE direct employed staff. There is no timeline for this.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board on this date.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard distributed a revised Organizational Chart and noted that clinical programs are still being re-organized.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN, SECOND BY DENNIS PRIESS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:45.

Ed Ginop, Board Chair