

# **NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 9, 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:** George Botbyl, George Ecclesine, Gale Eilola, Mike Koskinen, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Marge Rayner, Pat Rozich, Dr. John Shoberg, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

**Board Members Not Present:** Joe Bonovetz, Colleen Kichak, Bill Malloy, Craig Reiter, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

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

**CMH Staff:** Mandy Padget, Brent Johnson, Mike Bach, Tess Greenough

**Guests:** Greg Toutant

**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. He welcomed Gale Eilola as a new board member. 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 February 12, 2025 as presented. Support by Marge Rayner.**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Botbyl welcomed Northpointe's new CEO Mandy Padget. Mandy introduced herself and provided an overview of her background.

## **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. Discussion was held on FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract litigation. She provided an update on MDHHS/PIHP Operations Meeting, Federal Grant Cuts, CMS Audit, Crisis Training, HSAG, and NorthCare staffing. Discussion was held.

## FINANCE

### **a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,853,798.44**

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report and Check Register. Discussion was held on the blended rate allocation formula. The Regional Finance Committee and PMC are in the process of reviewing.

**Motion made by Dr. John Shoberg to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.**

**Support by Glenn Wing.**

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

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **a. Contract Grid**

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Integris IT (*Microsoft 365 E3 Package-\$1,368.50/monthly*); WUPHD (*SUDHH- S0280-\$291.58 pm/pm*); Dickinson Co. Sheriff (*Jail MAT-\$43,636.00*); Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment-90853-\$51.00 per unit*)

**Motion made by Pat Rozich to approve the Contract Grid as presented. Support by Dr. John Shoberg.**

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

### **b. Informational Items**

Informational Items included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report and HSAG CAP

**Motion made by George Ecclesine to accept the informational items to be placed on file.**

**Support by Marge Rayner.**

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

## BOARD PRESENTATION

Katreena Hite, Population Health Director, provided a presentation on Behavioral Health Home.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. FY24 Financial Audit Report

## NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be May 14, 2025

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM

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