

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

May 19, 2016

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Allor, Dan Plasencia, Craig Crambell

STAFF: Christine Gebhard, Christine Dillon Lennon,
Donna Wheeler, Deb Hiltz, 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, 2016	\$6,450,516.39
Receipts, Adjustments & Transfers, April	\$3,618,574.72
Total Disbursements & Adjustments, April	\$3,594,697.19
Increase in Cash Balance	\$ 23,877.53
Balance, April 30, 2016	\$6,474,393.92

*Approximately \$3,750,657 has been advanced from the State of Michigan and has been encumbered for outstanding bills.

MOTION BY ROBERT BOYD, 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 reviewed by the Board this month.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION

Finance Committee

Mr. Liss reviewed the Financial Status Report.

Mr. Liss indicated there were only two members in attendance at the meeting so action items would need to be reviewed and voted on by the full Board.

Mr. Liss reviewed the budget status report for the second quarter and indicated that the revenues for the year are at 50.1% with expenditures being at 48.4%, which is moderate.

Mr. Liss reviewed the proposed payroll package and reported that Paychex, Paycor and eventually ADP submitted bids. Staff is recommending Paycor, which has a designated team for customer services.

MOTION BY ROBERT BOYD, SECOND BY RON ISELER, TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM PAYCOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,020.28. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Liss reported that the Springridge home is showing deterioration and that the roof is in need of replacement. Bids were sought and the lowest bidder was Timothy Schroeder from East Jordan. According to Mr. Evans, Mr. Schroeder has a good reputation and a long history in the area.

MOTION BY JOEL EVANS, SECOND BY GARY AVERLL, TO APPROVE THE BID FROM TIMOTHY SCHROEDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,800. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEMS – WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW

PRESENTATION

Christine Dillon Lennon introduced herself and distributed a handout which explained the agency's autism services and provided an update of these services. Changes in Michigan's autism services program occurred with the 1915i State Plan Amendment and 1951b Mental Health Specialty Services and Support Waiver. The autism benefit began April 1, 2013 for children 18 months until the child turns 6 years of age. Expansion services began January 1, 2016 for children up to age 21. A child may qualify for Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention or Focused Behavioral Intervention services. The plan allows states to provide optional state plan benefits for home and community based services without the eligibility link to institutional level of care. All referrals go to Christine Lennon. She explained that once a referral is received it goes to an intake assessment and then testing. As of May 19, 2016, 2,289 children have been approved state wide to receive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. North Country CMH has received a total of 93 referrals for expansion since January 1, 2016. Each child who qualifies for the ABA/autism benefit may receive from 5-20 hours of intensive, one-to-one ABA therapy

per week, typically at their home. Most intervention schedules are 2-4 hours per day, 3-5 days per week. There can be some other disorders that look like autism but are not.

Ms. Lennon introduced pictures of the Autism Program staff and reviewed their qualifications. She explained the assessments and diagnostic procedures required for eligibility for the autism benefit. Assessing for needs-based criteria was reviewed and she gave some examples. Early intensive behavioral intervention was described and how it is administered.

She referred to a demonstration of EIBI/CBI and showed a video of a 4-year old non-verbal boy diagnosed with autism. His grandmother wrote a letter thanking Ms. Lennon for the work she did with him. She spent months shaping, sitting and attending behaviors; worked on tracking, communication, hand/eye coordination, joint attention, social and emotional reciprocity, etc. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder and there is no cure. Why it occurs is not known and it occurs more in boys than in girls. Program maintenance is very important so the child does not lose the progress that has been made. Environmental incidents are being looked at for higher incidence of autism.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Kaczynski referred to the information from Dykema on the new overtime regulations that will be official soon and who is affected by exempt status. She explained how this has changed. The agency has a lot of hourly employees. The National Council is attempting to introduce legislation to exempt agencies employing residential workers from this legislation but it is unknown how successful this will be.

She indicated this is Mental Health Month and on Tuesday “An Evening of Understanding” was held at the Red Sky Stage in Petoskey. On Friday the traveling art show will be in Cheboygan. The “19th Annual 5K Color Run & 1 Mile Walk” was held last weekend and the “Walk a Mile in My Shoes Rally” was held at the State Capitol in Lansing yesterday. A series of articles in Crain’s Detroit Business was published following Section 298 and potential changes in the mental health system and she encourages all board members to read these.

The state is predicting a loss of \$460,000 in State revenue over the next two years, which is of concern to the mental health community and it is unknown how this might affect next year’s budget, although it has been stated it will not affect the budget for the current fiscal year.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Ms. Gebhard reviewed the quarterly Medicaid claims verification report. NMRE has changed its methodology because of changes made by the state, and the new methodology is more onerous. The first audit occurred and 100 claims were selected but very specific providers and groups were targeted. Ms. Gebhard explained what is being reviewed. The dates and times of services were documented. Unit based services were claimed. Two claims had to be authorized because they were not in the plan of service. The Michigan Mission Based Performance Indicator timelines were all met. Staff are working with a consultant to review the help information technology system and assist in the process of selecting an electronic health record.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY

Ms. Kaczynski indicated that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the Board packet. Dennis Priess was elected as chairman of the NMRE Board. It was mentioned that NMRE has a lot of television advertisements on substance abuse, which are very well done.

Mr. Iseler questioned the Third Level report and asked why Alpena's numbers have been so high and this was explained.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Kaczynski reported that four people attended the MACMHB Spring Conference. Deb Appleman received the "Partners in Excellence" award and this agency nominated her as a candidate from this region.

She attended plenary sessions and workshops on Section 298 Update; Moving from Facility-Based to Community-First; Pulling Together for Wellness, Paolo Del Vecchio, from the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services; Youth Peer Support and Parent Support Partners.

Mr. Ginop felt it was one of the better conferences and the speakers were very good. He attended the workshop on gambling and drugs by Michael J. Burke who is a lawyer and is writing a book on paying people back. He felt the plenaries were very good, also.

Ms. Gebhard attended a workshop on Using the Tools of Self-Determination and Culture of Gentleness to Create a Stronger Person-Centered Plan by Alex Kimmel who has autism. She was very impressed with his presentation and contacted him to invite him to offer training to agency staff and he accepted.

Sr. Augusta Stratz said she was impressed with the workshops at this conference. She attended a workshop on Secondary Trauma and Self-Care Practices for Mental Health Professionals by Lindsay Yeager Carr, PhD, LP. They took a test to see how they were doing in their field.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scholl announced that his musical group would be playing at the Bass Festival June 4 from 1-3 in Gaylord and CMH clients can attend for free.

MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN, SECOND BY ROBERT BOYD, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Ginop, Board Chair