

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD**  
**November 17, 2016**  
**North Country Community Mental Health**  
**Perry Hotel, Reycraft Room**  
**100 Lewis Street**  
**Petoskey, MI**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Liss, Louis Scholl, Joel Evans,  
Patty Cox, Dennis Priess, Ron Iseler,  
Sr. Augusta Stratz, Ed Ginop, Betsy White,  
Christian Marcus, Caroline Loper, Mike Newman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karla Sherman, Bob Boyd

**STAFF:** Christine Gebhard, Brian Babbitt, Stacy Chipman  
Amy Christie, Joan Booth,

**GUESTS:**

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Financial Statement – Provider Operations - North Country CMH:**

Balance on Hand, Sept 30, 2017	\$5,175,921.46
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, Oct.	\$3,565,894.43
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, Oct.	\$3,659,717.97
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$ 93,823.54
Balance, Oct. 31, 2017	\$5,082,097.92

**MOTION BY DENNIS PREISS, SECOND BY LOUIS SCHOLL, TO APPROVE THE  
CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Information (I) Items from Committee reports**

Information items were included in the committee minutes.

**Privileging Recommendations**

There were no privileging recommendations this month.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION**

### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Ginop explained the following changes in Amendment #1 MDHHS FY18 Contract:

- CMHSP Local Dispute Resolution Process.
- Technical Requirement for Continuing Education Requirement for Recipient Rights Staff.
- Technical Requirement for Recipient Rights Course Content Requirement for CMHSP and Provider Staff.
- Technical Requirement for Recipient Rights Process.
- CMHSP Reporting Requirements.
- Technical Requirement for Behavior Treatment Plan Review.

**MOTION BY ED GINOP TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE MDHHS FY18 CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW**

There were no actions without committee review.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gebhard indicated that her report is on page 15. The medical insurance has been finalized for this year. The staff worked very hard with Priority Health to get a free plan.

Yesterday policy committee met and she attended by phone. Sect 298 is moving forward. The dept is not able to meet their timeframes on it. 1115 waiver has not been approved. Policy is being developed to expedite the waiver. ‘

CARES Task Force has completed their recommendations. They were to determine what the legislature would develop regarding federal waivers. She reviewed the recommendations and asked the board to become familiar with them.

Several bills were discussed and Ms. Gebhard reviewed and explained them.

There is a draft document to change the mental health code and this has met with opposition.

She reviewed the House bill for SUD funding and a 4 percent liquor tax is being recommended which does not begin to provide adequate funding.

There are two house bills dealing with non-opioid directives and she explained that people can ask their physicians for no opioids.

We continue to work on the dab issues. We get money monthly to enrolling in healthy Michigan is much simpler. Medicaid enrollees. If healthy Michigan goes away a client is not entitled to any services.

There is \$75 million allocated for Autism services.

A 50 cent an hour increase has been approved for service workers.

Ms. Gebhard reported on the pop up art show. Julie Moran and Jama Moffett have worked diligently on this project and it is getting a lot of attention. She asked the Board members to attend the show, if they are able, and indicate they are a board member.

The Petoskey News Review did a news article on mental illness and what to do and highlighted comments by Stacy Chipman.

She shared the Boardworks Report and encouraged them to participate. The Community Mental Health Association is considering only having 2 conferences each year. NMRE has talked about doing letter to the Association encouraging this change and suggesting some ways to do it. She asked the board members how they feel about this change and it was a positive response.

**MOTION BY PAUL LISS, SECOND BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ TO SUPPORT HAVING TWO MEETINGS EACH YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Christie referred the November update and provided the results of the audit from NMRE for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. She reported the services that were validated. The Qualitive review was 100 percent. Regarding the service indicators for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter everything in red was not met. She explained why this happened. Access timeliness indicators were reviewed. The Executive Team is looking at the emergency services program to positively impact service indicators. Northstar is forging ahead. Ms. Gebhard indicated that was very concerned about the red on the chart and will not let it continue.

#### **NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY**

Ms. Gebhard referred to the financial report on page 24 and indicates Medicaid has a surplus of \$4.7 million. North Country is about 26 percent of their budget.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Gebhard referred to the mental health courts.

She would like to have a Program Committee on a day other than the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Finance Committee will meet prior to the Board Meeting. We will offer you some dates for Program Committee.

**MOTION BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, SECOND BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS, TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Ed Ginop, Board Chair