

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

March 15, 2018

**North Country Community Mental Health
Board Room
1420 Plaza Drive
Petoskey, Michigan**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joel Evans, Michael Newman, Elizabeth White, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Paul Liss, Karla Sherman, Louis Scholl, Ed Ginop, Caroline Loper, Ron Iseler, Patty Cox, Christian Marcus

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Priess, Robert Boyd

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Scott Shearer, Brian Babbitt, Joan Booth

GUESTS: Trina Edwards, Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth, Eric Kurtz, Ann Carolan

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed the Board members, staff and guests to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Statement – Provider Operations - North Country CMH:

Balance on Hand, Jan. 31, 2018	\$6,281,855.70
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, Feb.	\$1,777,963.14
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, Feb.	\$4,434,207.57
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$(2,656,244.43)
Balance, Feb. 28, 2018	\$ 3,625,611.27

MOTION BY LOUIS SCHOLL, SECOND BY JOEL EVANS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

Information (I) Items from Committee Reports

Information items were included in the committee minutes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION

Finance Committee

Mr. Liss reported on the statement of cash on deposit and bills through January 31, 2018 as well as the interim financial statements.

Mr. Liss indicated that the FY17 Financial and Compliance Audit was reviewed and will be reported later in the agenda.

Mr. Liss reviewed the progress on the FY18 Reinvestment Plan update.

Mr. Liss reported on a request from the IT Director to purchase two Polycom Real Presense EagleEye systems for Kalkaska and Charlevoix so all clinics have the same video conferencing capability. This would be an addition to the FY 18 Reinvestment Plan.

MOTION BY PAUL LISS, SECOND BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS, TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO POLYCOM SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,373.72. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Liss referred to the report provided by Ms. Gebhard on contracts and office leases.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

There were no action items.

PRESENTATIONS

FY 2016 Audit Report and Compliance Exam

Trina Edwards, from Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth, introduced herself and provided the highlights of the audit and referred to the Financial Statements and Compliance Examination. Their opinion was an unmodified opinion and the highest level of assurance they can provide. The Audit Financial Statement was reviewed first and showed no internal control problems. She reviewed the total revenue and expenses. Medicaid revenues were up from last year. General funds were reviewed.

The Compliance Examination was reviewed with a couple of findings that were minor but need a corrective action plan.

The letter was reviewed and county practices and policies were discussed. There were no disagreements with management and no issues with performing the audit. Mr. Shearer and finance department staff were complimented.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard reported on the submittal of two grants: one to the Charlevoix Community Foundation to help fund the Client Special Needs Fund that covers client needs that Medicaid will not cover; and one to the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation to fund the PhotoVoice Project where consumers use photography to tell their stories to combat discrimination and stigma.

Ms. Gebhard reported on meetings with McLaren and Munson affiliate emergency departments on discontinuing to provide preadmission screenings to persons with private insurance. Follow up meetings are being planned for April to discuss how to proceed or other alternatives.

Ms. Gebhard reported that leadership staff will be attending sessions on Lean process improvement conducted by Northwest Michigan Community College. Lean is a methodology used to eliminate waste in transactional processes. Once leadership is oriented to Lean, office staff will participate in simulations.

Ms. Gebhard attended the Board Association Policy and Legislation Committee. She provided a list of pending legislation. After spring break the Governor will come out with the final state budget.

Regarding HB 5619, which would amend the mental health code to name specific diagnoses and children in foster care as priority populations, the Association and DHHS is lobbying against this bill.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The written report from Ms. Christie, Chief Quality Officer, was reviewed. Future reports will present data in graphic format. Six of the fourteen performance indicators on access timeliness in the first quarter were missed. Ms. Christie has met with Center Supervisors to review performance and develop corrective actions.

A public hearing was held on the Annual Needs Assessment as submitted to the Department of Community Health. It will be presented to the Program Committee in April.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Gebhard introduced Eric Kurtz, CEO of NMRE. Mr. Kurtz provided a review of the responsibilities of a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), the managed care entity that contracts with the MDHHS for Medicaid services. He discussed his view of the NMRE's role moving forward as a “provider-sponsored” health plan: serves the regional partners; ensures fiscal stability; ensures federal regulations governing Medicaid managed care plans are met or exceeded; ensures State contractual compliance; ensures an adequate network of providers and services; manages SUD funding; and uses reliable, timely data to drive decisions. Mr. Kurtz also described the NMRE’s policy focus and external factors that will impact the region over the next three years, i.e. persons served, technology, workforce, quality, regulatory, and payment reform.

The biggest threat to all PIHPs may be what happened at Lakeshore Regional Entity in which they bankrupted themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ginop appointed Joel Evans, Louis Scholl, Mike Newman, Patty Cox, Paul Liss and Betsy White to the Nominating Committee which will meet prior to the Board meeting in April.

Mr. Scholl reminded everyone to fill out the CEO's evaluation and mail it to him.

Ms. Gebhard encouraged board members to contribute to the Board Association PAC and emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong and consistent lobbying effort this year in light of mid-term elections and the volume of legislation that is being put forth that will impact mental health and substance use disorder services and funding. She will match the first \$25 contribution from every board member.

Ms. Gebhard offered the Board members the option of emailing the Board packets and they were favorable to this suggestion.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN, SECOND BY LOUIS SCHOLL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Ginop, Chair