

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
July 21, 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, David White, Robert Draves, Allen Telgenhof (Arrived at 4:11)

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Robert Boyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katina Banko, Christian Marcus, Gary Knapp

STAFF: Brian Babbitt, Joe Balberde, Ann Friend, Nancy Rhue, Dr. Marit Vogel, Trenton Lee

GUESTS: Laura Argyle – Rehmann

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 meeting agenda.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SUPPORT BY ROBERT DRAVES.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting were reviewed by Ron Iseler. Agenda items included approval of the May 26, 2022 meeting and the results of the Delegated Functions Review.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Ginop reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Bills through May 31, 2022; Interim Financial Statements as of May 31, 2022; Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of May 31, 2022; and NMRE Funding Source Report. Proposals for website redesign, replacing wireless access points, replacing switches and hardware, server software licenses, New Horizons Clubhouse roof repair, and an employee resiliency payment were presented to the committee.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO APPROVE THE WEBSITE REDESIGN BY RAPID BOOST FOR AN INTIAL COST OF \$16,690 AND A RECURRING ANNUAL COST OF \$1,920; SUPPORT BY PAUL LISS

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: KARLA SHERMAN, PAUL LISS, ALLEN TELGENHOF, DAVID WHITE, MICHAEL NEWMAN, ROBERT DRAVES, CAROLINE LOPER, RON ISELER, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS, PURCHASING THROUGH CDWG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,901.72; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: CAROLINE LOPER, ALLEN TELGENHOF, DAVID WHITE, RON ISELER, MICHAEL NEWMAN, KARLA SHERMAN, PAUL LISS, ROBERT DRAVES, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF SWITCHES AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE FROM CDWG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,458.25; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: ROBERT DRAVES, RON ISELER, CAROLINE LOPER, ALLEN TELGENHOF, MICHAEL NEWMAN, KARLA SHERMAN, DAVID WHITE, PAUL LISS, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE PURCHASE AND UPGRADING OF SERVER SOFTWARE LICENSES FROM CDWG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,278.61; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: ROBERT DRAVES, RON ISELER, DAVID WHITE, CAROLINE LOPER, KARLA SHERMAN, ALLEN TELGENHOF, MICHAEL NEWMAN, PAUL LISS, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE HIRING SRPINGFEILD ROOFING AND SIDING FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF NEW HORIZONS CLUBHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,597; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: KARLA SHERMAN, ROBERT DRAVES, RON ISELER, MICHAEL NEWMAN, PAUL LISS, ALLEN TELGENHOF, CAROLINE LOPER (club member)

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE A \$1,000 PER EMPLOYEE RESILIENCY PAYMENT IN A TOTAL AMOUNT UP TO \$300,000; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: ALLEN TELGENHOF, KARLA SHERMAN, CAROLINE LOPER, PAUL LISS, ROBERT DRAVES, MICHAEL NEWMAN, RON ISELER, DAVID WHITE, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: KATINA BANKO, CHRISTIAN MARCUS, GARY KNAPP

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ED GINOP TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD APPROVE OF THE INCREASE IN CMHA DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.00 FOR A TOTAL DUE COST OF \$18,164.00 FOR FY23; SUPPORT BY RON ISELER

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: RON ISELER, ALLEN TELGENHOF, KARLA SHERMAN, MICHAEL NEWMAN, ROBERT DRAVES, PAUL LISS, DAVID WHITE, CAROLINE LOPER, ED GINOP

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

MOTION CARRIED

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

New Board member Allen Telgenhof was introduced to the full board by Mr. Babbitt

PRESENTATIONS – Psychiatry Projects 2022

Dr. Marit Vogel explained the philosophy and mission of psychiatry which includes encouraging and educating persons with mental illness, their families, schools, and communities about how to reduce and prevent metal illness for themselves and society, thus reducing stigma, working collaboratively with other medical and mental health professionals in a multidisciplinary approach to care, and sharing knowledge, understanding, and giving direction for the team to provide the best mental health care for the person. Dr. Vogel shared that as of July 11, 2022 NCCMH was serving 1,335 adults and 528 children, and QIP data for 2022 showed NCCMH has 233 clients in specialized residential homes and 78 in general residential homes. She also shared the projects happening in 2022 including an onsite pharmacy, the behavioral health home and HATCH programs for better integrated care, integration of nursing services with MH services to improve the level of care for our clients in AFC homes, affiliation with Pine Rest's residency program, more effective engagement with schools, and a multi-agency project with Dr. Sloane for intervening with opioid addicted pregnant mothers and newborns. She also touched on projects that are under consideration including forensic fluids for serum levels of medications without blood draws, coordination with psychiatric staff that McLaren will hire for their hospital project and Empath unit, a clinic program for persons experiencing their first episode of psychosis, and continuation of relationship development with courts and law enforcement.

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: There are no items this month

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Babbitt referred to several items in his report including the quarterly executive team update in which Mr. Babbitt touched on Ms. Christie's first paragraph which talked about recruitment and retention. He also spoke briefly on Mr. Balberde's report touching on the outcomes framework project. The CMHAM overview and CEO report were shared along with the CMHA FY23 final budget. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to the press release surrounding the release of the First Responders Manual for Behavioral Health Interventions, a project that was led by Charlevoix County's center supervisor, Nina Martenson. He also shared the Performance Based Incentive Payment noting that NCCMH received \$ 781,915.64 in local dollars. An article from the Cheboygan Daily Tribune sharing the Rotary Club of Cheboygan's \$10,000 donation to the Justin A. Borra Behavioral Health Center.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – There is no QI update this month

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

The June 21 Operations Committee minutes, and June 22 NMRE Board minutes and financials through May 31 were shared.

OLD BUSINESS

Kalkaska County Office location search- Mr. Babbitt shared that several properties have been looked at, and that the administration building space at Kalkaska Memorial Hospital (KMH) appears to be the best fit. The parking lot and outside needs to be updated for ADA compliance. They have very generously offered the space to us for 2 years at no cost because of the need to update the space. The Kalkaska Church of Christ has also offered us space for those who need ADA accessible space while repairs are made to make the space at KMH accessible.

Covid Return to work update – Mr. Babbitt shared that Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Otsego counties are in the low-risk transmission rate category while Antrim and Kalkaska are in the medium-risk transmission rate category, and the agency's return to work policy has not changed.

SBs 597 & 598 – Mr. Babbitt shared that the senate is on recess and that there has not been any movement.

NEW BUSINESS

Jackson Physician Search - Mr. Babbitt and Dr. Vogel did a virtual interview on July 12th and the executive team met with psychiatry candidate John Gherman M.D on 7/19/2022. An overview of NCCMH, a facility tour, and the agency's mission, vision, strategic goals, and organization structure were shared with him. After a tour of the area, an overview of NCCMH's Psychiatric Philosophy, clinical programs, typical day, and administration and supervision expectations were reviewed. Mr. Babbitt and Dr. Gherman spoke today, it is promising that we will have a general psychiatrist contract soon.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Liss spoke about Rachel Frisch the Otsego County administrator has retired and Matt Barrise will start next week.

Mr. Iseler talked about the turmoil in within Northern Lakes/Grand Traverse County and that he feels like it is a creeping cancer that he hopes will not spill over and impact the NCCMH Board Cohesiveness. Mr. Babbitt also stated that he understands Wexford County is considering leaving Northern Lakes as well due to the upheaval.

Mr. Newman asked about changing the time of our meeting. He has noticed that members of the board often must leave to get to other Board or Committee Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM by Board Chair Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair

