

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

**May 17, 2018**

**Commissioner's Room  
Antrim County Building  
205 E. Cayuga  
Bellaire, Michigan**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karla Sherman, Paul Liss, Betsy White

**STAFF:** Christine Gebhard, Amy Christie,  
Susan Clingan, Joan Booth

**GUEST:** Deb Freed, Freed Communications, Inc., Diane Denholm,  
Catherine Rubino

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, March 31, 2018	\$3,162,904.52
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, April	\$7,109,270.40
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, April	\$4,169,595.31
Increase in Cash Balance	\$2,939,675.09
Balance, April 30, 2018	\$6,102,579.61

**MOTION BY LOUIS SCHOLL, 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.

## **Privileging Recommendations**

There were no privileging recommendations reviewed by the Board this month.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION**

### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Ginop added the Automated External Defibrillator Policy to the agenda.

Ms. Gebhard reviewed several changes to the contract for MDHHS/CMHSP Managed Mental Supports and Services FY18 Amendment #2.

**MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE MDHHS/CMHSP MANAGED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FY18 CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Ginop conducted the annual review of the Rules, Regulations and By-Laws Policy and no changes were recommended.

Mr. Ginop reviewed the Automated External Defibrillator Policy that supports the inclusion of AED units at primary program locations.

**MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR POLICY. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW**

Mr. Ginop appointed the following to chair the standing committees: Finance Committee, Christian Marcus; Program Committee, Ron Iseler; Personnel Committee, Patty Cox. Betsy White was appointed to sit on the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee.

**MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY LOUIS SCHOLL, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEES. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PRESENTATION**

Deb Freed introduced herself and gave a presentation on the PhotoVoice Project. PhotoVoice is an evidence-based curriculum used internationally. The project uses the power of photographs and narrative created by clients to shed light on the discrimination and stigma that persons with mental illness experience. Catherine Rubino spoke about her experience participating in the project. North Country CMH has received a \$5,650 grant from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation that will fund additional client workshops and shows within the community.

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

Ms. Gebhard reviewed her report. She also discussed proposed new language in the FY19 Budget Boilerplate, 298 2(e), that would remove the requirement for Medicaid Health Plans to contract solely with the CMHSPs during the pilots and, instead, permit them to contract with any provider. This would greatly undermine the rights and protections afforded clients by the Mental Health Code.

Ms. Gebhard reviewed several news articles including the Antrim County Jail’s use of NCCMH’s Jail Liaison to address mental health issues of inmates; an article featuring Jennifer Pewinski, Program Supervisor in the Gaylord office; the seventh Annual Fun Walk for Autism awareness; an article/interview with Stacey Chipman, CCO, on mental health services; and information of the importance of supporting the efforts of the CMHA PAC.

## **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Christie reported to the Board that the NMRE Satisfaction Survey results have just been sent out to the Boards. The results will be provided to the Board in June when final results are obtained. She informed the Board members that education has been provided to Clinical Supervisors and Office Managers on Performance Indicators. Clinical Supervisors will receive bi-weekly updates on performance indicator progress. Ms. Christie updated the Board members on LEAN training progress with NCCMH staff. She then reviewed the May is Mental Health Month upcoming events, including the Splash of Color 5K fun run/walk.

## **NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY**

Ms. Gebhard reported that the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Board meeting were included in their packets.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Gebhard provided an update on the agency’s discussions with local hospitals on pre-admission screenings for persons with private insurance. She is proposing that the four hospitals jointly fund two Emergency Services Specialists to conduct weekday screenings and to locate these staff at McLaren Northern Michigan, Petoskey and Otsego Memorial Hospital.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Louis Scholl explained that at last month’s meeting, the Personnel Committee failed to indicate the retroactive date for the CEO’s wage increase. He suggested that it be retro to October 1, 2017, the same as for staff.

**MOTION BY LOUIS SCHOLL, SECOND BY JOEL EVANS, TO APPROVE THE CEO’S RETROACTIVE PAY INCREASE TO OCTOBER 1, 2017. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY DENNIS PRIESS, SECOND BY RON ISELER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Ed Ginop, Board Chair