

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

**April 20, 2017**

**North Country Community Mental Health**

**Board Room**

**1420 Plaza Drive**

**Petoskey, Michigan**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Ginop, Christian Marcus, Patty Cox,  
Sr. Augusta Stratz, Joel Evans, Paul Liss,  
Dan Plasencia, Louis Scholl (by phone),  
Michael Newman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Priess, Betsy White, Karla Sherman, Robert Boyd

**STAFF:** Christine Gebhard, Stacy Chipman, Brian Babbitt,  
Joe Balberde, Joan Booth

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:30 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, Feb. 28, 2017	\$5,211,292.67
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, March	\$5,938,653.03
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, March	\$3,937,734.24
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$2,000,918.79
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$7,212,211.46

\*Approximately \$4,831,780 has been advanced from the State of Michigan and has been encumbered for outstanding bills.

\*\*Received Healthy Michigan Plan for February 2017, \$227,006, and B/B3 for February 2017, \$2,038,790, on February 2, 2017.

\*\*\*Received Healthy Michigan Plan for March 2017, \$227,068, and B/B3 for March 2017, \$2,030,618, on March 31, 2017.

#### **Information (I) Items from Committee Reports**

Information items were included in the committee minutes.

## **Privileging Recommendations**

There was one privileging recommendation today.

**MOTION BY PAUL LISS, SECOND BY LOUIS SCHOLL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION**

There were no committee meetings this month.

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

### **Information Technology Equipment Purchase**

Joe Balberde introduced himself as the IT Director and provided a brief description of his educational background as well as his work history. He is bringing two proposals to the Board today for review and approval. The Data Center Virtualization Proposal was described first. It was explained that virtualization is the industry standard -of moving servers from single physical machines to larger virtual clusters. This will allow the nearly twenty-five physical servers the agency has today to be compressed down to three large servers. The benefits include lower energy consumption; better use of computing resources; easier backup and disaster recovery; reduced cost for future upgrades; and increased performance. Existing servers will be repurposed or retired. -Three vendors submitted quotes.- Mr. Balberde is recommending Trivalent Group based on his previous experience with the vendor and being the lowest bid.

**MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, TO APPROVE TRIVAENT GROUP AS THE VENDOR FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$157,135.00. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Balberde also presented the -Surface Pro Purchase Proposal. The request is to purchase fifty-five Surface Pro tablets to add to the ten already owned by the agency. The first ten were piloted -by the emergency services team for- two months. Benefits of the Surface Pro over current laptops include facial recognition, which saves time; the device is smaller, lightweight and easy to transport; activation time is dramatically reduced; battery life is significantly better; and it is less costly than the laptops the agency we havehas been purchasing.

**MOTION BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS. SECOND BY PAUL LISS, TO PURCHASE FIFTY-FIVE MICROSOFT SURFACE PRO TABLETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,964. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation this month.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gebhard indicated that her report of monthly activities was included in the Board packet. Ms. Gebhard drew the Board’s attention to several articles on the 298 Work Group’s Final Report. The House and Senate DHHS Appropriations Committees are meeting to finalize their budget recommendations, so ~~our~~ advocacy for keeping the Medicaid behavioral health funds with the public system, i.e. PIHPs, is needed.

The MAMCHB CMH-PAC is conducting its spring fundraising campaign. Ms. Gebhard encouraged Board members to contribute to the PAC. The number of CMH boards participating has dropped over the past two years.

## **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Gebhard introduced Brian Babbitt to the Board members as the new Chief Operating Officer. She referred to the April 2017 QI report which highlighted 1<sup>st</sup> quarter claims verification audit results, the MDHHS access timeliness performance indicators, and the NMRE delegated functions site review results. – Claims verification was 99% and 25 of the 28 timeliness performance indicators were met. The overall score of the delegated functions review was 85%. A corrective action plan is being submitted to the NMRE.

## **NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY**

Ms. Gebhard referred the Board members to the NMRE March 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes that were included in the packet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Gebhard reminded everyone about the Association Spring Conference and asked them to advise Ms. Booth if they want to attend.

**MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY PAUL LISS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Ed Ginop, Board Chair