

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 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, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

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

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

CMH Staff: Matt Maskart, Tess Greenough, Mike Bach, Mandy Padgett

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 August 13, 2025 as presented.

Support by Mike Patrick.

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 thanked everyone who attended the GLRMHA conference and participated in the CEO Evaluation process.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates including the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract litigation, PIHP RFP process, PIHP RFP litigation, FY26 MDHHS/PIHP Contract, Actuary meeting, House Budget, and House Oversight Committee meeting with Director Hertel. Discussion was held.

a. CMHA Special Assessment

Megan presented the CMHA Special Assessment to the board. This is specific for enhancing advocacy efforts.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to give \$10,000 to the CMHA Special Assessment.

Support by Craig Reiter.

Discussion was held on money lapsing this fiscal year and that the total of dues/fees for NorthCare and the 5 CMHs would be \$69,688 for the region.

Glenn Wing withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to give \$69,688 to the CMHA Special Assessment.

Support by Craig Reiter.

Discussion was held.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

Megan continued her CEO update.

She discussed that NMRE CMHs are looking to file a separate litigation regarding the PIHP RFP. Our region's CMHs are interested in joining their litigation. Megan recommended that NorthCare Network pay the legal fees for any of the 5 CMHs who join the litigation.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to support the recommendation.

Support by Colleen Kichak.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,259,913.13

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 Joe Bonovetz.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. FY25 Budget Amendment and FY26 Proposed Budget

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the budgets. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment and the FY26 Proposed Budget as presented.

Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. CEO Salary

The CEO Evaluation Summary, supporting documents, and salary recommendation were sent to the board on 8/29/25 for review. Discussion was held. Several board members suggested the increase should be higher than the salary recommendation presented.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve a 4% increase to the CEO's annual salary.

Support by Mike Patrick.

Discussion was held.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – 13 (Bonovetz, Botbyl, Ecclesine, Eilola, Kichak, Malloy, Martin, Negro, Patrick, Rayner, Reiter, Thompson, Wing)

No – 1 (Koskinen)

Motion carried. Approved.

b. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows:

FY25 - Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment-\$138,560*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment-\$280,439*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment-\$174,736*); Great Lakes Recovery Center (*SUD Prevention-\$14,716*); Marquette-Alger RESA (*SUD Prevention-\$3,886*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$5,777*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$1,919*); Marquette Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$1,305*)

FY26 --BCA of Detroit dba StoneCrest Center (*Inpatient-\$1,035/day -Child/Adol/Adult*); Havenwyck Hospital dba Cedar Creek (*Inpatient-\$1,097/day – Adult*); McLaren Health System -Cheboygan (*Inpatient-\$1050/day - Adult/Older Adult*); PHC of Michigan dba Harbor Oaks Hospital (*Inpatient-\$925/day - Adult/Child/Geriatric, \$1,375/day - Ped Specialty Unit*); Havenwyck Hospital (*Inpatient-\$1,054/day - Adult/Child/Adol, \$440/day – PHP*); UP Health System Marquette (*Inpatient-\$895/day – Adult, \$1,020/day – MHL, \$702/service-ECT*); HealthSource Saginaw (*Inpatient-\$1,157/day – Adult, \$1,168/day - Child/Geriatric*); Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment-\$284,000*); DOT Caring (*SUD Treatment-\$25,000*); Great Lakes Recovery Center (*SUD Treatment- \$508,175*); Hannahville Indian Community (*SUD Treatment-\$282,199, H2034 - \$27/day, H0038 - \$13.00, T1012 - \$52.00, 98960 – \$13.00, 98961 – \$13.00, 98962 – \$13.00*); Harbor Hall (*SUD Treatment- \$5,000, H0015 - \$175.00, H2036 - \$245.00, H0010 - \$500.00, H2034 - \$27/day up to 60 days*); Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (*SUD Treatment-\$15,000*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment-\$60,000*); Public Health Delta Menominee (*SUD Treatment-\$20,000*); Phoenix House (*SUD Treatment -\$180,000*); Sunrise Centre (*SUD Treatment-\$5,000*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment -\$205,000*); Upper Great Lakes (*SUD Treatment -\$10,000*); Western U.P. Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment -\$31,500*); Dr. Steven Miljour (*SUD Treatment -\$26,400*); Erin Cretens (*SUD Treatment -\$15,000*); Treatment Funding Pool (*SUD Treatment-\$29,088*); Medication and Drug Testing Pool (*SUD Treatment -\$21,941*); Gogebic Co. Sheriff's Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$30,000*); Dickinson Co. Sheriff's Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$40,000*); Iron Co. Sheriff's Dept (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$28,500*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - \$24,710; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$48,254*);Copper Country CMH (*SUD Prevention-\$12,204; SUD Prevention MIPAC \$67,657*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*SUD Prevention-\$368,528; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$61,695*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$220,312; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$64,101*); Marquette- Alger RESA (*SUD Prevention-\$163,112*); Marquette Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention -\$102,574*); Western U.P. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention -\$7,824*); University of Washington (*SUD Prevention-\$34,000*); Gery Shelafoe (*SUD Prevention-\$21,000*)

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the Contract Grid as presented.

Support by Marge Rayner.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Policies/Plans

The following was presented: Procurement of Goods & Services Policy, FY26 UM Plan, and FY26 QAPIP Plan.

Motion made by Marge Rayner to approve the policy and plans as presented.

Support by Gale Eilola.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

d. Informational Items

Informational Items were included in the packet: CMHA Myths vs. Facts.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Marge Rayner thanked Megan and staff who presented at GLRMHA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be October 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

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