

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
January 21, 2021, 4pm
North Country Community Mental Health
Zoom Meeting



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Newman, attending virtually from Cheboygan MI; Ron Iseler, attending virtually from Gaylord MI; David White, attending virtually from Resort Township MI; Katina Banko, attending virtually from Kalkaska MI; Paul Liss, attending virtually from Vanderbilt MI; Robert Draves attending virtually from East Jordan MI; Christian Marcus attending virtually from Elmira MI; Robert Boyd, attending virtually from Cheboygan MI; Louis Scholl, attending virtually from Mancelona MI; Ed Ginop, attending virtually from Cheboygan MI; Dennis Priess, attending virtually from Charlevoix MI; Karla Sherman, arrived at 4:10 attending virtually from Petoskey MI; Sr. Augusta Stratz, arrived at 4:15 attending virtually from Kalkaska MI.

All members attending virtually are doing so due to MDHHS Epidemic Order.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Caroline Loper

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

GUESTS: None

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting and introduced Ms. Banko, Kalkaska County Commissioner. A roll call was taken and quorum present.

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 LOUIS SCHOLL TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SUPPORT BY ROBERT BOYD.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, David White, Robert Draves, Katina Banko, Paul Liss, Robert Boyd, Christian Marcus, Robert Boyd, Ed Ginop, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2021 finance committee meeting. This included the Statement of Cash on Deposit for the month ending December 31, 2020, Interim Financial Statements and Statement of Net Position as of November 30, 2020, and Revenue by Fund Source. Trending data and year end expectations were shared. The NMRE Funding report and an Insurance Valuation Report of Tangible Property owned by NCCMH were reviewed. Ms. Gebhard gave an update on Section 928 local match drawdown, which was not funded at 60% as intended in the FY21 Budget Boilerplate. The five CMHs of the NMRE are opposed to providing local funding at the 80% level. Centra Wellness is taking a strong legal position with MDHHS. CMHA and others, including Ms. Gebhard, are advocating with the legislature. Ms. Gebhard recommends that we make our quarterly payments as requested until the 4th quarter, then decide if we should fund the year at 80% or 60%,

MOTION BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS TO APPROVE PLACING THE NOVEMBER 30,2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON FILE FOR AUDIT, SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, David White, Robert Draves, Katina Banko, Paul Liss, Robert Boyd, Christian Marcus, Robert Boyd, Ed Ginop, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

The report will be placed on file for audit.

ACTION ITEM(S) WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW*

Ms. Gebhard presented the NCCMH 2021-2022 Strategic Plan. She provided an overview of changes in the agency culture that have been taking place beginning in 2017. The agency initiated the Client Focus, One Organization, Community Partners, and Staff Foundation c1C/S model; reinvigorated the Workplace Wellness committee and implemented the LEAN process improvement model. Strategic initiatives for 2021-2022 include: demonstrating value of CMH services; enhancing clinical services and improving client outcomes; enhancing the continuum of crisis services through community partnerships; being an “employer of choice”; and maintaining provider stability. Each of the initiatives have goals and activities with timelines for completion. Ms. Sherman commented that it’s an aggressive plan. Ms. Gebhard indicated that this lays the groundwork and to fully achieve them will take longer.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 NCCMH STRATEGIC PLAN, SUPPORT BY LOUIS SCHOLL.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, David White, Robert Draves, Katina Banko, Paul Liss, Robert Boyd, Christian Marcus, Robert Boyd, Ed Ginop, Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl, Sr. Augusta Stratz

NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard noted that her activities have been largely focused on crisis services and criminal justice efforts. The MDHHS requested that CMHSP’s assist in distributing KN95 masks to all AFC homes. NCCMH is distributing 12,000 masks to the 83 homes in our catchment area. The Health Dept. of NW MI has started vaccinating NCCMH staff. Ms. Gebhard updated the board

on legislative activities during the lame duck session. CMHA advocacy priorities with the Governor are to retain direct care worker premium pay, eliminate section 928, fund the certified community behavioral health clinics, and reinstate funds from the SUD block grant. Ms. Gebhard also shared the Executive Team’s Quarterly Summary, a PowerPoint presentation on CMH funding presented to staff, and the Northern Exposure newsletter highlighting the PhotoVoice projects.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Christie presented a report on the MDHHS Mission Based Performance Indicator System for Access Timeliness. NCCMH met the performance target for 6 of the 6 indicators that have not had any measurement changes implemented. Inpatient preadmission screenings for children and adults, totaling 161 for FY20Q4, resulted in 100% performance. The NMRE Medicaid Verification Audit showed an overall FY2020 compliance rating for NCCMH of 95%. A new Quality Assurance Specialist position was filled by a current staff member. Utilization and Prescreen Staff are working with the Quality Improvement team and Lean Champions to map clinical processes. The December 2020 issue of The Lean-ing Post was shared.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Mr. Ginop reported the NMRE has been focusing on the ongoing issue with Section 928.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard provided a short update on the COVID Response Plan. Staff are beginning to be vaccinated. There have been two client deaths in our catchment, both in nursing homes.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard shared that the agency is applying for a 5-year SAMHSA grant to support Mental Health Awareness Training for multiple stakeholders in our region. If awarded, the grant would provide \$125,000 each year. The goal is to have Mental Health First Aid as widespread as CPR/First Aid.

Mr. Ginop announced committee assignments. Mr. Liss was made Chair of the Personnel Committee, which also places him on the Executive Committee. Ms. Banko was assigned to the Finance Committee. Mr. Boyd was placed on the Personnel Committee. Ms. Sherman will take Mr. Boyd’s place on the CMHA Policy and Legislation Committee. An updated Committee list will be emailed to Board members.

Ms. Gebhard reminded the board of the upcoming CMHAM Winter Conference asking that they contact Lorraine Manary if interested in attending.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Sherman welcomed Ms. Banko to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.


Edward Ginop, Board Chair