

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 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, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*)

Board Members Not Present: Mari Negro, Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

NorthCare Staff: Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Andy Kulie

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

Guests: Greg Toutant (GLRC)

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: Addition to Contract Grid under Harbor Hall: \$9967 - \$27.00

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from September 10, 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.

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, State Budget, and FY26 MDHHS/PIHP Contract. There is a court hearing for the PIHP RFP litigation scheduled for 10/9/25. Discussion was held. Megan will be presenting with Alan Bolter, CMHAM, at the U.P. Association of County Commissioners conference. Megan reviewed the HSAG Audit & MDHHS Waiver Audit information in the NorthCare Network Board Report.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,015,024.07

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report and Check Register. Discussion was held on the finance report, check register, and additionally the blended rate. Jennifer reviewed the blended rate process, how it was calculated and approved by Regional Finance Committee and PMC.

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. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Netsmart (*Administrative-Learning Mgmt. System* -\$49,337.98); Harbor Hall (*SUD Treatment* - H0012 - \$300/day, H0018:W1- \$175.00, H0018:W5- \$225.00); WLUC-TV6/Gray Digital (*Gambling Disorder Awareness Campaign*-\$68,000); Iron County Sheriff's Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT* -\$45,600); Phoenix House (*SUD Treatment* -H0001-\$250.00, 90832--\$80.00, 90834-\$110.00, 90837--\$155.00, H0005-\$37.00, H0005 2-\$74.00, H0038-\$15.00, H0038:WR-\$15.00, H0018:W1-\$150.00, H0019:W5-\$224.00, H0019:W5:HH-\$237.00, T1012-\$52.00). Additional Item to Harbor Hall (\$9967 - \$27.00).

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the Contract Grid as presented with the additional item.

Support by Pat Rozich.

Discussion was held.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. Informational Items

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Pat Rozich commented on the board's appreciation for the extraordinary work the staff have done with the RFP.

Craig Reiter commented that the health departments have also had changes to their state contracts with non-negotiable items similar to the MDHHS/PIHP contract process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be November 12, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO