

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM, MARCH 27, 2019
NMRE BOARD ROOM, GAYLORD**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Roger Frye, Ed Ginop, Annie Hooghart, Randy Kamps, Gary Klacking, Terry Larson, Mary Marois, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Richard Schmidt, Joe Stone, Don Tanner, Nina Zamora (on phone)
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Dennis Priess, Richard Schmidt, Karla Sherman
CEOs IN ATTENDANCE:	Christine Gebhard, Chip Johnston, Karl Kovacs, Cathy Meske, Diane Pelts
NMRE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:	Jessica Davis, Eric Kurtz, Valerie McBain, Pam Rasmussen, Deanna Yockey, Dee Whittaker, Carol Balousek
PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:	Chip Cieslinski, Sue Winter

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Chairman Randy Kamps called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Dennis Priess, Richard Schmidt, and Karla Sherman were absent with notice for the meeting on this date; all other NMRE Board members were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Let the record show that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited as a group.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Let the record show that no conflicts of interest were expressed with any of the meeting agenda items.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting of the NMRE Governing Board were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION MADE BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SECOND BY DON TANNER. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Kamps called for approval of the meeting agenda. A change was made under the “Presentation” portion of the Agenda; the presentation on this date will be given by Sue Winter on the topic of Medication Assisted Treatment.

MOTION MADE BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 27, 2019 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AMENDED; SECOND BY MARY MAROIS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The minutes of the February 7th PIHP CEOs meeting.

2. The State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services FY19 Behavioral Health Capitation Rates for Autism Program Effective January 1, 2019
3. A letter dated February 28, 2019 to the NMRE Board of Directors from SUD providers (ATS, Harbor Hall, Sunrise Centre, Catholic Human Services, Ten16 Recovery Network, Munson Healthcare) responding to recent process changes at NMRE.
4. Medicaid Autism Services Workgroup Recommendations Report dated March 1, 2019.
5. A memorandum from Jeff Wieferrich to PIHP CEOs and Substance Use Disorder Directors dated March 5, 2019 regarding SUD ASAM Level of Care Provider Reenrollment Process.
6. Promotional flyer from CMHAM highlighting achievements within Michigan's Public Mental Health System.
7. Email correspondence from Robert Sheehan to Members of the CMHAM Executive Board and Steering Committee, Board Chairpersons, CEOs of CMHs, PIHPs, and Provider Alliance members dated March 14th reporting the latest on funding advocacy work.
8. Email correspondence from Jeff Wieferrich dated March 19, 2019 with attached Press Release announcing MDHHS Request for Information for federal Integrated Care for Kids Model designed to improved children's health.
9. Document corresponding to the above referenced Press Release outlining the Integrated Care Model for Kids.
10. Email correspondence from Alan Bolter to PIHP CEOs sharing revised boilerplate language.
11. Save the Date for Peer Conference 2019 taking place May 29th – 31st in Lansing.

Mr. Kurtz highlighted the letter from SUD providers dated February 28th (item #3 above). He drafted a response on behalf of the NMRE Board which was distributed during the meeting on this date. Mr. Kamps provided opportunity for Board Members to read the response. Mr. Kovacs voiced support of the response and added that Mr. Kurtz has conducted the issue appropriately and responsibly. Mr. Kamps voiced that the NMRE Board is always open to comment from the public during Board meetings. He approved of there being no offer from the Board to entertain a special meeting. Consensus was reached to allow Mr. Kurtz to send the response to SUD providers on behalf of the NMRE Board of Directors.

Mr. Kurtz also drew attention to the ASAM level of care reenrollment information (item #5 above) that ties into the need for a full continuum of substance use disorder services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that no announcements were made during the meeting on this date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Let the record show that Chip Cieslinski spoke about the letter from SUD Providers to the NMRE Board dated February 28, 2019 referenced under "Correspondence." He gave Mr. Kurtz credit for meeting with providers and conducting very open conversations. Mr. Cieslinski voiced appreciation of the open lines of communication and the NMRE Board's willingness to learn about the SUD process. He is hopeful there will be more forums and opportunities to discuss ongoing issues in the coming weeks and months.

