

NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM – MARCH 24, 2021
GAYLORD BOARDROOM

ATTENDEES:	Roger Frye, Ed Ginop, Gary Klacking, Terry Larson, Christian Marcus, Mary Marois, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Richard Schmidt, Joe Stone, Don Tanner
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Karla Sherman (Petoskey), Don Smeltzer (Frankfort), Don Tanner (Benzonia), Nina Zamora (Traverse City)
ABSENT:	Randy Kamps
STAFF:	Christine Gebhard, Lisa Hartley, Chip Johnston, Sandy Kintz, Karl Kovacs, Eric Kurtz, Tema Pefok, Diane Pelts, Brandon Rhue, Sara Sircely, Nena Sork, Denise Switzer, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek
PUBLIC:	Jackie Wurst

CALL TO ORDER

Let the record show that Chairman Nowak called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Randy Kamps was absent from the meeting on this date; all other NMRE Board Members were in attendance either virtually or in person.

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 to any of the meeting agenda items were expressed.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Let the record show that the February minutes of the NMRE Governing Board were included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

MOTION MADE BY TERRY LARSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2021 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SECOND BY JOE STONE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Frye, E. Ginop, G. Klacking, T. Larson, C. Marcus, M. Marois, G. Nowak, J. O’Farrell, R. Schmidt, K. Sherman, D. Smeltzer, J. Stone, D. Tanner, N. Zamora

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes from the March 4, 2021 PIHP CEO meeting.
- 2) A memorandum from Jeffrey Wieferich at MDHHS to PIHP and CMHSP CEOs dated March 3, 2021 regarding Expectations for the Provision of Face-to-Face Services.

- 3) The MDHHS site review schedule of the NMRE beginning April 12, 2021.
- 4) Email correspondence from Robert Sheehan at CMHAM dated March 15, 2021 regarding the virtual 2021 Member Assembly and Election of Officers.
- 5) A document from CMHAM dated March 2021 titled "MDHHS Cost Allocation Initiative and the role of Michigan's CMHSPs: A comprehensive provider system, with clear statutory roles, financed through an advanced Alternative Payment Method (APM)."
- 6) FY21 Medicaid Strategic paper from the Michigan Association of Health Plans. Titled "Performance, Value, Outcomes: Medicaid Managed Care.
- 7) The draft minutes of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Finance Committee meeting dated March 10, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Let the record show that the members of the public attending the meeting virtually were recognized.

REPORTS

Executive Committee Report

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

CEOs Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for March 2021 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Update on Contract Negotiations Team lead reached out to MDHHS about reconsidering some conflicting close out language; early word is AG's office will likely not change the current language. Christian asked about an update on direct care wage. Approved increase through September 30, 2021 for \$2.25 increase plus 12% admin. Any portion of it permanent? Unclear, Governor supportive.

January 2021 Financial Report

- Traditional Medicaid showed \$65,498,385 in revenue, and \$54,678,556 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$10,819,829. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$6,157,679 based on the Preliminary FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$6,182,146.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$9,962,378 in revenue, and \$7,490,523 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,471,854. HMP ISF was reported as \$8,659,840 based on the Preliminary FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$0.
- Net Position* showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$13,291,684; Medicaid and HMP combined ISF based on Preliminary FSR was reported as a \$14,817,519; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$34,291,349.
- Health Home showed \$126,350 in revenue, and \$99,541 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$26,809.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$6,571,689, and \$5,507,165 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,064,524. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,894,040.

Ms. Yockey reported that FY20 close out is in process as is the yearly financial audit. It was noted that eligible are still high due to the COVID-related paus in redeterminations. Carry forward into FY22 will likely be \$4.5M with a fully funded ISF.

MOTION MADE BY MARY MAROIS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021; SECOND BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Frye, E. Ginop, G. Klacking, T. Larson, C. Marcus, M. Marois, G. Nowak, J. O’Farrell, R. Schmidt, K. Sherman, D. Smeltzer, J. Stone, D. Tanner, N. Zamora

“Nay” Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

NMRE SUD Oversight Board Report

Let the record show that the next meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board is scheduled to occur at 10:00AM on May 3, 2021.

Operations Committee

The minutes from March 16, 2021 were included in the meeting materials in draft form. Mr. Kovacs asked Ms. Yockey if the \$4.5 carry forward and fully funded ISF referenced in the Financial Report includes pay-back of unspent DCW; Ms. Yockey replied that it does.

NEW BUSINESS

CE-CERT Training

A training on the Components for Enhancing Clinician Experience and Reducing Trauma (CE-CERT) Model was requested by the regional Clinical Leadership Committee. A proposal for this training to be offered to the five CMHSPs and NMRE was sent to Board Members on March 23, 2021. The comment was made that this is an appropriate use of surplus funds.

MOTION MADE BY MARY MAROIS TO APPROVE THE SPENDING OF EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$87,900.00) DOLLARS SO THAT THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY CAN HOST A REGIONAL TRAINING ON THE COMPONENTS FOR ENHANCING CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND REDUCING TRAUMA MODEL; SECOND BY JOE STONE. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Frye, E. Ginop, G. Klacking, T. Larson, C. Marcus, M. Marois, G. Nowak, J. O’Farrell, R. Schmidt, K. Sherman, D. Smeltzer, J. Stone, D. Tanner, N. Zamora

“Nay” Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

NMRE ByLaws and Open Meetings Act Compliance

An opinion from attorney Steve Burnham on the NMRE’s ByLaws and Open Meetings Act Compliance related to virtual meetings was sent to Board Members on March 23, 2021. One suggestion made were to consider consent agenda for non-voting items (Agenda, Minutes). Mr. Stone noted that the order (PA 254 of 2020) to allow public meetings to take place virtually expires on March 31, 2021, unless local health departments request and extension. The CDC, MDHHS, OSHA, and MiOSHA all weighed in; some have differing opinions. Beginning April 1, 2021, the Open Meetings Act limits virtual attendance to military leave, medical condition, or a statewide or local state of emergency/state of disaster. Adhering to only these exceptions would require a change to NMRE ByLaws and policy.

928 Local Match – The Latest

During the March 18th Contract Negotiations Committee meeting, Mr. Kurtz requested that Section 938 be removed from the PIHP Contract. Mr. Stone asked for Mr. Johnston’s input. Mr. Johnston responded that advocacy efforts with legislators continue; there is “talk” of using COVID dollars to replace local. Mr. Tanner noted that counties benefit from the jail services provided by CMHSPs using the local

dollars. Mr. Kurtz stated that current language in boilerplate forces the PIHP to be a taxing entity; PIHPs don't have that constitutional authority.

NMRE Public Relations

Mr. Kurtz obtained the contact information for the PR firm used by the Association and a local firm used by North Country and Northern Lakes. Mr. Kurtz clarified some assertions made in some recent Crain's articles. He emphasized the movement in the public behavioral health system toward care coordination and the health homes initiatives (the other side of the story). Contact information was also obtained from the former PR person for MDHHS who has moved on and started her own firm. A variety of sources may be tapped.

PRESENTATION

NMRE Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program (QAPIP)

The FY20 QAPIP Evaluation and FY21 QAPIP Workplan were included in the meeting materials. MDHHS contacted PIHPs in November 2020 about its intent to review "the impact and effectiveness of the quality assessment and performance improvement program (QAPIP) of each prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP)." Mr. Kurtz noted that the QAPIP must also be reviewed annually by the PIHP's Governing Board; the Governing Board must also receive routine reports on the effectiveness of the QAPIP. Mr. Kurtz acknowledged that it is likely the State is focusing on this due to recent HSAG Compliance Examination findings statewide. The two documents were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EVALUATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WORKPLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AS PRESENTED AND REVIEWED ON THIS DATE; SECOND BY GARY NOWAK. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: R. Frye, E. Ginop, G. Klacking, T. Larson, C. Marcus, M. Marois, G. Nowak, J. O'Farrell, R. Schmidt, K. Sherman, D. Smeltzer, J. Stone, D. Tanner, N. Zamora

"Nay" Votes: Nill

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENTS

Board

- Ms. Marois expressed that staff did a nice job on the two QAPIP documents.
- Mr. Frye thanked Ms. Yockey for her efforts with the FY20 closeout.

MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on April 28, 2021.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Nowak adjourned the meeting at 10:55AM.