



MINUTES OF THE BOARD
June 16, 2022, 4:00 PM
North Country Community Mental Health
Board Room, 1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Caroline Loper, Ed Ginop, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Karla Sherman, Paul Liss, Gary Knapp, David White, Robert Draves

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Robert Boyd (joined at 4:31 pm)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katina Banko, Christian Marcus

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Brian Babbitt, Joe Balberde, Ann Friend, Nancy Rhue,

GUESTS: Dr. Pennie Foster-Fishman

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:03 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 April meeting agenda.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SUPPORT BY RON ISELER.

MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Pennie Foster-Fishman presented "Enhancing the Outcomes, Evaluation and Learning Capacity of North Country CMH" referred to as the Outcomes Framework project. Project objectives are to develop an outcomes framework and building capacity for using an outcomes orientation. Dr. Foster-Fishman reviewed the process of gaining feedback from staff and clients and the resulting 3-tiered structure—Enhanced Quality of Life, Valued Quality Services, and Effective Structure. The initial prioritized outcomes are the focus of four workgroups developing metrics for client symptom reduction and enhanced skills, client goal accomplishment, programs sufficiently staffed, and successful staff recruitment and retention. This project will continue into FY2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting were reviewed by Ron Iseler. Agenda items included an onsite pharmacy proposal and the results of the Needs

Assessment Survey. Our attorney's review of the Janus contract noted that we will need to ensure fair market value is assigned for the lease cost (paid by Janus) and our payment for any services provided by Janus that are not typical of a pharmacy.

MOTION BY CAROLINE LOPER TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH JANUS FOR AN ONSITE PHARMACY; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

MOTION CARRIED.

Personnel Committee Report: Minutes of the June 14, 2022 were reviewed by Paul Liss. Agenda items included offering health insurance benefits for part time employees, an update on the Jackson Physician Search, an Affiliation Agreement with Pine Rest for child psychiatry fellows, and an update to the Employee Referral Policy.

MOTION BY PAUL LISS TO APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEES; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY PAUL LISS TO APPROVE THE AMMENDED EMPLOYEE REFERRAL POLICY AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: CAROLINE LOPER, KARLA SHERMAN, GARY KNAPP, PAUL LISS, MICHAEL NEWMAN, ED GINOP, DAVID WHITE, RON ISELER.

NAYS: ROBERT DRAVES

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Ginop reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through May 31, 2022; Interim Financial Statements as of April 30, 2022; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of April 30, 2022; and NMRE Funding Source Report. Proposals for repairs to Winterlake AFC, vehicle fleet purchases, and Surface laptop computers were presented for Board approval.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO WINTERLAKE AFC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,402.00; SUPPORT BY MIKE NEWMAN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: KARLA SHERMAN, PAUL LISS, RON ISELER, DAVID WHITE, MIKE NEWMAN, ROBERT DRAVES, CAROLINE LOPER, GARY KNAPP, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE THE VEHICLE FLEET LEASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,853.80 PLUS A POSSIBLE 10 PERCENT; SUPPORT BY ROBERT DRAVES.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: ROBERT DRAVES, RON ISELER, DAVID WHITE, GARY KNAPP, CAROLINE LOPER, KARLA SHERMAN, PAUL LISS, MIKE NEWMAN, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 75 SURFACE BOOK TABLETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,914.11; SUPPORT BY ROBERT DRAVES.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: CAROLINE LOPER, DAVID WHITE, RON ISELER, MIKE NEWMAN, KARLA SHERMAN, GARY KNAPP, PAUL LISS, ROBERT DRAVES, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

MOTION CARRIED.

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

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW:

Resolution of Appreciation was presented to Christine Gebhard for her dedication to NCCMH and its clients, her transformative leadership, and tireless advocacy on behalf of individuals served by the public mental health system.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CHRISTINE GEBHARD; SUPPORT BY RON ISELER.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: GARY KNAPP, DAVID WHITE, RON ISELER, KARLA SHERMAN, CAROLINE LOPER, PAUL LISS, ROBERT DRAVES, MIKE NEWMAN, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard shared two significant statements made by Al Jansen, Senior Advisor to the Governor, during the CMHA Conference. He stressed that MDHHS believes that integration occurs at the service provider level, not financing, and the importance of local control. Ms.

Gebhard reviewed the Senate passing a \$565.5M Mental Health Supplemental Budget (SB714) that tie-bars several one-time spending items to SB 597 & 598. Our continued opposition to SB 597/598 is needed as the Legislature prepares for summer break and may bring these bills for a vote.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – Ms. Gebhard presented the Quality Improvement update. The FY22 1st Quarter Medicaid Claims Verification Audit came back with 100% compliance. As of April, there are 605 MyStrength users of which 91% were active and 53% of the users are community based.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The April 19 Operations Committee minutes, and April 27 NMRE Board minutes and financials were shared. The NMRE received \$1.7M performance bonus incentive payment and will receive another \$1.3M as it was the only PIHP to achieve 100% in all standards. These funds are distributed to the CMHSPs in the same manner as Medicaid revenue but treated as local funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid Return to work update – Ms. Gebhard shared that NCCMH has discontinued mandatory masking in public spaces as NCCMH counties have returned to low transmission rates.

NCCMH Board Vacancies – Social media is being used to promote interest in board representation in Charlevoix and Kalkaska counties. Mr. Draves noted there are two applicants for the Board vacancy in Charlevoix County and the candidate will be voted on at their next board meeting.

Stepping Up Initiatives Update – Ms. Gebhard shared Ms. Doherty's update on the Stepping up Initiative for each county.

NCCMH Staff Day of Education – Ms. Gebhard shared the invitation to the Staff Day of Education. She encouraged Board members to attend and to RSVP to Ms. Rhue.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheboygan Probate Court issued a Show Cause Order on why NCCMH should not be held in contempt of court. Ms. Gebhard explained that there is a 17-year-old who has been in the ER for over a month and the Judge had ordered him to be hospitalized. A bed search has been continuous. A status report hearing was held today with NCCMH staff presenting an alternative treatment plan which was accepted as a temporary measure until a bed is available at the Hawthorne Center. Dr. Mellos testified that state hospital is most appropriate setting for this youth and a bed is expected to open the first or second week of July. This scenario is indicative of the statewide problem with access to inpatient hospitalization. Ms. Gebhard recognized the diligence of Christine Lennon, Director of Child and Family Services, and Ms. Christie in developing and presenting the comprehensive array of services in the outpatient treatment plan.

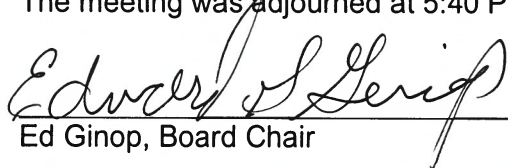
CMHA PAC – Ms. Gebhard brought to the board's attention a flyer with a QR code to donate to the CMHA- PAC. Board members they are an integral part of our advocacy team. Ms. Gebhard said she will match \$25.00 for every board member that donates, and Mr. Babbitt said that he will match \$50.00 for each board member that donates.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Liss gave an update on the aftermath of the tornado in Gaylord. Governor Whitmer is asking President Biden to declare Gaylord a disaster area. Over 1100 volunteers assisted with the cleanup. He thanked NCCMH for their quick action to surround the community with emergency crisis services.

Ms. Gebhard thanked the Board for the privilege to lead North Country CMH the past five years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM by Board Chair Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair