

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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 Botbyl, George Ecclesine, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Marge Rayner, Dr. John Shoberg, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

Board Members Not Present: Jim Moore, Pat Rozich, Jim Tervo, Richard Herrala (*alternate*), Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*)

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

CMH Staff: Tess Greenough, Matt Maskart

Guests: N/A

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:02 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 June 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Botbyl opened the floor for nominations.

Motion made by Dr. John Shoberg to nominate the current slate of officers for another year. Support by Mari Negro.

Chairperson Botbyl asked for any other nominations. None were offered.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for the three current officers to continue for another year. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote – all in favor, motion carried. Approved.

Chairperson George Botbyl, Vice-Chairperson Margaret Rayner, and Secretary Pat Rozich were re-elected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet. He reminded the board that CEO Evaluations are due August 15th.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional and internal updates. MDHHS Contract Manager visited onsite with NorthCare staff to discuss several regional topics. Megan provided an update on CFAP, Inpatient Tier Rates, the Rural Caucus, and several meetings held with different legislators. She reminded everyone that the GLRMHA conference is scheduled for September 8-10. All NorthCare staff will have Mental Health First Aid training.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$2,196,740.92

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report and Check Register. Discussion held.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. Compliance Exam

The FY23 Compliance Exam Report was presented.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the FY23 Compliance Exam Report as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Longevity Pay Grant

CEO Rooney discussed that NorthCare is in the second year of the retention grant and that the board approved using the grant last year for longevity pay. The request is for a one-time longevity pay for NorthCare staff utilizing \$68,000 from the retention grant. Tiering and payment would be based on the number of staff and years of service. Discussion held.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the one-time longevity pay for NorthCare staff.

Support by Marge Rayner.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract

CEO Rooney discussed the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract, recent contract negotiation meetings, and issues with the language specifically the ISF and Waskul Settlement. She reminded the board that they approved the ISF resolution in June. Discussion was held on next steps. The current drafted contract language is not signable and would not be good for the region. MDHHS will be issuing a final contract within the next week. Several PIHPs are considering legal action if the language is not changed. She is asking for board support if we must take legal action. Discussion held.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz for the board to support the CEO and give permission to seek legal authority related to the MDHHS/PIHP contract. Support by Marge Rayner.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment-\$223,648*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. Coalition Funding (*SUD Prevention-\$64,030*); North Shores Center (*Crisis Residential - \$496/day all inclusive*); Intuitive Mind (*DBT Training-\$13,500*); Pine Rest CMHS (*Inpatient -\$1,269/day-adult, \$1,393/day-child-adolescent, \$582-day-PHP*); SBH Green Bay-Willow Creek (*Inpatient-\$1,293*); Forestview Hospital (*Inpatient-\$1,121.48/adult-adolescent-child, \$500.52 PHP*); BCA of Detroit-Stonecrest (*Inpatient -\$995/adults-older adults-child-adolescent*); Steven Miljour, DO (*Integrated Healthcare-\$200/hr. up to \$10,000 per year*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*BHH-\$311.97 pm/pm SO280*); Integris (*Computer/IT -\$2,688/August and then \$2,822.40/monthly for annual total of \$33,734.40*)

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the contract grid as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

d. Rescind Policies

The following policies were presented to rescind: *Legal Health Record Policy and Designated Record Set Policy.*

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve rescinding the two policies as presented. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

e. Informational Items

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report and PBIP Joint Care Management Process Narrative.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to accept the informational items to be placed on file. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Glenn Wing commented on how happy he is with NorthCare’s CEO and how she advocates and works hard for the region. Board members agreed with his comment.

Ann Martin asked for clarification on the contract grid. Megan answered her questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on September 11, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.