REPORTS

Board Chair Report/Executive Committee

Let the record show that no meetings of the NMRE Executive Committee have occurred since the February NMRE Board Meeting.

CEO's Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for March 2019 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

Mr. Kurtz stated he is making the rounds meeting with District Courts, Probation Officers, and Court Officers regarding the use of block grant funding. Authorizing the highest level of care right out of the jail system is not appropriate. Good conversations are taking place. Mr. Larson shared that Presque Isle and Cheboygan Counties both have new probate and circuit court judges; he offered to facilitate and accompany Mr. Kurtz to meetings.

Mr. Stone asked about the status of the Caro hospital. The latest news is that the State is reevaluating the location of the \$115M psychiatric hospital. Dr. Gordon has indicated that a reexamination of the location was needed because the facility was experiencing staffing shortages. Based on these issues, the Department “has decided to seek outside consultation to review the proposed Caro Center project to determine what is in the best interest of Michiganders who need critical state hospital services.”

Mr. Kurtz acknowledged it will be a while before details are known, though a more central location is a consideration (Grayling, Mt. Pleasant). Mr. Stone offered to accompany Mr. Kurtz on visits with newly appointed Judges.

Mr. Tanner asked about Contract Negotiations. Mr. Kurtz reported they are going “ok.” He has made it known to the committee that savings needs to be discussed as does the ability for the CMHSPs to retain some Medicaid savings. His initial impression is that they appear open to input.

Christine Gebhard mentioned that McLaren Northern Michigan has a new CEO. She indicated it may be time to revisit an inpatient psychiatric unit, namely in the Cheboygan facility. Mr. Kurtz offered to join the discussions.

Mr. Kamps announced he will be attending a meeting April 4th with judges in Traverse City.

SUD Board Report

The minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00AM on May 6th.

Financial Report

The NMRE Monthly Financial Report for January 2019 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

- Traditional Medicaid showed \$51,830,640 in revenue and \$53,206,949 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of \$1,376,309 for four months ending January 31, 2019. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$9,630,303. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$1,717,292.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$5,776,387 in revenue and \$6,415,913 in expenses, resulting in a net deficit of \$639,526.
- Behavioral Health Home showed \$85,195 in revenue and \$33,295 in expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$51,900.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$4,624,996 and \$4,900,902 in expenses, resulting in a deficit of \$275,906.

Deanna Yockey is working with Mr. Kurtz on revenue projections for FY19; current numbers are within \$450K of projection. Mr. Stone asked whether Autism funding can be pulled out of the financial report. Ms. Yockey responded it is received in a blended format with traditional Medicaid. Mr. Kurtz added that it might be able to be extracted from the Ernie Papke report. Mr. Kamps asked whether he is correct is assuming that community reinvestment spending was built into the budgets. Mr. Kurtz acknowledged that some of

the overages were planned. Mr. Kamps asked to have the planned reinvestment reflected on the financial report. Mr. Kurtz responded the Finance and Operations Committees plan to discuss the reinvestment initiatives in April.

Ms. Yockey reported revenue is currently \$1.2M above projection; this will be monitored closely. Mr. Kovacs expressed the Milliman attachment to the packet was helpful in understanding the revenue and impact of losing a DAB to TANF or HMP. DABs have significantly declined from FY18. Mr. Stone voiced, in response to the monthly revenue and expense reporting requirement, more data won't solve a funding issue. Mr. Kurtz agreed that current reporting requirements should inform the Department of any likelihood of failing regions.

MOTION MADE BY ROGER FRYE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018, SECOND BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION CARRIED.

The regional liquor tax fund balance was reported as \$5,106,681. Ms. Gebhard expressed she is encouraging counties to tap into PA2 funds to serve individuals in the jail systems.

Ms. Yockey noted that NMRE received the full incentive payment for FY18; \$1.3M will be coming in April and pushed out to Boards.

