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.

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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,*

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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

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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

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