

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 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 Botbyl, George Ecclesine, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Jim Moore, Mari Negro, Pat Phillips, Marge Rayner, Dr. John Shoberg, Jim Tervo, Glenn Wing

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Pirlot, Pat Rozich, George Beninghaus (*alternate*), Richard Herrala (*alternate*), Ann Martin (*alternate*)

NorthCare Staff: Andy Kulie, Sara Sircely, Jennifer Ahonen

CMH Staff: Matt Maskart, Tess Greenough

Guests: Greg Toutant

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Kevin Pirlot attended virtually as a member of the public and was not considered present as a board member.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:01 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: Updated Contract Grid

Minutes: No Changes

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as amended and accept the October 11, 2023 minutes as presented. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Toutant from Great Lakes Recovery Center spoke of their support for the recent leadership changes at NorthCare. GLRC is working with NorthCare to join the Behavioral Health Home program. He also spoke on SUD service rates.

Kevin Pirlot apologized that he was unable to attend the meeting in person but joined to listen as a public member.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional and internal updates. She provided an update on Conflict Free Access & Planning, Rural Caucus, and the 1815 workgroup. Discussion held on Mental Health Access being decentralized in January. She provided an update regarding staffing.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report. Discussion held.

b. Check Register - \$2,768,261.02

The Check Register was presented.

Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. PA152 Resolution

Megan Rooney, CEO presented the PA152 Resolution and options. Discussion held. Recommendation was made for the PA152 Exemption Resolution and a 95/5% (employer/employee) health insurance cost.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the PA 152 Exemption Resolution and 95/5% health insurance cost as presented. Support by Joe Bonovetz.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. PIHP Holidays

Megan Rooney, CEO, discussed PIHP Holidays. Discussion held. Recommendation was made to add Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth to the holiday schedule.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve adding Martin Luther King, Jr. and Juneteenth holidays as presented.

Support by Colleen Kichak.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. 2024 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule was presented. Discussion held.

Motion made by Jim Moore to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule as presented. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

d. Contract Grid-Updated

Updated Contract Grid was presented as follows: Treatment Provider Pool – Sacred Heart, DOT Caring, Bear River Health, KBIC (*Treatment Services-\$121,360*); Superior Connections Recovery Community (*Integrated Health Care Projects-\$150,000*); Big Brothers Big Sisters (*Prevention Services-\$92,840*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. (*Prevention Services-\$133,265*); Copper Country Mental Health (*Prevention Services- \$124,573*); Copper Shores Community Foundation dba Dial Help (*Prevention Services-\$94,995*); Dickinson Iron Health Dept. (*Prevention Services-\$45,869*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*Prevention Services-\$568,380*); LMAS (*Prevention Services-\$245,672*); MARESA (*Prevention Services-\$242,909*); Marquette County Health Dept. (*Prevention Services-\$101,909*); Public Health Delta Menominee (*Prevention Services-\$100,774*) Hannahville Indian Community (*Recovery Support Services-\$23,000*); Catholic Social Services (*Opioid Health Home-SO280HG - \$291.58*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*Behavioral Health Home-SO280 \$311.97/mo. PM/PM*); Catholic Social Services-Marquette (*SUD Treatment- H0001- \$182.11,H0004-\$35.00,H0005- \$33.00, T1007- \$154.80*); Catholic Social Services -Escanaba (*SUD Treatment-H0001- \$135.08,H0004-\$35.00,H0005- \$33.00, T1007- \$130.45*).

Motion made by Jim Moore to approve the Updated Contract Grid as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

e. Rescind Policies

The following policies were presented to rescind: Enrollee-Recipient Rights Policy, Network Provider Grievance & Appeal Process-Administrative Policy, Provider Appeal Process-Medicaid ABD (Medical Necessity) and Payment Policy, Network Provider Selection Policy.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve rescinding the policies as presented. Support by Marge Rayner.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

f. Informational Items

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report

Motion made by Jim Moore that all informational items be received and placed on file. Support by Bill Malloy.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mari Negro discussed concerns regarding the customer service satisfaction survey. She was asked by the Northpointe board to bring it to this board's attention. Discussion held.

Joe Bonovetz discussed PA2 Funds and Gogebic County. Discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Pirlot discussed Northpointe recently attending all three of their county board meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 14, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO