

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 17, 2022, 4:00 PM
North Country Community Mental Health
Boardroom, 1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sr. Augusta Stratz (virtual from Kalkaska), Gary Knapp, Caroline Loper, Ed Ginop, Paul Liss, Christian Marcus, Karla Sherman, Robert Boyd (virtual from Cheboygan), Katina Banko, Michael Newman, Robert Draves

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David White, Dennis Priess, Ron Iseler

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Brian Babbitt, Amy Christie, Kevin Hartley

GUESTS: Geoff Von Lau, Melissa Yoder, Danelle Paul

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. A quorum was 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. The January contract list was pulled from consent agenda. The February list will be included for the March meeting.

MOTION BY MS. SHERMAN TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF JANUARY CONTRACT LIST, SUPPORT BY MS. LOPER.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Minutes of the January 27 meeting were included in the packet.

Personnel Committee Report: Minutes of the January 31 and February 10 meetings were reviewed by Chair Paul Liss. Two members of the Personnel Committee will be out of town during the interview timeline (weeks of April 4 and April 11) so a request was made to temporarily appoint two Board members to Personnel Committee. Mr. Ginop appointed Ron Iseler and Robert Draves.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Marcus reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through December 31, 2021; Interim Financial Statements as of November 30, 2021; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2021; and NMRE Funding Source Report. The committee also heard a presentation on the FY23 & 24 Mental Health Block Grant applications, a revision to the Client Special Needs Fund Policy and an updated Provider Sustainability Proposal.

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

Mr. Marcus described the Michigan State Loan Repayment Policy and moved for approval.

MOTION BY MR. MARCUS TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN STATE LOAN REPAYMENT POLICY, SUPPORT BY MR. LISS.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION – There was no presentation.

ACTION ITEMS - WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW - None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard referred to her attendance at the Northern Michigan County Association where Senator Shirkey was presenting SB597 & SB598. Mr. Marcus and Mr. Draves also attended. Ms. Gebhard provided comment on key concerns, especially loss of local governance and control and impact on county revenues as reported in the State Fiscal Analysis of the bills. Mr. Marcus felt the majority of commissioners in attendance were not supportive of the bills. Ms. Gebhard provided additional advocacy materials from CMHA and the House Democrat Report on the Mental Health Listening Tour.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – Ms. Christie presented the Quality Improvement Update. Claims verification for the 1st quarter was 100%. MyStrength enrollment is 563. 36% of users identifying depression as a concern showed clinical improvement. 41% of users identifying anxiety as a concern showed clinical improvement. 44% of users report improvement in emotional wellbeing scores. Joe Balberde is now leading the Lean Initiative. Lean simulations for new staff are resuming in March; the Lean SharePoint site and Leaning Post newsletter are being revised. The COVID pandemic put much of this activity on hold.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The January Operations Committee and NMRE Board minutes, and financials relating to NCCMH were shared.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard reported that COVID cases are declining statewide and locally. MDHHS expired its Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings, including schools and the Northwest Health Department rescinded its mask mandate for schools. Mask requirements for AFC, hospitals, and nursing facilities have not changed. The Executive Team is assessing changes to NCCMH guidance on masking.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gebhard reported that Cheboygan County had notified her of a change in representation, but it was subsequently rescinded. Commissioner Newman will remain on the NCCMH Board. Mr. Priess' term is up for Charlevoix County. Ms. Gebhard reminded the Board of the CMHA Northern Region meeting on February 23. Materials were sent to members via email.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair

