

## NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2026

1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Video Connection at Copper Country CMH-Houghton, Gogebic County CMH,  
Hiawatha Behavioral Health-Chippewa and Schoolcraft,  
Northpointe Behavioral Health Systems-Dickinson and Iron

**Present at NorthCare:** George Botbyl, Mike Koskinen, Marge Rayner, Glenn Wing  
**Present via Video Connection:** George Ecclesine, Gale Eilola, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Bill Malloy, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson  
**Not Present:** Joe Bonovetz, Colleen Kichak, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)  
**NorthCare/CMH Staff:** Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Andy Kulie, Stacy Coleman, Sara Sircely, Courtney Grant, Mike Bach  
**Guests:** None  
**Recorder:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

*Colleen Kichak 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 12:10 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Agenda:** No Additions

**Minutes:** Correction (Greg Toutant should be listed under guest and not CMH staff).

**Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from December 10, 2025 as corrected.**

**Support by Mike Koskinen.**

**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 also reviewed board processes for video connection.

### CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates including Intensive Care Stabilization Services, Conflict Free Access & Planning, Integrated Health Care grants, and NorthCare staffing. A court date has been set for the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract litigation. Discussion was held regarding the PIHP RFP being cancelled and the Judge's opinion. Megan reviewed the reports in the informational items of the packet.

## FINANCE

### **a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$2,468,114.63**

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report & Check Register.

**Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.**

**Support by Marge Rayner.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **a. Rescind Policies**

Two policies were presented to rescind as follows: MHL Program & Service Authorization Policy and MHL Provider Claims Appeal Medicare Policy

**Motion made by Glenn Wings to rescind the two policies as presented.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

### **b. FY26 Compliance Plan**

The FY26 Compliance Plan was presented.

### **c. FY25 QAPIP Effectiveness Review**

The FY25 QAPIP Effectiveness Review was presented.

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the FY26 Compliance Plan and the FY25 QAPIP Effectiveness Review as presented.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

Discussion was held.

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

### **d. Informational Items**

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

### **e. New Policies**

Two new policies were presented as follows: Advance Directives Policy and SUD Incident, Event & Death Reporting, Monitoring & Oversight Policy

**Motion made by Mike Patrick to approve the two new policies as presented.**

**Support by George Ecclesine.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Craig Reiter commented on the litigation, MDHHS, and the Advisory Council he sits on.

Pat Rozich commented on the sound during the meeting and thanked the staff who did the QAPIP Effectiveness Review.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be April 8, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

**Recorded By:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

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