



NORTH COUNTRY

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

January 18, 2024 2:30 PM

1420 Plaza Drive, Board Room, Petoskey

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Ed Ginop, Michael Newman, Jarris Rubingh, Karla Sherman, David White, Annemarie Conway, Caroline Loper, Ron Iseler

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Robert Boyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Belitz, Dana Wingo, Gary Knapp

STAFF: Brian Babbitt, Nancy Rhue, Tim Stapp Jr., Ann Friend

GUESTS: Eric Kurtz- CEO NMRE

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 2:29 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 CAROLINE LOPER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; SUPPORT BY DAVID WHITE:

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Personnel Committee: Ms. Sherman shared the minutes of the January 2 Personnel Committee Meeting. Mr. Babbitt shared the results of the 2023 Employee Culture survey with the committee.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. White reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Disbursements through December 31, 2023; Interim Financial Statements as of November 30, 2023, Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of November 30, 2023 and NMRE Funding Source Report.

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

PRESENTATIONS – Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics- Eric Kurtz- CEO

NMRE - Mr. Kurtz provided an overview of the CCBHC system to the Board. Regions 1 and 2 (Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula) do not have any CCBHCs. The rural nature of these regions makes meeting the criteria for CCBHC difficult. In 2016 MDHHS applied to CMS to become a CCBHC demonstration state. The request was approved in August of 2020 when the CARES act authorized Michigan and Kentucky to join the two-year demonstration. In 2021 Michigan certified 13 sites as CCBHCs, 10 CMHSPs and 3 non-for-profits. As of 2023 based in part on the extension of the Safer Communities Act extension, Michigan is in the process of certifying 17 additional sites making the State's total 30 CCBHCs, all of which are in the lower part of the lower peninsula. CCBHCs are required to serve all who present regardless of severity of need, ability to pay, and demographic region. CMHSPs already provide the core services that CCBHCs are required to provide, however, if a CMHSP becomes a CCBHC the CMHSP is 100% at risk for funding and required to serve all individuals regardless of third-party billing, residence, or ability to pay. All funding for CCBHCs is based on annual legislative appropriations and is separate from current CMH funding. CCBHC Prospective Payment System methodology is outside of normal PIHP capitation payments and, contingent on available funding, MDHHS will provide payment via the PIHPs to offset the eligible portion of the cost of CCBHCs providing CCBHC services to non-Medicaid CCBHC recipients. Capitation payments and CCBHC PPS payments may not be comingled, and any PPS payments should be done through an established enterprise fund. PPS rates are adjusted each year based on the actual cost of services.

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Babbitt referred to several items in his report. On January 9th and 10th he attended the Emmet County and Antrim County Jail diversion meetings. He noted that Emmet County is pursuing a specialty court and Antrim County is interested in roadside interventions. On January 11th he virtually attended the CMHSP/MDHHS Contract negotiations meeting. The Contract & Financial Issues Committee is a subset of CMHSPs within the CMHA. Negotiations include Standard cost Allocation language which the group is opposed to adding to the General Funds contract. Strategic Planning Catchball sessions with offices/programs have gone well, feedback from employees has been positive. January 17th Mr. Babbitt virtually met with the CMHA Legislation & Policy committee. HB5372 would amend PA280 to include the language "The state shall not implement policy that is contradictory or interferes with the implementation of federal definitions or requirements for a certified community behavioral health clinic." Mr. Babbitt voiced opposition to the language which is being supported by the CMHA. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to the Executive Team Quarterly Update that is included in the packet. He also drew attention to the two included infographics included in the packet that show the most up to date information on how many consumers have fallen off the Medicaid Rolls and why with the PHE Unwind redeterminations. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to a letter and parcel map NCCMH received from the Emmet County Department of Planning, Zoning & Construction Resources. The land next to NCCMH has been purchased by Premier Hospitality Petoskey LLC and a request for a height increase for a hotel to be built has been received. Mr. Babbitt included a thank you note sent to Mr. Balberde from Cheboygan staff after his visit at the Cheboygan office. He drew attention to HB4693 which would allow for remote participation for CMHSP and PIHP Board meetings. There are some caveats that would need to be addressed, however allowing remote participation could be beneficial. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to an article in the

Petoskey News Review regarding NCCMH's Mental Health First Aid training Schedule for the year.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – There is no update this month

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Draft minutes of the December Board of Directors Meeting and financials through November 30, 2023 were shared.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Babbitt gave an update on the building in Kalkaska County. The land lease has been signed for the Kalkaska building and a meeting with the architect and builder is set up. Prospective build start is spring.

NEW BUSINESS – No new Business

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Ms. Conway stated that she went to the NMRE SUD meeting where it was approved to send to the full board approval of the drug court in Charlevoix County and counseling services in the jail.

Ron asked for an update about board vacancies in Kalkaska and Charlevoix County. Ms. Conway stated that she has found a candidate in Charlevoix County who is interested in filling the open community member seat. Mr. Babbitt said he has not heard back from Kohn Fisher in Kalkaska County. Ms. Rhue explained that Kalkaska appointed a commissioner and an alternate but neither have been in contact with her since their appointments in January.

Ms. Sherman asked if we could amend the bylaws or ask if they could appoint someone else.

Mr. Iseler asked if we could move that seat to another county. Mr. Babbitt explained that it would be outside of the bylaws and potentially our enabling agreement as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM by Board Chair Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair

