



NORTH COUNTRY

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

April 17, 2025 2:30 PM

1420 Plaza Drive, Board Room, Petoskey

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Annemarie Conway, Bob Baldwin, Caroline Loper, Edward Ginop, Jarris Rubingh, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Daniel CasaSanta, Dana Wingo, David White

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Bob Boyd

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Belitz

STAFF: Brian Babbitt, Nancy Rhue, Tim Stapp Jr., Ann Friend, Joeseeph Balberde, Laura Brunmeier, Joselyn Beck, Stephanie Miller

GUESTS: Christina Schaub – RPC, Carrie Bororwiak, GTI Mancelona, Chuck Ray, Cindy, Mandi DS, Fran Damoth Bigelow

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 KARLA SHERMAN:**

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee: Mr. Iseler reviewed the minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting where Ms. Kiper reviewed the FY24 Quality measures

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee met ahead of the board meeting on April 17, 2025 to suggest a slate of officers for the year.

MOTION BY CAROLINE LOPER TO APPOINT ED GINOP AS CHAIR, KARLA SHERMAN AS VICE CHAIR, AND CAROLINE LOPER AS SECRETARY; SUPPORT BY DAVID WHITE:

MOTION CARRIES

Finance Committee Report: Mr. White reviewed the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting. Agenda items included Statement of Cash on Deposit and Disbursements through March 31, 2025; Interim Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025, Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of February 28, 2025, the NMRE financial report, a discussion regarding per diem rates for board members, and the NCCMH cost containment plan.

MOTION BY JARRIS RUBINGH TO MOVE THE IN-PERSON MEETING PER DIEM TO \$75.00 (SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS), VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING PER DIEM TO \$25.00 (TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS), IF A BOARD MEMBER IS NOT ABLE TO VOTE IN A MEETING PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE A PER DIEM, THIS MAKES THE PER DIEM CHANGE BUDGET NEUTRAL; SUPPORT BY BOB BALDWIN:

Discussion: Mr. Iseler asked why a board member would not be voting eligible. Mr. Babbitt explained that currently the open meetings act does not allow for voting by a member who is attending virtually.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: ANNEMARIE CONWAY, MICHAEL NEWMAN, KARLA SHERMAN, DANIEL CASASANTA, CAROLINE LOPER, JARRIS RUBINGH, BOB BALDWIN, RON ISELER, DAVID WHITE, DANA WINGO, ED GINOP

NAY: NONE

NOT VOTING: ROBERT BOYD

ABSENT: ED BELITZ

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY DAVID WHITE TO APPROVE THE COST CONTAINMENT PLAN;
SUPPORT BY JARRIS RUBINGH:**

MOTION CARRIES

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

PRESENTATIONS – FY24 Audit- Christina Schaub, Roslund Prestage & Company

It is the opinion of RPC that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the CMHSP, as of September 30, 2024. NCCMH showed a positive change in net position of \$857,523 for FY24. No deficiencies in internal control that could be considered material weaknesses were identified. No instances of non-compliance were found. There were no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit and the financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear. This is a clean audit.

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Babbitt referred to several items in his report. March 26-27 Mr. Babbitt attended the CMHA Directors Forum. March 30- April 4 during the weather crisis he worked to maintain services and keep staff aware of agency facility status. On April 7 Mr. Babbitt attended a meeting with legal counsel and the CMHAM regarding the legal rights and standing of CMHSPs. Mr. Babbitt attended Representative Parker Fairbairn's and Senator John DaMoose's town halls. A follow-up meeting with Senator DaMoose is being scheduled.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – None

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY: The Draft Minutes of the March Board Meeting, February Operations committee minutes, and Interim Financial Report are included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. White stated that he wanted to thank everyone regarding the weather crisis and said that it was a testament to how our community cares for each other and comes together in times of need.

Ms. Conway stated that the coast guard and first responders rigged up a battery to continue to give life saving care to a community member while he was flown to the Mayo Clinic.

Ms. Sherman stated that we as a community just hang in there.

Mr. Ginop thanked the board for appointing him as chair for another year.

Ms. Loper thanked the board for their confidence.

Ms. Rhue reminded the board that the brochure for the CMHA Summer Conference was included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM by Board Chair Ed Ginop.


Ed Ginop, Board Chair