NEW BUSINESS

MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No.2

The Memorandum and Summary for Amendment No. 2 to the MDHHS-PIHP FY19 Contract were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz explained most of the changes were based on CMS and CFR recommended changes. An Advisory Board related to Long-term Supports and Services is needed. Mr. Kurtz explained the NMRE has a Consumer Advisory Council currently; its membership may need expanding to meet the criteria. Mr. Kurtz also discussed medical loss ratio (MLR) requirements. The Department has suggested using the CMHSP's administrative cost report (ACR) plus PIHP admin to inform the MLR. Mr. Kurtz expressed that is not an accurate method of determining the MLR. He has a conference call scheduled for March 28th to discuss the matter with the Department.

MOTION MADE BY GARY NOWAK TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO (NO.2) TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019; SECOND BY JOE STONE. MOTION CARRIED.

SUD Liquor Tax Requests

1. Centra Wellness Network – Benzie and Manistee
2. District Health Department 10 – Missaukee and Wexford
3. Catholic Human Services – Ogemaw
4. Catholic Human Services/Keith Graves – All Counties
5. Ten 16/Project ASSERT – Ogemaw

MOTION MADE BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE ALL FIVE LIQUOR TAX REQUESTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT BOARD ON MARCH 4, 2019 AND REVIEWED DURING THE MEETING ON THIS DATE; SECOND BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION CARRIED.

NMRE Policies

1. Consent to Share Information

2. Critical Incident, Risk Event, Sentinel Event, and Death Reporting
3. Mail Handling
4. Procurement

Mr. Nowak reported that the NMRE Board Policy Committee met prior to the meeting on this date to review the listed policies. After discussion, the recommendation for approval was made.

MOTION MADE BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY CONSENT TO SHARE INFORMATION, CRITICAL INCIDENT, RISK EVENT, SENTINEL EVENT, AND DEATH REPORTING POLICY, MAIL HANDLING POLICY, AND PROCUREMENT POLICY; SECOND BY ANNIE HOOGHART. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Behavioral Health Home

The expansion of the Behavioral Health Home to the 21-county region is moving forward. Mr. Kamps applauded. The number of diagnoses needed for participation will likely be reduced. A focus will be to look at comorbid conditions. Funding is available. The Department has identified 20,000 individuals, though a much smaller numbers (2%-3%) will actually enroll. Using OHH Model in terms of MDHHS direction. Jon Villasurda is taking the lead. CMS State Plan Amendment process will get underway. Timeline is likely Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2020. More information will be coming forward about rates.

PRESENTATION

Medication Assisted Treatment

Sue Winter, Executive Director of the NMSAD Recovery Center, was in attendance to report on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). First and foremost, she said, Opioid Use Disorder is a "brain disorder." Ms. Winter expressed the need to reduce the stigma associated with OUD. The length of methadone treatment was given as 12-18 months, though some individuals may require treatment for years. Mr. Stone asked about drug testing. Ms. Winter replied individuals are tested weekly at random. The importance of peer supports was discussed. It was noted that more education to the general public is needed.

COMMENTS

Board

- Mary Marois suggested some topics for future presentations to the Board: 1) entry into treatment and NMRE's involvement, and 2) inpatient hospital services.

CMHSP CEO

- Mr. Kovacs shared new crisis telephone number for Northern Lakes CMH as 833.295.0616.
- Ms. Gebhard expressed she is on a personal campaign regarding the local match draw down. She has been meeting with legislators to make it a "louder issue." Mr. Nowak asked if there is anything the Board can do to help. Ms. Gebhard responded, she will be in touch, possibly a Board Resolution in the future. Mr. Kurtz provided some history regarding local match funds. He stated another option is to enable CMHSPs to keep Medicaid savings to use as local funds.
- Cathy Meske announced she is retiring from Northeast Michigan CMH at the end of June; Nena Sork has been named as her replacement.

MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors is scheduled for 10:00AM on April 24th, 2019 at 1999 Walden Drive in Gaylord. Election of Board Officers will be an Agenda topic.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Kamps adjourned the meeting at 12:13PM.