

## NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 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, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Dr. John Shoberg, Jim Tervo, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*)

**Board Members Not Present:** Mari Negro, Richard Herrala (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*)

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

**CMH Staff:** Tess Greenough

**Guests:** Pat Jennings, Dr. Fred Groos

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

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. He welcomed Craig Reiter as a new board member.

Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO, a quorum was present. Those in attendance held a moment of silence for the anniversary of 9/11 and stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Agenda:** Addition to Contract Grid – Foxbright (Website Development/Design -\$11,796)

**Minutes:** No Changes

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as amended and the August 14, 2024 minutes as presented.**

**Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Jennings and Dr. Fred Groos spoke on behalf of Superior Connections RCO board. They commented on the issues at Superior Connections regarding previous management, the Engagement Center, and Fisher Street House. They are trying to rectify the issues at Fisher Street House and return the funds from the Engagement Center. Superior Connections received a letter from NorthCare Network that current funding is ending on 9/30/24 and the contract will not be renewed. Mr. Jennings and Dr. Groos asked for reconsideration of NorthCare's decision.

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet. He thanked board members who participated in the CEO evaluation process and thanked everyone who attended the GLRMHA conference. Discussion was held on the conference presentations. The board discussed having staff provide board presentations in the future.

## CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional and internal updates. MDHHS has released an updated FY25 Contract, but it still doesn't address all the PIHP's concerns. Discussion held on next steps. She provided an update on the 1115 waiver, Transportation Policy, and Neuro-psych testing. She discussed the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) projects and the QAPIP that were provided in the board packet. Megan provided an update on Superior Connections. NorthCare will not be renewing Superior Connection's current contract which ends on 9/30/24. Discussion was held on the continued misuse of block grant funding, the recoupment plan, and consumer quality of care.

## FINANCE

### **a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,420,010.48**

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

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

**Support by Joe Bonovetz.**

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

### **b. FY24 Budget Amendment & FY25 Proposed Budget**

The FY24 Budget Amendment & FY25 Proposed Budget was presented.

**Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve the FY24 Budget Amendment & FY25 Proposed Budget as presented.**

**Support by Glenn Wing.**

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

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **a. COLA Proposal**

CEO Rooney requested a 3% COLA for NorthCare staff effective October 13, 2024 which coincides with the beginning of a pay period. Discussion held.

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the 3% COLA for NorthCare staff. Support by George Ecclesine.**

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

### **b. CEO Salary**

The CEO Evaluation Summary, supporting documents, and salary recommendation were sent to the board on 8/30/24 for review. Discussion held.

**Motion made by Dr. John Shoberg to approve the 3% increase to the CEO annual salary as presented.**

**Support by Kevin Pirlot.**

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

### **c. Contract Grid**

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: My Michigan Health Sault/Alma/Midland/Alpena (*Inpatient-\$1,196 day/adult, \$746 day/PHP, ECT-per Medicare fee Schedule=\$661.52*); UPHP-Care Bridge (*Administrative - \$400.00 per Care Bridge Portal License annually, \$2,000 per Altruista License annually, \$300.00 per Tableau Viewer License annually, \$46.00 per hour for Programmer/ Analyst time (inclusive of benefits, wages, and administrative overhead)*); Netsmart - MyLearningPointe (*Administrative-\$47,440.36*); Pine Rest CMHS (*Inpatient-\$879/day all-inclusive in addition to IP rate:ECT*); TBD Solutions (*Administrative-\$35,300*).

Addition to Contract Grid: Foxbright (*Website Development/Design -\$11,796*)

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the amended contract grid as presented. Support by Marge Rayner.**

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

**d. New Policy**

The following new policy was presented: *Release of Medical Records Policy*.

**Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the new policy as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

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

**e. FY25 QAPIP Plan**

The FY25 QAPIP Plan was presented for board approval.

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the FY25 QAPIP Plan as presented. Support by Jim Tervo.**

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

**f. Informational Items**

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report, Documentation PIP Project, and Satisfaction Survey PIP Project

**Motion made by Dr. John Shoberg to accept the informational items to be placed on file. Support by Joe Bonovetz.**

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Jim Tervo expressed his gratitude for the QAPIP being easy to read and asked that his appreciation be passed on to staff.

Ann Martin commented that the Northpointe Board has received Jennifer Cescolini's resignation effective 10/31/24.

Ann Martin and Kevin Pirlot both commented on AFC Homes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on October 9, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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