

## NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 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:** George Botbyl (*Gladstone, MI*), Pat Rozich (*Hancock, MI*), Bill Davie (*Marquette, MI*), Jim Moore (*Kinross, MI*), Jim Tervo (*Houghton, MI*), Steve Thomas (*Ironwood Twp., Gogebic Co., MI*), Joe Bonovetz (*Bessemer, Gogebic Co., MI*), Mari Negro (*Meyer Twp., Menominee Co., MI*), Glenn Wing (*Ishpeming, MI*), Ann Martin (*Iron Mt., Dickinson Co., MI*), Patricia Phillips (*Meyer Twp., Menominee Co., MI*), Dr. John Shoberg (*Cedarville, MI*), George Ecclesine (*Manistique, MI*), George Beninghaus (*Bessemer, MI*)

**Not Present:** Mike Koskinen, Tom Korpi (*alternate*), Carrie Braspenick (*alternate*)

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

**CMH Staff/Guests:** Jennifer Cescolini (*Northpointe*), Cari Raboin (*Copper Country*)

**Recorder:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

*Mari Negro joined at 12:08 PM*

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:00 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** – No additions

**Minutes** – No changes

**Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the agenda as presented and accept the October 13, 2021 minutes as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl gave a verbal report on the CMHA conference in Traverse City and last month's question regarding bylaws. He opened the floor for discussion on the Bylaws and Officer positions. Discussion held.

**Motion made by Jim Tervo that the Board gives the Officers of the Board the responsibility to make recommendations on the CEO's evaluation and salary to the board as done previously. Support by George Beninghaus.**

Discussion held.

### **Roll Call Vote**

**Yes – 11** (*Botbyl, Beninghaus, Bonovetz, Davie, Ecclesine, Moore, Rozich, Shoberg, Tervo, Thomas, Wing*)

**No – 3** (*Martin, Negro, Phillips*)

**Motion carried. Approved.**

**Motion made by Ann Martin to review the bylaws and amended as necessary. Support by Mari Negro.**

Discussion held.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes – 5** (*Bonovetz, Beninghaus, Martin, Negro, Phillips*)

**No – 9** (*Botbyl, Davie, Ecclesine, Moore, Rozich, Shoberg, Tervo, Thomas, Wing*)

**Motion failed.**

Board continued to discuss the bylaws.

**Motion made by Mari Negro that any meeting held of this board, committee or otherwise, that minutes be taken.**

**Support by Pat Phillips.**

Discussion held.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes – 7** (*Bonovetz, Beninghaus, Ecclesine, Martin, Moore, Negro, Phillips*)

**No – 7** (*Botbyl, Davie, Rozich, Shoberg, Tervo, Thomas, Wing*)

**Motion failed.**

**Motion made by George Beninghaus to ask for legal opinion on the Executive Officers meeting before the regular board meeting. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote – 13 Yes and 1 No**

**Motion carried. Approved.**

CEO UPDATE

NorthCare Network CEO Kangas provided an update from recent department meetings. He discussed System Redesign, the new Regional EMER ES Access Agreement, and CMS Vaccination Rules. He also gave kudos to Jeremy Clark, Northpointe IT staff, for his work with the regional data system.

FINANCE REPORT

**a. Finance Report, & Check Register - \$1,572,826.43**

CFO Megan Rooney reviewed the Finance Report and Check Register.

**Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.**

**Support by Ann Martin.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

OTHER BUSINESS

**a. OMA & 2022 Meetings**

After December 31<sup>st</sup>, only a member absent due to military duty can participate remotely/electronically per the Open Meetings Act (OMA). All other members will need to attend in-person. Tim and Sandra are bringing this to the board's attention now to begin to discuss the 2022 meeting schedule. Further discussion will be held at December meeting.

**b. Policies/Plans**

- i. Provider Appeal Process-Medicaid ABD (Medical Necessity) and Payment Policy
- ii. QAPIP Plan

**Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the new Provider Appeal Process-Medicaid ABD (Medical Necessity) and Payment Policy as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the QAPIP Plan as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**c. Contract**

Contracts were presented as follows: Superior Housing Solutions (*Integrated Health Care, up to \$142,000*); DIAL Help (*SUD Prevention, \$117,644*); Great Lakes Recovery Center (*SUD Prevention, \$344,038*); LMAS District Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention, \$161,141*); MARESA (*SUD Prevention, \$192,057*); Public Health-Delta/Menominee Counties (*SUD Treatment/Prevention, \$100,000*); and Western U.P. District Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Prevention, \$100,000*).

**Motion made by Steve Thomas to approve the contracts as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**d. Informational Items**

Informational Items included in the packet were the NorthCare Network Board Report and Penetration Report Synopsis.

**Motion made by Steve Thomas that all Informational Items be received and placed on file.**

**Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

**Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.**

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Dr. Shoberg commented on the two fantastic presentations at GLRMHA given by NorthCare staff, especially the one on BHH.

Chairperson Botbyl commented he would ask Tim to draft the letter to legal counsel and will review to ensure the board's questions and concerns are included.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentations -Compliance and QAPIP

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be December 8, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

**Recorded By:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO