

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2021

NorthCare Network

1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Video/Audio Connection

NORTHCARE NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT: NorthCare Network ensures that every eligible recipient receives quality specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports through the responsible management of regional resources.

Present On-Site: N/A

Present via VTC/Audio: Pat Rozich (*Hancock, MI*), George Botbyl (*Gladstone, MI*), Bill Davie (*Marquette, MI*), Dr. John Shoberg (*Hale, MI*), Jim Moore (*Kinross, MI*), Jim Tervo (*St. Ignace, MI*), Steve Thomas (*Ironwood Twp., Gogebic Co., MI*), Joe Bonovetz (*Bessemer, Gogebic Co., MI*), George Ecclesine (*Manistique, MI*), Mari Negro (*Menominee Co., MI*), Mike Koskinen (*Baraga, MI*), Glenn Wing (*Ishpeming, MI*), Ann Martin (*Iron Mt., Dickinson Co., MI*), Patricia Phillips (*Hermansville, Menominee Co., MI*), George Beninghaus (*Bessemer, Gogebic Co., MI*)

Not Present: Tom Korpi (alternate), Carrie Braspenick (alternate)

NorthCare Staff/Guests: Dr. Tim Kangas, Megan Rooney, Andy Kulie, Diane Bennett, Judi Brugman, Tami LeBlanc

CMH Staff/Guests: Julie Hautala (*Gogebic*), Cari Raboin (*Copper Country*)

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Rozich called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO, with each board member participating remotely identifying themselves and their location (listed above in attendance). A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda – Additional Item: Board Letter

Minutes – No changes.

Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the agenda as amended and the May 12, 2021 minutes as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Rozich gave a verbal report.

CEO UPDATE

NorthCare Network CEO Kangas provided an update on system redesign proposals, direct care worker wages, and working with CMHAM in advocacy and MDHHS contract negotiations. He discussed the Behavioral Health Home and having a presentation at the next board meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

a. **Finance Report, & Check Register - \$734,851.62**

CFO Megan Rooney reviewed the Finance Report. Discussion held.

Motion made by Dr. John Shoberg to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by Steve Thomas.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Building Update**

A verbal update was given on exploring the building purchase option. CEO Kangas provided answers to the liability risk questions. The building inspection has been completed and awaiting final report. We are researching rural development grants and mortgage rates. It is our expectation to have a final proposal outlining all information in the August board packet. Discussion held on rent vs. own, being a landlord, and the purchase deadline date. Board requested that pros vs. cons, rental/tenant history, and rent vs. own costs also be included in the proposal packet.

b. **Informational Items**

Informational Items included in the packet were the NorthCare Network Board Report, MI Health Link Report, and Penetration Report Synopsis.

Motion made by Steve Thomas that all informational items be received and placed on file.

Supported by Dr. John Shoberg

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

c. **Board Letter**

A board letter was drafted opposing the legislative public behavioral health system redesign proposals. This was sent via email prior to the meeting. Board approval requested to send the letter to legislators on the board's behalf.

Motion made by George Beninghaus to approve sending board letter to legislators. Support by Bill Davie.

Vote – all in favor, motion carried. Approved.

BOARD PRESENTATION

Tami LeBlanc, Clinical Director, gave a presentation on *Trauma Informed Systems of Care*. The presentation along with handouts were provided in the board packet. Board discussion held.

Motion made by Bill Davie to approve and support the Trauma Informed System of Care efforts.

Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote – all in favor, motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Demand and Capacity Report Presentation
- b. Election of Officers
- c. Behavioral Health Home Presentation

NEXT MEETING

Reminder there is no July meeting. Next Meeting will be August 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rozich declared the meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO