



MINUTES OF THE BOARD
October 20, 2022, 4:00 PM
North Country Community Mental Health
Board Room, 1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Caroline Loper, Edward Ginop, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Paul Liss, Robert Draves, Christian Marcus, Karla Sherman, David White

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Robert Boyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katina Banko, Allen Telgenhof, Gary Knapp

STAFF: Brian Babbitt, Nancy Rhue, Tim Stapp Jr., Amy Christie, Kim Rappleyea

GUESTS: None

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. There is a quorum 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. Items requiring approval will be placed on the October meeting agenda.

MOTION BY CAROLINE LOPER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were shared. Agenda Items included a presentation on the Family Support Subsidy and Chart Compliance Audit.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through September 30, 2022; Interim Financial Statements as of August 31, 2022; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of August 31, 2022; and NMRE Funding Source Report.

Mr. Ginop requested the financial reports be placed on file for audit.

PRESENTATION – Ms. Christie presented on the treatment of individuals with co-occurring Mental Illness (MI) and Substance Use disorders (SUD). In March of 2020 a team was created with members across several programs within the agency. This project helped the agency understand the training and supports needed to treat people with co-occurring MI and SUD. Goals were created and surveys for staff and clients were given to see what is needed from all stakeholders. Staff requested more training and certifications, and updated screening tools were needed. Client surveys showed that many people felt that SUD was overlooked for them. With the implementation of a new, comprehensive screening tool more clients with dual diagnosis were identified. NCCMH currently has 8 staff members who are Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug counselors (CAADC) or Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC) and 8 additional staff who are working toward their certifications.

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: Janus Pharmacy Proposal from June 16th Board Meeting. Mr. Babbitt explained that our legal counsel suggested we move forward cautiously to ensure the arrangement was structured to be compliant with anti-kickback regulation and client choice. Advantages of having the on-site pharmacy were prior authorizations for medications would be done by the pharmacy, there would be good clinical consultation and continuity of care. Mr. Babbitt requested that the Board rescind the motion to contract with Janus.

MOTION BY CAROLINE LOPER TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO CONTRACT WITH JANUS PHARMACY; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN

MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Babbitt shared his activities since the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting. He drew attention to a meeting with Beacon regarding the Coster Adolescent Crisis Residential unit. On September 23 he attended the NMRE's Behavioral Health Home Summit at Tree Tops in Gaylord. He noted that NCCMH's BHH enrollment is increasing. On October 7th the Recipient Rights Advisory Council met to advise the decision for the new Director of Recipient Rights, Michael Wolf, the current Provider Network Manager has accepted the position. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to the Executive team summary where he said that we have hired an intake specialist which has allowed some same day intakes for consumers wanting to enroll into services. At Pinehaven Red there will be 6 adult crisis residential beds for use by Region 2, the facility is underwritten by NMRE and will be called The Alpine Crisis Residential Unit and is expected to open January 2023.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – There is no QI update this month.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The financials through August 31 were shared. Ms. Rhue explained that the NMRE OPS and Board meeting draft minutes are not in the packet this month as the NMRE has made the decision not to distribute draft minutes, but instead will be distributing final minutes after approval.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – The Board Members were asked if they would like to have a holiday dinner again this year. The board would like to do that at the same time as the board meeting in December.

Since the Board retreat has been postponed, Mr. Babbitt would like to do the November board meeting in Bellaire consistent with the bylaws and the board agrees with this.

Discussion surrounding Vacant chair positions: Bylaws can be changed but we need to send out the changes with the meeting notice. The consensus is to amend the bylaws at the next meeting.

CMHAM Fall Conference – Mr. Babbitt asked if any of the board members would like to go, no other members have asked to be registered. Ms. Sherman and Mr. Babbitt will be at the conference, Mr. Babbitt will be the only voting delegate present on Sunday.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Ms. Sherman asked Ms. Loper how the clubhouse international conference was. Ms. Loper said it was amazing and her one take away was that it was huge. There was one misunderstanding with another club member and his questioning about how to get club members in. New Members must have a referral and it must go through an auspice agency and must have Medicaid.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM by Board Chair Edward Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair

