

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
February 16, 2017
North Country Community Mental Health
Commissioner's Room
Antrim County Building
203 E. Cayuga
Bellaire, MI

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Ginop, Joel Evans, Michael Newman, Christian Marcus, Louis Scholl, Dennis Priess, Karla Sherman, Paul Liss, Robert Boyd, Ron Iseler, Sr. Augusta Stratz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Crambell, Betsy White

STAFF: Alexis Kaczynski, Joan Booth, Christine Gebhard, Carol Merritt Doherty

GUEST: Marc Murphy, Northern Family Intervention Services, Inc.

Ed 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

Marc Murphy, Executive Director of NFIS presented Carole Merritt Doherty with an "Outstanding Achievement & Advancement in Human Services" award from the Teaching Family Association. This is a national award and he briefly explained what the agency does and the rigorous set of standards that are used. He explained what Ms. Doherty has done to receive this award.

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial Statement – Provider Operations - North Country CMH:

Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 2016	\$5,015,118.45
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, Jan.	\$3,935,167.54
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, Jan.	\$4,129,000.08
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$ 193,832.54
Balance, Jan. 31, 2017	\$4,821,285.91

*Approximately \$2,097,549 has been advanced from the State of Michigan and has been encumbered for outstanding bills.

**Received Healthy Michigan Plan revenue for December 2016 (\$213,001.00) and B/B3 revenue for December 2016 (\$2,052,194.67) on January 6, 2017.

***Received Healthy Michigan Plan revenue for January 2017 (\$222,049) and B/B3 revenue for January 2017 (\$2,052,838) on February 2, 2017.

MOTION BY LOUIS SCHOLL, SECOND BY KARLA SHERMAN, 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

Personnel Committee

Mr. Scholl reviewed the results of their two meetings and reported that Christine Gebhard was interviewed and the committee selected her for the Director position and notified her. They set a date for contract negotiations.

At the second meeting they reviewed salaries and discussed the contract. The contract was negotiated with Ms. Gebhard; it was offered and accepted.

MOTION BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, SECOND BY PAUL LISS, TO ACCEPT THIS PROCEDURE AND CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED.

A copy of the contract was included in the packet. Ms. Kaczynski indicated that the agency has a contract manager who assures that the contracts are correct. Ms. Gebhard's title will be Chief Executive Officer.

Program Committee

Sr. Augusta Stratz reviewed each item as follows:

CARF Survey Report

CARF Quality Improvement Plan

- Attach. A -Demographic Info.
- Attach. B – Active Performance Improvement Projects
- Attach. C – Quality Assurance Measures
- Attach. D – Schedule of Audits, Reviews and Surveys
- Attach. E – Committee Guidelines for all Agency committees, including Data Management, Staff Development, and Utilization Management
- Attach. F – MDHHS Technical Requirements (from the MDHHS/CMHSP contract)

MOTION BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, SECOND BY JOEL EVANS, TO APPROVE THE CARF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

Sr. Augusta Stratz reviewed the Utilization Management Plan FY 2016, Annual Summary.

Sr. Augusta Stratz reviewed the Cultural Competency Plan

MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY BOB BOYD, TO APPROVE THE REVISED CULTURAL COMPETENCY PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

Tuberculosis Control Plan

Sr. Augusta Stratz reviewed the Tuberculosis Control Plan.

MOTION BY BOB BOYD, SECOND BY KARLA SHERMAN, TO APPROVE THE REVISED TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

Sr. Augusta Stratz thanked Ms. Gebhard and her staff for all the work they did.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Ms. Sherman talked about the CARF summary and feels it should be read by the Board members. Mr. Iseler asked for a copy of number 4 in the Program Committee minutes, Utilization Management Plan, FY 2016 Annual Summary.

PRESENTATION

TIP Assessment - Trauma Initiative Partnership Between DHHS and NCCMH

Carole Merritt Doherty introduced herself and described the program. TIP Assessment Trauma Initiative Partnership January 2016 is a strategic partnership between NCCMH and its local Department of Health and Human Services offices in the six counties. TIP is intended to quickly identify and improve access to services for traumatized children and their families currently involved with the foster care system.

This collaboration includes ongoing communication and resource sharing related to trauma, training and service delivery. It includes children with identified trauma risk regardless of severity or insurance. She explained what qualifies a child for TIP. She reviewed the screening documents. The screening sheets were divided from 0-5 years and 6-18 years. Staff has performed 137 TIP assessments. The first TIP took place in Gaylord on April 29, 2016. She reviewed the data on outcomes. She reviewed the future and the strengthening of collaborations across systems within the communities to utilize trauma as a common language from which to understand and respond to the needs of children and families within the child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice systems. Discussion ensued.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Kaczynski reported that the Governor issued his budget and there is some good news in this budget for mental health. There was an extra \$45 million included to provide a \$.50 per hour increase for direct care workers. CMH Boards lobbied for a dollar an hour increase, but the 50 cents is welcome. There also is money included to increase staffing in state institutions and there is capital funding budgeted to replace the Caro Center. There were articles included in the packet on the 298 initiative, including articles from Crain's Detroit. The Directors in the region submitted a model to the state as part of the 298 effort.

Ms. Kaczynski discussed a board training retreat tentatively scheduled for March 16, the date of the next board meeting. There is a chance that we wouldn't be able to pull this off by the date, due to Ms. Kaczynski's retirement, but board members were interested and an agenda has been formed, with outside speakers, etc. Board members will be notified of details as soon as they are available.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Ms. Gebhard indicated that everything was included in the board report.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Kaczynski reported that the Search Committee is interviewing two individuals tomorrow for the position of CEO of the NMRE. The minutes from the last meeting were in the board packet.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kaczynski reported on the MACMHB conference. Ron Manderscheid, Executive Director, NACBHDD and NARMH presented on Changes and Constants in National Behavioral Health. He was a proponent of the Affordable Care Act and the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and the potential effects in Michigan.

She also attended a session by Mike Veny on "Drum Up Your Feelings". The program is designed as a leadership program for adults. Drumming creates a sense of energy with self and synergy. Mr. Veny told the story of how his anger, depression, anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder were indispensable and beneficial to a successful music career.

There also was a good presentation on self-advocacy in action. A parent presented on her 12 year old son with autism and explained the presentation he made for his 4th grade classmates to inform them about his autism from his own perspective.

Dr. Debra Pinals, the new medical Director for MDHHS, spoke about client engagement and vital components within community behavioral health. Sr. Augusta Stratz had breakfast with her and they talked about women in jails and she was interested in the programs that Sr. Augusta does at the jail in Kalkaska.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ginop reported that Gary Averill has resigned from the board for health reasons. The Board members need to decide how to replace that position and from which county. Ms. Kaczynski recommended that the Executive Committee should meet and look at the records of Board membership and the counties who have had consumer members and decide which county is next. It has been done in an alphabetical manner in the past.

Ms. Gebhard announced that Alexis' retirement event will be held at the Bay View Inn on March 23rd.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN, SECOND BY PAUL LISS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:30 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Ginop, Chair