



NORTH COUNTRY

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

April 18, 2024, 2:30 PM

**North Country Community Mental Health
1420 Plaza Drive, Petoskey, Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Michael Newman, Edward Ginop, Ron Iseler, Bob Baldwin, Robert Boyd, Dana Wingo, Annemarie Conway, David White, Jarris Rubingh, Karla Sherman, Ed Belitz, Caroline Loper

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Knapp

STAFF: Brian Babbitt, Nancy Rhue, Tim Stapp Jr., Ann Friend, Laura Brunmeier (virtual), J. Nicol Beck (virtual)

GUESTS: Bill Hirschman, RPC

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM

ROLL CALL

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. There is a quorum present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No board members expressed a conflict with any agenda item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes the agenda overview, minutes of the previous meeting, privileging recommendations and contracts signed in the past month. Items requiring approval will be placed on the meeting agenda.

MOTION BY ROBERT BOYD TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN:

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION*

Program Committee Report: Mr. Iseler reviewed the minutes of the program committee meeting on March 28 where Ms. Kiper presented the FY23 Utilization Management Annual Report.

Personnel Committee Report: Ms. Sherman reviewed the minutes of the April 2 personnel committee meeting where Mr. Babbitt opened a discussion regarding the current CEO evaluation template and revamping it to make it more comprehensive and meaningful, including seeking input from the CEO's direct reports and the NMRE.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Iseler presented the slate of officers chosen by the committee when they met on April 10. The nominating committee chose Ed Ginop as Chair, Karla Sherman as Vice Chair, and Caroline Loper as Secretary.

Mr. Ginop opened nominations to the floor, no other nominations were made.

**MOTION BY DAVID WHITE TO ACCEPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AS PRESENTED;
SUPPORT BY ANNEMARIE CONWAY:**

MOTION CARRIES

Finance Committee Report: Mr. White reviewed the Statement of Cash on Deposit and Disbursements through March 2024; Interim Financial Statements as of February 29, 2024 Revenue and Expense by Fund Source; Trending Revenue and Expenses as of February 29, 2024, and the NMRE Financial Report.

Mr. Ginop requested the financial reports be placed on file for audit.

PRESENTATION – FY23 Audit Bill Hirschman, RPC – Mr. Hirschman reviewed the key points of the FY23 Annual audit. In RPCs opinion the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, respective financial position of the business type activities, and each major fund of NCCMH as of September 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls that might be material weaknesses. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the CMHSP's financial statements are free from material misstatement, RPC performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of RPCs audit, and accordingly, RPC does not express such an opinion. The results of RPCs tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by NCCMH are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. RPC noted no transactions entered into by the CMHSP during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All

significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. No significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit were encountered.

BOARD ACCPETS AUDIT

ACTION ITEMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW: None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Babbitt referred to several items in his report. On March 22nd he met with the union for the wage opener discussion. On April 1st he attended the Conflict Free Access and Planning (CFAP) implementation meeting. Kristen Jordan from MDHHS has met with NMRE and the partner CMHSPs in region 2 and she has been very receptive to questions and concerns that the region has regarding CFAP. April 4th Mr. Babbitt attended the State Reform Health Policy Conference in Lansing where he was a panelist representing rural areas for the workforce shortage discussion. On April 10th NCCMH hosted Dr. Kennedy, the new Chief Medical Officer at McLaren Northern Michigan, for a discussion with him and NCCMHs regional partners regarding collaboration with the hospital system and the Cheboygan Behavioral Health Unit. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to the executive team quarterly summaries and drew attention to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that NCCMH received and has processed. Nearly all the CMHSPs in Michigan received this same request. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to a PowerPoint included in the packet which outlined the behavioral health system, its budget, CCBHCs, community impact, community outcomes, and an update on the state inpatient hospitals. Mr. Babbitt drew attention to a document from Milliman regarding rate adjustments for FY24. Due to the PHE unwind and redeterminations, with more people falling off the Medicaid rolls than originally estimated, Milliman, the state actuary, has approved a rate increase starting in April and continuing through the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Babbitt shared the Performance Based Incentive Payment that NCCMH will be receiving from the NMRE from FY23. Mr. Babbitt shared the upcoming events that NCCMH has scheduled starting with the Autism Acceptance walk on April 28 in Boyne City, the May is Mental Health Awareness Month activities scheduled throughout the counties in the month of May, and the virtual education series #toolsforresilience in partnership with Northern Lakes CMH.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE – No update this month

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY- The draft minutes of the March NMRE board of directors meeting and February financial report were included in the packet. Mr. Babbitt explained that Northern Lakes has ended their contract with the MI choice waiver and that their forensic audit is still ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Babbitt shared the most recent PHE Unwind Medicaid Recertification data from the state. Mr. Babbitt believes that in the next few months that we may see a significant increase in Healthy Michigan disenrollment as these months coincide with the start

of the pandemic. Original thoughts were that approximately 500,000 persons would fall off the Medicaid rolls, through the end of February 687,000 persons have been disenrolled.

Mr. Babbitt updated the board on the status of the Kalkaska building. There are some new drawings, and he stated that Ms. Friend is working with several banks to find the best options for financing the build.

NEW BUSINESS – Committee Appointments- Mr. Ginop appointed Ms. Conway, Mr. Rubingh, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Newman, Mr. White, and Ms. Wingo to the Finance Committee, Mr. Iseler, Mr. Belitz, Ms. Loper, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. White to the Program Committee, and Ms. Sherman, Mr. Belitz, Mr. Iseler, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Knapp to the Personnel Committee.

BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Rubingh asked what the primary use of the new Kalkaska building would be. Mr. Babbitt explained that it would be outpatient services much like the Bellaire offices.

Ms. Conway said the drug court is up and running in Charlevoix County. The staff will be attending training soon and she is working on writing grants for funding. Mr. Iseler asked Ms. Conway who is involved with the drug court. Ms. Conway said that the members include Kit Tholen-prosecuting attorney, Judge Hayes, John Jarema, staff at BASES, and Sheriff Chuck Vondra,

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM by Board Chair Ed Ginop


Ed Ginop, Board Chair