

## NORTHCARE NETWORK SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER POLICY BOARD

December 15, 2021

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 via VTC/Audio:** Jim Moore (*Kinross, Chippewa Co. MI*), Joe Bonovetz (*Bessemer, Gogebic Co., MI*), Robert Nousiainen (*Bruce Crossing, Ontonagon Co. MI*), Randy Eckloff (*Allouez Twp., Keweenaw Co. MI*), Roy Britz (*Portage Twp., Houghton Co. MI*), Nancy Morrison (*Luce Co. MI*), Bob Barron (*Esanaba, Delta Co., MI*), Ann Martin (*Dickinson Co. MI*), Cathy Pullen (*Alger Co., MI*), Stephen Adamini (*Marquette, MI*), Craig Reiter (*Doyle Twp., Schoolcraft Co. MI*), Mike Koskinen (*Baraga, MI*)

**Not Present:** Steven Gromala, Jim Hill, Tim Aho

**NorthCare Staff/Guests:** Judi Brugman

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

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Moore called meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, NorthCare Network 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 change

**Minutes:** No change

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the agenda and September 15, 2021 minutes as presented.**

**Support by Joe Bonovetz.**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Moore did not have a report.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. FY21 Liquor Tax Receipts  
Judi Brugman, SAPT Director, reviewed the receipts.
- b. FY22 Estimate County PA2 Totals  
Reviewed the preliminary estimate report. Discussion held.

c. **FY 22 Prevention & Treatment Budget Proposed Amendment**

Report reviewed and discussion held on the budget proposed amendment.

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to receive and place on file Financial Items A and B and to approve the FY22 Prevention & Treatment Budget Proposed Amendment. Support by Ann Martin.**

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

OTHER BUSINESS

a. SAPT Director Update

Judi Brugman, SAPT Director, provided an update on being able to secure additional funding from the Beyond the Save Grant to help support the treatment courts sending staff to the drug conference. She spoke of a grant opportunity through the University of Colorado for the Botvin Life Skills program. NorthCare is applying for the grant to expand and offer the program in more schools. Judi discussed that there is carry over grant funding available through the State Opioid Response Grant. If approved, this would increase the ability to do more harm reduction training.

Both Judi and Dr. Kangas spoke on the Opioid Settlement and the availability for municipalities to register to receive funding from the settlement over the next 18 years. Judi pulled the current list of who has registered and all fifteen U.P. counties have plus several cities. Sandra will send the website information to the board. The department has asked the PIHPs to compile a list of prevention and treatment providers who we contract with. There are concerns this won't be looked at from a regional level. This is an opportunity for municipalities to enhance/support existing programs and add additional services in local communities. Discussion held on continuing to work with NorthCare and our providers directly. Judi spoke of sending out a region-wide communication to the municipalities this spring on what resources are in the U.P.

b. **By-Laws**

The proposed by-law amendment changes were presented.

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the revised amended By-Laws as presented. Support by Bob Barron.**

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

*Nancy Morrison was unable to vote due to IT issues.*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Ann Martin asked if there was a framework to look at results of our efforts.

Judi Brugman replied when NorthCare funds a service the providers are required to do activity reports as an annual report is submitted to the legislatures. A report is being developed on the FY21 activity of the syringe service program and will try to do the same with recovery coaching. Judi also discussed the Opioid Health Home as a Medicaid service with 200 beneficiaries enrolled.

Discussion held on whether there was information available by county on how many Narcan Kits are used. NorthCare does receive a report from the state on how many kits are ordered, but Judi will reach out to the state to ask.

Bob Barron commented on drug use, addiction, Narcan treatments and are we addressing the effects of the problem or the cause. If we are basically only addressing the effects, we will never solve the cause and asked if we need to look at what is being done to address the cause.

Ann Martin commented on a letter to the editor that was in her local newspaper regarding marijuana.

Dr. Kangas commented on the numerous prevention activities in the region, evidence-based programs, and the goal to have these type of programs in all the schools.

Judi Brugman followed up with information on how the Communities That Care Collation reached out to local marijuana shops to team up with providers and help collaborate on education and keeping the substances away from youth. Medical safes have also been distributed across the region. The idea is to try to limit accessibility to youth and that initiation of developing addictions and dependency.

Several board members wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting will be April 20, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (EST)

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to adjourn meeting. Support by Ann Martin**

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

Chair Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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