

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2024

NorthCare Network Board Room
1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

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.

Board Members Present: Joe Bonovetz, George Ecclesine, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Jim Moore, Mari Negro, Marge Rayner, Pat Rozich, Dr. John Shoberg, Glenn Wing

Board Members Not Present: George Botbyl, Bill Malloy, Pat Phillips, Kevin Pirlot, Jim Tervo, George Beninghaus (*alternate*), Richard Herrala (*alternate*), Ann Martin (*alternate*)

NorthCare Staff: Megan Rooney, Sara Sircely, Stacy Coleman, Jennifer Ahonen

CMH Staff: Tess Greenough

Guests: Ralph Kramer

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Ann Martin attended virtually as a member of the public and was not considered present as an alternate board member.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson Rayner called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO, a quorum was present. Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda: No Additions

Minutes: No Changes

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda and accept the February 14, 2024 minutes as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet. The CEO Performance Evaluation will be done in July/August to align with CEO contract terms.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional and internal updates. She provided an update on CFAP, MI Health Link, Protocol After Hours, Mobile Crisis, and NorthCare staffing. She met with Director Hertel (MDHHS) in March and also had a meeting with Rep. Hill & Rep. Brabec. Megan discussed Menominee/Marinette Counties and Wisconsin laws. She is meeting with Kristen Jordan (MDHHS) to discuss ideas on how to resolve the issues.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report. Discussion held.

b. Check Register - \$2,595,458.67

The Check Register was presented.

Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Contract Grid

Contract Grid was presented as follows: My Michigan Health (*Inpatient -\$1,150/day all inclusive*); Copper Shores dba Dial Help, Inc. (*Warmline – \$4,166.67/month*); Catholic Social Services (*Treatment-\$618,731*); Aspirus Rhinelander (*Inpatient-\$1,459.50*)

b. Rescind Policy

The following policy was presented to rescind: Behavior Treatment Review Policy.

c. Informational Items

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the contract grid, rescind the policy, and accept the informational items to be placed on file. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Glenn Wing commented on the two additional NorthCare holidays approved by the board in December and his concerns on the impact to the CMHs. Megan discussed the differences between PIHPs and CMHs. Dr. Shoberg asked if this was related to a previous executive session. Several board members stated it was not.

Joe Bonovetz commented on the Houghton County Administrator proposal regarding Opioid funding and that Gogebic County is not on board with the proposal.

Pat Rozich commented on the region's nomination committee and that he will be stepping down as Region 1 chair for the CMHA nomination committee.

Pat Rozich also commented that Jen Cescolini, Northpointe CEO should receive our support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on May 8, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Vice -Chairperson Rayner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO