

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

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 Ecclesine, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Jim Moore, Mari Negro, Pat Phillips, Marge Rayner, Dr. John Shoberg, Ann Martin (*alternate*), Richard Herrala (*alternate*)

Board Members Not Present: George Botbyl, Kevin Pirlot, Pat Rozich, Jim Tervo, Glenn Wing, George Beninghaus (*alternate*)

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

CMH Staff: Matt Maskart, Melissa Hall

Guests: George Botbyl, Pat Rozich

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

George Botbyl and Pat Rozich attended virtually as members of the public and were not considered present as board members.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Rayner 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. Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda: None

Motion made by Ann Martin to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

Minutes: None

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes as presented. Support by Bill Malloy.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Botbyl encouraged board members to reach out to their CMH CEOs and get feedback on how things are going with NorthCare and the Interim CEO.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda and packet items.

SUD POLICY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

SUD Policy Board Chair Jim Moore reviewed the SUD Policy Board draft minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting.

INTERIM CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, Interim CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional and internal updates. She discussed recent MDHHS meetings, the FY24 proposed state budget, MDHHS' idea for inpatient beds & emergency departments, and MDHHS' recent proposed policy regarding targeted case management in a jail setting. Discussion was held on Senator McBroom meeting with several U.P. county board members and his ideas. The CMH CEOs and Megan met to discuss and sent a joint communication to Senator McBroom requesting a meeting. Megan discussed a new rural health caucus initiative between NorthCare Network, NMRE and CMHA. She also provided additional details on the policies in the packet.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report & Check Register - \$963,460.83

The Finance Report and Check Register were presented.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. SUD Screening & Public Defender's Office Concern Update

Sara Sircely, SUD Services Director, provided an update on the Public Defender's Office concern presented to the board during last month's public comment. After the board meeting, NorthCare's SUD Clinical Director Tami LeBlanc was alerted to their concerns. Tami was not aware of any issues prior to this and did review the details provided. Tami and NorthCare staff did reach out to the Public Defender's Office staff to discuss the concerns. NorthCare's screening process was reviewed, and several suggestions were made to help the Public Defender's Office staff with their process and alleviate any miscommunications.

b. CEO Job Description Recommendation

At last month's meeting, the board requested that the NorthCare Leadership Team review the CEO job description and bring a recommendation back to the board. Megan Rooney, Interim CEO, provided an update that they did meet and discussed the CEO position, potential for a COO position, job functions/responsibilities, and whether to keep it as one combined CEO position or to separate it into two full time positions (CEO and COO). The Leadership Team did not have an overall consensus and are equally divided on what direction to take. At this time, the recommendation is not to separate out the position. We need more time to continue to review NorthCare's structure, identify gaps, and where the greatest need is to ensure we are providing enough support to our provider network.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the CEO job description recommendation as presented to move it to the next step with the CEO Search Committee. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. June Board Meeting

Discussion was held on whether to keep the June board meeting as scheduled or move it to July. The board opted to keep the meeting as scheduled. No motion was needed as no changes were made to the 2023 meeting schedule.

d. Rescind Policies

Nine policies were recommended to rescind including: *Collaboration with Community Organizations Policy, General Fund Waiting List Policy, Autism Benefit Policy, Jail Diversion Policy, Peer Support Specialist/Recovery Coach Services Policy, Appeal Process for Compliance Disorders Policy, CMHSP Medical Services & Referral Policy, Psychotropic Medication Education & Consent Policy, and Psychotropic Medication Prescribing Policy.*

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to rescind nine policies as presented. Support by Bill Malloy.

Discussion held.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

e. Contract Grid

Contracts were presented as follows: Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization (*SUD Treatment - \$100,000*); Harbor Oaks Hospital (*Inpatient Behavioral Health-\$1,350 per day all-inclusive SPU, \$900 per day all-inclusive inpatient*); Cedar Creek Hospital (*Inpatient Behavioral Health-\$1,024 per day all-inclusive*); Integris (*Firewall Network Service -\$350/mo.*); Erin Cretens (*MAT Relapse Prevention -up to \$14,700*)

Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve the Contract Grid as presented. Support by Joe Bonovetz.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

f. Informational Items

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz that all informational items be received and placed on file. Support by Mari Negro.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Ann Martin praised NorthCare leadership for taking the time to look at what is needed for staffing within the organization and what policies truly apply to the PIHP.

Colleen Kichak introduced herself now being a regular board member instead of an alternate for Gogebic. She also commented on being part of the board years ago.

Pat Phillips commented that she was glad to be back as a regular board member, having been an alternate this last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

June 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to adjourn the meeting. Support by Bill Malloy.

Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairperson Rayner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO