

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

**February 20, 2020**

**North Country Community Mental Health**

**1420 Plaza Dr., Petoskey MI 49770**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Ginop, Sr. Augusta Stratz, Karla Sherman, Michael Newman, Ron Iseler, Christian Marcus, Robert Draves, Robert Boyd, Patty Cox, Caroline Loper, Paul Liss, David White attended via phone

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Priess, Louis Scholl

**STAFF:** Christine Gebhard, Kevin Hartley, Susan Clingan, Lorraine Manary

**GUESTS:** Alan Bolter, Associate Director CMHAM

Mr. Ginop called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Ginop welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. It was noted that Dennis Priess and Louis Scholl were unable to attend. A quorum was present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda includes the agenda overview, minutes of the previous meeting and contracts signed in the past month.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED BY MR. DRAVES,  
SUPPORT BY SR. STRATZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – BOARD ACTION\***

**Financial Statement:** Mr. Ginop reported details of the Revenue and Expenditure Report, and Bills through December 31, 2019. Balance on January 1, 2020 was \$6,152,499.34. Receipts through January were \$1,570,876.41; expenditures were \$4,775,055.69. Ending balance as of January 31 was \$2,948,320.06.

Mr. Ginop reviewed the Financial Statements through November 30, 2019 including the Statement of Net Position; Revenue by Funding Source; Expenditures by Line Item; and Statement of Cash Flows.

Medicaid (including Autism): North Country capitation revenue payments received through the month of December were \$10,740,837; expenditures were \$11,346,904, resulting in an OVER expenditure of \$606,067.

Healthy Michigan Plan: North Country capitation revenue payments received through December 31 were \$945,776. Expenditures were \$687,099 resulting in an UNDER expenditure of \$258,677.

General Fund: State General Fund revenue received through December was \$508,539. Expenditures were \$389,203 and \$3,902 redirected resulting in an UNDER expenditure of \$115,433

Net Position increased by \$332,075.

**Mr. Ginop asked members if there were any questions about the financial reports. Hearing none, Mr. Ginop directed the reports be placed on file for audit.**

**Personnel Committee Report:** The Personnel Committee met on January 27 to review proposed changes to the job classification grid. There were no questions from the Board and no action required.

#### **ACTION ITEM(S) WITHOUT COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

Kevin Hartley, CFO, submitted a new policy "Conflict of Interest (2 CFR 200)". The policy puts us in compliance with Federal rule 2CFR200.318.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE POLICY ON "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" (2 CFR 200)" BY MS. SHERMAN, SUPPORT BY MR. BOYD. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Bolter, Associate Director CMHAM, provided an update on the Department's Behavioral Health Plan and FY21 budget.

Mr. Bolter spoke about the system redesign stressing that this is a starting point; it will change and evolve as the process moves forward. The association believes the current proposal will not fix the provider shortfalls, staff turnover and other issues the department has identified. The issues are based primarily on anecdotal evidence rather than data. Mr. Bolter went through the MDHHS's PowerPoint presentation being shown at the public forums.

SIP Requirements from MDHHS include:

- DHHS Key component to SIP proposal
- Risk bearing – transfer risk from state to SIP
- Competition – how to make all stakeholders happy
- Financial integration – directly related to risk bearing
- Statewide – preference but not a deal killer (3-5 regions may make up a statewide network)

The association sees a strong role for public governance with county, clients, state, and CMH all at the table. Competition is concerning. Private insurance has little incentive to partner with a public system, they could simply take this service provision on themselves. CMHAM is supportive of the proposed funding plan, although there are still many details to be worked out including, recipient rights structure and SUD funding.

The Department has a very aggressive timeline which seems politically motivated. It is likely that the timeline will be pushed back. CMHAM is partnering with many entities around the state, advocacy groups, law enforcement, legislature. Legislative leaders are very skeptical of this proposal. The expansion of the Behavioral Health Home Model in the 21-county region is still planned for October 2020. The BHH model is showing savings and may be an alternative to consider. CMHAM main message is to build on what we have, not tear it down

Mr. Bolton moved on to review the Governor's FY21 Budget and key elements impacting mental health services.

**Gentle Harbor presentation** was tabled and will be scheduled for another time.

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Gebhard directed the Boards attention to the CEO report. She is involved in many advocacy efforts. Ms. Gebhard informed the board of the ongoing Union negotiations. They will extend the current contract out another sixty days. We are unable to settle wage negotiations until we are sure of our projected revenue.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE, ARTICLES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Ms. Gebhard shared several pieces of correspondence, including:

Cheboygan County passed the Stepping Up Resolutions, which brings us to three; Emmet county voting this evening. Emmet, Cheboygan and Charlevoix are looking at purchasing the same jail management software which could accommodate regional data collection. Ms. Gebhard plans to present to the Kalkaska and Otsego county commissioners in the new future.

Ms. Gebhard pointed out the Northern Exposure newsletter which celebrates NCCMH staff. She also mentioned that she will be on vacation next week.

#### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Gebhard provided a short update indicating that two additional staff, Joe Balberde and Carole Doherty, are going through the LEAN Champion training which is a six-month process.

#### **NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY**

The draft minutes of January 22, 2020 Northern Michigan Regional Entity board meeting were shared. Ms. Gebhard also reviewed the NMRE Funding Source Report which shows North Country CMH in relation to other members of the PIHP for both Traditional Medicaid (including Autism), and the Healthy Michigan Plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Personnel Committee meeting will be scheduled to conduct the CEO evaluation and contract renewal.

A Program Committee will also be scheduled for March.

Mr. Boyd gave a report on the Consumer Council meeting of Feb. 3. He said the council reviewed their mission and values and discussed census and election voting along with ways to strengthen the Consumer Council. They are also working to build membership at the clubhouses.

**BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS** – Mr. Iseler commented on a TV news report on the funding of mental health services in Michigan. There was mention of hospital beds in Northern Michigan. Ms. Gebhard told the board she will be meeting with the Vice President of Operations for McLaren and taking a tour of the vacant med/surgical unit at the Cheboygan Hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by Board Chair, Ed Ginop.

  
Edward Ginop, Board Chair