

NORTHCARE NETWORK SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER POLICY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING -ELECTRONIC
(Via Zoom)
November 9, 2020

NorthCare Network Board Room
1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855
Video/Audio Connection via ZOOM

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 by Remote Participation: Jim Moore (Chippewa Co. MI), Cathy Pullen (Alger Co. MI), Michael Koskinen (Baraga, MI), Stephen Adamini (Marquette, MI), Joe Bonovetz (Bessemer, MI), Robert Nousiainen (Bruce Crossing, MI), Steven Gromala (Menominee Co. MI), Kevin Pirlot (Dickinson Co. MI), Randy Eckloff (Keweenaw Co. MI), Roy Britz (Houghton Co. MI), Tim Aho (Iron Co. MI) Craig Reiter (Gulliver, MI)

Not Present: Jim Hill, David Rivard, Nancy Morrison

NorthCare Staff/Guests: Judi Brugman, Dr. Tim Kangas, Megan Rooney

Recorder: Sandra Lambert

Craig Reiter rejoined at 10:09AM after a lost connection.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Moore called the special meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, NorthCare Network Executive Assistant to the CEO/Contract Manager, 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

Agenda: no changes or additions.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Robert Nousiainen.

Vote: All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. SUD Community Block Grant Reduction Update

Chairperson Moore and Judi Brugman, SAPT Director, reported that NorthCare Network received notice from MDHHS Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care that the SUD block grant allocation for FY21 is being reduced by 38% (\$1,172,355) and the impact this will have on programming throughout the U.P. Discussion held.

b. PA2 Funds Allocation Request

NorthCare is requesting the SUD Policy Board approve additional liquor tax funds for FY21 up to \$550,000 be allocated to help offset some of the program reductions. Discussion held.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the additional liquor tax funds up to the \$550,000.

Supported by Kevin Pirlot.

Vote – All in Favor. Motion Carried. Approved

c. High School Graduation

Discussion held on high school graduation allocation in 2021 with the current funding situation. Schools that did receive funding in 2020 were not able to hold their events due to the pandemic.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve not funding high school graduation events in 2021.

Supported by Robert Nousiainen.

Discussion held.

Vote: All in Favor-Motion Carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Kevin Pirlot commented that it has been a pleasure participating on this board the last two years.

Craig Reiter commented that he did not get re-elected as county commissioner but will be asking the county board to allow him to stay on the SUD Policy Board as Schoolcraft County representative.

A question was raised regarding bylaws. Chairperson Moore clarified that the board member does not have to be a county commissioner. The bylaws allow for the County Board of Commissioner can appoint a county commissioner or another person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting will be April 21, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EST)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO/Contract Manager