

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 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 Ecclesine, Gale Eilola, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Marge Rayner, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson

Board Members Not Present: George Botbyl, Craig Reiter, Glenn Wing, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

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

CMH Staff: Micki Sorensen

Guests: Greg Toutant

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda: None

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from May 14, 2025 as presented.

Support by Bill Malloy.

Vote -All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gale Eilola provided public comment.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner did not have a report.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates. Discussion was held on the FY25 contract litigation and the recent MDHHS press release regarding the PIHP procurement. She provided updates on the MDHHS/PIHP Operations Meeting, Conflict Free Access & Planning, Rate Setting, and NorthCare staffing. Megan plans to visit the CMH boards this summer.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,191,647.72

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

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

12:45 PM - Mike Koskinen left the meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

a. New Pay Scale Recommendation

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided an overview of the new pay scale recommendation. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Pat Rozich to approve the New Pay Scale Recommendation as presented.

Support by Joe Bonovetz.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. WMHIP Resolution

The resolution is required to update who serves on the WMHIP Board of Trustees from NorthCare Network. The resolution appoints the CEO and HR Manager.

Motion made by Colleen Kichak to approve the WMHIP Resolution as presented.

Support by Pat Rozich.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Dr. Zakia Alavi (*Medical Director-\$200/hr. plus \$3,509 reimbursement for malpractice insurance*); Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center (*SUDHH New Location Menominee-S0280 \$291.58*); Integris (*Teams Phone System-\$589.05/monthly plus \$9,146.80 one-time cost for hardware & set up*).

Motion made by Pat Rozich to approve the Contract Grid as presented.

Support by Gale Eilola.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

d. Informational Items

Informational Items were included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report, MDHHS Press Release, and MAC Letter.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Several board members commented on the salary survey related to the CMHs, recruitment, and retaining staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Toutant thanked NorthCare for their support and the allocation of funds for SUD programs and services.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be August 13, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bill Malloy to adjourn the meeting. Support by George Ecclesine.

Vice-Chairperson Rayner declared the meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO