

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

May 18, 2017

**Commissioner's Room
Antrim County Building
205 E. Cayuga
Bellaire, Michigan**

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Betsy White, Joel Evans, Louis Scholl

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Amy Christie,
Deb Hiltz, Brian Babbitt, Donna Wheeler,
Stacy Chipman, Joan Booth

GUEST: Diane Denholm

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, March 31, 2017	\$7,212,211.46
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, April	\$1,626,067.60
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, April	\$4, 126,582.21
Decrease in Cash Balance	\$2,500,514.41
Balance, April 30, 2016	\$6,474,393.92

*Approximately \$2,331,266 has been advanced from the State of Michigan and has been encumbered for outstanding bills.

**Received Healthy Michigan Plan for April 2017, \$227,437, and B/B3 for April 2017, \$2,067,296, on May 5, 2017.

MOTION BY BOB BOYD, SECOND BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, 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 reviewed by the Board this month.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION

Finance Committee

Mr. Liss reviewed the Financial Status Report.

Mr. Liss reviewed the budget status report for the six months ending 3/31/17. The agency is currently underspending its budget.

Mr. Liss reviewed the requested vehicle purchase of four mid-sized vehicles and two mini-vans.

MOTION BY PATTY COX, SECOND BY BOB BOYD, TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF FOUR MID-SIZED VEHICLES AND TWO MINI-VANS. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Liss explained that an offer was received on the Beacon property. The Executive Committee met on May 5 to approve an offer at the full price of \$74,000.

MOTION BY RON ISELER, SECOND BY SR. AUGUSTA STRATZ, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE OFFER TO PURCHASE THE BEACON PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,000. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Ms. Gebhard reviewed the Electronic Health Record and the installation of equipment on December 1. It is being suggested that the agency close for that day.

MOTION BY PAUL LISS, SECOND BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS TO APPROVE CLOSING THE AGENCY. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Amy Christie introduced herself and described her position. She is the co-chair of the May is Mental Health month committee. The theme for 2017 is “Risky Business” and focused on behaviors that put an individual’s mental health at risk, such as substance abuse, poor nutrition, poor exercise habits and the excessive behaviors.

Ms. Christie discussed events that are occurring, including children/family movies in Gaylord, Petoskey, Bellaire and Charlevoix. Asperger's Are Us at the Carnegie Building and No Letting Go in Cheboygan. Swimming at Kaliseum and the 5K Color Run/1 mile awareness walk.

Gift Baskets were donated by 17 teams throughout the agency and have been slated as door prizes at every event to say thank you to the community. It was a great showing from all of the staff at NCCMH.

The run/walk is scheduled on May 20 at Festival Pavilion at Bayfront Pak in Petoskey. There are currently 250 people pre-registered, which is more than double from last year. This event has been publicized on the radio, television and in the Petoskey News Review.

Over 30 consumers will participate in the Walk a Mile Rally in Lansing this year, carrying flags from all of the agency's counties. The NMRE also has a Day of Recovery Education on May 19th in Gaylord for consumers through the 21 county areas.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Gebhard reported on the newest developments with Section 298 language in the FY18 DHHS budget. Stacy Chipman, Sr. Augusta Stratz and Ms. Gebhard attended the Association conference. And there was a man reporting and the committee recommended the go to the Medicaid health plan... The PIHP gave highlights . The regional 5 directors are putting together a pilot for the legislature. A new contract of planning and join with the region in the upper. We represent 35 counties in northern Michigan. We did become a Medicaid health plan. We did assume risk for fiscal health. In year 3 we did become a specialty services health plan. NMRE Board will get more information on that at their meeting next week. This is important because the Senate and House are going into conference to decide on a final budget. We want them to think of a rural pilot. It looks like there will be a reduction in the Medicaid budget. The focus should be in the rural area for the pilot. They will get the summary proposal to the Board members. Ms. Gebhard explained the difference between rural and populated areas in serving clients. She gave some examples of problems. Ms. Gebhard will send them an email.

Ms. Gebhard reminded the Board members about contributing to the CMH-PAC and explained its importance.

In the budget they are talking about rebuilding CARO. Some people would like it to be built in the North. Rep. Sue Allor is interested in this project in the Northeast part of the state.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Gebhard Does not have an update this month. She had a meeting with all program leaders (Executive Team) about her vision for the agency. Her vision is c1C – c-client focus; 1-one organization; C-community partners; S-staff foundation S Ms. Gebhard expanded on each of these items and explained their goals. A memo to all staff about this vision was sent out today. The Executive Team is the former Leadership Team. This agency needs to become a data driven organization. Amy Christie is the new Chief Quality Officer.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Gebhard reported that there is a new chair. She explained that the new Director, Eric Kurtz is working hard to become oriented to his new position.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marcus asked about the tablets and it was reported that 30 had been received and the IT department was getting them ready. Ms. Gebhard will continue to update the Board members on this venture.

Ms. Gebhard reported that Alexis Kaczynski is being nominated for the David LaLumia Award.

A question was asked about the agency's procedure for advertising the meetings. This will be reviewed and brought back to the Board.

It was decided to send out a survey about alternate dates, times and locations to hold the Board meetings.

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

Ed Ginop, Board Chair