

## NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2026

1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Video Connection at Copper Country CMH-Houghton, Gogebic County CMH,  
Hiawatha Behavioral Health-Chippewa and Schoolcraft,  
Northpointe Behavioral Health Systems-Dickinson and Iron

**Present at NorthCare:** George Ecclesine, Mike Koskinen, John Malnar, Ann Martin, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

**Present via Video Connection:** Joe Bonovetz, Colleen Kichak, Bill Malloy, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Jim Tervo

**Not Present:** Gale Eilola, Richard Herrala (*alternate*), Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*)

**NorthCare/CMH Staff:** Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Cody Bowser, Andy Kulie, Sara Sircely, Courtney Grant, Tess Greenough, Eric Coon

**Guests:** Lucas Burrows

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

*Mari Negro arrived at 12:08 PM*

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Wing called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Agenda:** Change to Contract Grid under Queen Bee's Knees (MyUP Now) – New Contract Dates 9/2/26-9/30/27

**Minutes:** No Changes

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from August 12, 2026 as presented.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Wing gave a verbal report. He thanked everyone who attended the GLRMHA conference and those board members that completed the CEO Evaluation.

### CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal update on state, regional, and internal matters. Mediation for the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract Litigation was held on 8/13/26 and 9/3/26. The FY27 MDHHS/PIHP Contract has been fully executed. Additional updates were given on the FY27 Rate Setting meeting, HR1, House Bill 6022, and the SDA grant reduction.

### FINANCE

**a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$807,898.25**

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

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

**Support by George Ecclesine.**

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

**b. FY26 Budget Amendment and FY27 Proposed Budget**

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the FY26 Budget Amendment and FY27 Proposed Budget. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment as presented.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

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

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the FY27 Proposed Budget as presented.**

**Support by John Malnar**

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

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. COLA Proposal**

CEO Rooney requested a 3.4% COLA for NorthCare staff effective October 11, 2026 which coincides with the beginning of the first pay period in FY27. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by John Malnar to approve the 3.4% COLA for NorthCare staff effective 10/11/26.**

**Support by Marge Rayner.**

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

**b. CEO Salary**

The CEO Evaluation Summary, supporting documents, and CEO annual salary recommendation were sent to the board on 9/11/26 for review. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve a \$205,000 annual CEO salary effective of 9/27/26.**

**Support by Marge Rayner.**

Discussion was held.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes – 14** (*Bonovetz, Ecclesine, Koskinen, Kichak, Malloy, Malnar, Martin, Negro, Patrick, Rayner, Reiter, Tervo, Thompson, Wing*)

**No – 0**

**Motion carried. Approved.**

**c. Contract Grid**

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: BCA of Detroit dba StoneCrest Center (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,025, Child/Adol-\$1,025*); Havenwyck Hospital dba Cedar Creek (*Inpatient -Adult/Geriatric-\$1,097*); Forest View (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,155, Child/Adol-\$1,155, PHP-\$515*); PHC of Michigan dba Harbor Oaks Hospital (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$925, Child/Adol-\$925, Specialized IP Ped Unit-\$1,375*); Havenwyck Hospital (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,054, Child/Adol-\$1,054, PHP-\$440*); Healthsource Saginaw (*Inpatient - Adult-\$1,180, Child/Adol-\$1,192, Geriatric - \$1,1920*); MyMichigan Alpena/Alma/Midland/Sault (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,232, PHP- \$768, ECT – Medicare Fee Schedule*); Pine Rest (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,333, Child/Adol-\$1,464, PHP Eating Disorder – \$794, PHP-\$612, IP ECT-\$924*); UP Health System Marquette (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$895, IP ECT-\$702*); SBH-Green Bay, LLC dba Willow Creek Behavioral Health (*Inpatient - Adult/Geriatric-\$1,331, Child/Adol-\$1,331, PHP-\$600*); North Shores Center (*Crisis Residential - H0018-\$650 per day*); Interstate Drug Testing (*Drug Testing-\$10,000*); Peninsula Pharmacy (*Pharmacy Services - \$28,531*); Treatment Funding Pool-DOT Caring, Sunrise Centre, Harbor Hall, Recovery Incentives Start Up for Organizations launching pilot, Recovery Incentives continuation, SDA for Treatment Providers, Single Case Agreements (*SUD Treatment - \$23,500*); Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment - \$145,361, S0280-\$380.81, S0281-\$380.81*); Dr. Miljour (*SUD Treatment - \$26,400*); Erin Cretens (*SUD Treatment - \$15,000*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*SUD Treatment - \$902,854, S0280-\$380.81, S0281-\$380.81*); Hannahville Indian Community (*SUD Treatment - \$200,000, H2034-\$30.14, H0038-\$15.49*); Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (*SUD Treatment - \$7,500*); Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft District Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment - \$75,000, T1012-\$52.00, 98960-\$13.00, 98961-\$4.33, 98962-\$2.17*); Phoenix House (*SUD Treatment - \$46,453, S0280-\$380.81, S0281-\$380.81*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment - \$20,000, S0280-\$380.81, S0281-\$380.81*); Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center (*SUD Treatment - \$10,000*,

S0280-\$380.81, S0281-\$380.81); Dickinson County Jail (*SUD Jail Services - \$70,000*); Iron County Jail (*SUD Jail Services-\$10,000*); Gogebic County Jail (*SUD Jail Services - \$20,000*); Public Health Delta Menominee (*Mobile Unit-\$22,000*); Western UP Health Dept. (*Mobile Unit - \$13,676*); Chippewa County Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - School Based- \$23,098, MIPAC-\$54,420, Synar-\$1,318*); Copper Country Mental Health (*SUD Prevention - School Based-\$15,492, MIPAC-\$74,037*); Dickinson Iron District Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - Synar-\$2,781*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*SUD Prevention - School Based/all other prevention-\$385,650,MIPAC-\$39,940, Synar- \$4,532*); Luce Mackinac Alger Schoolcraft Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - School Based-\$215,142, MIPAC-\$65,472, Synar-\$14,828*); Marquette Alger RESA (*SUD Prevention - School Based-\$163,112*); Marquette County Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - School Based-\$111,717, Synar-\$3,448*); Western Upper Peninsula Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - Synar-\$8,325*); Gery Shelafoe (*SUD Prevention - \$24,000*); University of Washington (*SUD Prevention - \$36,000*); Queen Bee's Knees/MyUP Now (*Veteran Navigator Media Campaign - \$18,000*).

**Motion made by Marge Rayner to approve the updated Contract Grid as presented.**

**Support by George Ecclesine.**

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

**d. New Policies**

Two new policies were presented: Meeting Recording & Transcription Policy and SUD Waiting List Policy.

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the two new policies as presented.**

**Support by John Malnar.**

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

**e. FY27 QAPIP Plan**

The FY27 QAPIP Plan was presented. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the FY27 QAPIP Plan as presented.**

**Support by George Ecclesine.**

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

**f. FY27 UM Plan**

The FY27 UM Plan was presented.

**Motion made by John Malnar to approve the FY27 UM Plan as presented.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

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

**g. Informational Items**

Informational Items were included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report and SUD Policy Oversight Board Meeting Draft Minutes (August 19, 2026).

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be October 14, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Wing declared the meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM

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