

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2025

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, Gale Eilola, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

Board Members Not Present: Marge Rayner, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

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

CMH Staff: Mandy Padgett, Brent Johnson

Guests: N/A

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl 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: None

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from April 9, 2025 as presented.

Support by Ann Martin.

Vote -All in favor, motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chairperson Botbyl provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet. He announced Dr. John Shoberg resigned from the board.

SUD POLICY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

SUD Policy Board Chairperson Reiter provided a brief verbal report from their April 16th meeting. The SUD Policy Board meeting draft minutes were included in the packet.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates. Discussion was held on the FY25 contract litigation. She provided an update on the MDHHS/PIHP Operations Meeting, Mental Health Framework, Parity Assessment, Child Caring Institution, U.P. Association of County Commissioners Spring Conference, Legislator meetings, and NorthCare staffing.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,290,305.42

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

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

Support by Gale Eilola.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. FY24 Financial Audit Report

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the FY24 Financial Audit Report. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the FY24 Financial Audit Report as presented.

Support by Bill Malloy.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. June Meeting

The regularly scheduled June meeting conflicts with the CMHA Summer conference. Discussion was held on who is attending the conference and if there would be a quorum for the June meeting. Based on the discussion, the June meeting will remain as scheduled.

b. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment 90853- \$51.66 per unit, Van for Elizabeth Women's Recovery House-\$35,256*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*Adolescent Service Center Remodel and Upgrades-\$215,713.41, EMR Implementation Fee- \$118,900*); Hannahville Indian Community (*Passenger Van for Recovery Residence-\$44,041, Recovery Residence Building Upgrades-\$193,724.24*); Phoenix House (*Residential Kitchen Remodel-\$75,803.20, Van for Calumet Residential Location-\$47,140, Van for Bessemer Location-Peer Usage-\$49,535*); LMAS Health Dept. (*Pole Barn for Mobile Unit-\$200,000*); Sacred Heart (*Generator for OTP Medication Storage-\$19,887.15*); KBIC (*Recovery Housing-\$27.50 per day*); Iron County Sheriff's Dept. (*Jail MAT-\$28,500*)

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

Support by Craig Reiter.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Informational Items

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report and SUD Policy Board Meeting Draft Minutes-April 16, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Pat Rozich commented on Dr. John Shoberg's dedication and commitment to the board for many years.

Craig Reiter commented on talking with Senator McBroom at the U.P. Association of County Commissioners Spring Conference. He also commented on the board resolution that is being updated to send to counties. Megan followed up regarding there is a gap in knowledge on what CMHs can do. She also commented that NorthCare is the most financially solvent region in the state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be June 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO