

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM – JUNE 23, 2021
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

ATTENDEES:	Roger Frye, Randy Kamps, Gary Klacking, Terry Larson, Mary Marois, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Richard Schmidt, Don Smeltzer, Joe Stone, Don Tanner
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Karla Sherman (Petoskey), Nina Zamora (Traverse City)
ABSENT:	Ed Ginop, Christian Marcus
NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:	Brian Babbitt, Joanie Blamer, Eugene Branigan, Chip Johnston, Mari Hesselink, Eric Kurtz, Trish Otreмба, Pamela Polom, Brandon Rhue, Sara Sircely, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek, Lisa Hartley
PUBLIC:	Joyce Fetrow, Jackie Wurst

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Ed Ginop and Christian Marcus were excused from the meeting on this date; all 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 AGENDA

Let the record show that Chairman Tanner called for any additions or corrections to the meeting Agenda.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 23, 2021; SUPPORT BY JAY O’FARRELL. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

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

MOTION BY ROGER FRYE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2021 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY TERRY LARSON. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that Brian Babbitt, North Country CMH Chief Operating Officer (sitting in for Christine Gebhard), Trish Otremba, AuSable Valley CMH Chief Quality Officer (sitting in for Diane Pelts), and Joanie Blamer, Northern Lakes Chief Population Officer and Interim CEO (sitting in for Karl Kovacs) were introduced to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes from the June 3, 2021 PIHP CEO Meeting.
- 2) Email correspondence from Jim Johnson, Region 10 CEO, regarding concurrent system demands.
- 3) Correspondence from Lisa Morse of regarding the Proposed Financial Reporting Redesign.
- 4) The draft minutes of the June 9, 2021 NMRE Regional Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the memo from Jim Johnson regarding numerous (onerous) changes proposed for October 1st implementation.

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (affects Centra Wellness Network)
- Implementation or Continuation of Behavioral and Opioid Health Homes
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) continuum trained providers
- Transition from Supports Coordination (T1016) to Targeted Case Management (T1017)
- Standard Cost Allocation (SCA), which requires either changing or codifying CMHSP & PIHP General Ledgers
- Tiered rates for Residential Services (dictated by the State)
- State established inpatient hospital rates
- Changes to the Encounter Quality Reporting
- Provider survey using SCA Model

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 May Board Meeting.

CEOs Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for June 2021 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the Health Home presentation given by Centra Wellness, Northern Lakes and NMRE during the CMHAM Summer conference; he thanked those involved for doing a “great job”.

April 2021 Financial Report

- Traditional Medicaid showed \$116,233,957 in revenue, and \$98,812,377 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$18,087,038. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$7,738,320 based on the unaudited final FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$4,515,675.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$18,079,775 in revenue, and \$13,468,118 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$4,611,657. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,058,552 based on the unaudited Final FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$0.
- Net Position* showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$22,698,695. Medicaid carry forward was reported as \$4,515,675. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$23,175,370. Medicaid and HMP combined ISF based on unaudited Final FSR was reported as a \$14,796,872; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$37,972,242.
- Health Home showed \$258,913 in revenue, and \$209,495 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$49,418.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$11,815,371, and \$9,822,157 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,993,214. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$6,238,536.

Mr. Kamps asked where the region stands in terms of smoothing out the surplus. Mr. Kurtz responded that the Boards and the NMRE developed spending plans totaling \$7M, much geared toward retention and recruitment of staff. Mr. Kurtz explained that the continued increase in revenue is due to increased rates in part due to direct care wage increase and the pause in Medicaid redeterminations and spenddowns (due to COVID).

MOTION BY JOE STONE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2021; SUPPORT BY GARY NOWAK. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

NMRE SUD Oversight Board Report

The next meeting of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00AM on July 12, 2021. Mr. Kurtz noted that a representative is needed for Grand Traverse County; Mr. Kamps offered to intervene.

Operations Committee

The minutes from June 15, 2021 were included in the meeting materials in draft form.

NEW BUSINESS

NMRE Financial Audit RFP

Mr. Kurtz announced that a regional RFP to secure an auditing firm for FY21–FY23 has been posted on the NMRE.org website. Proposals are due to the NMRE by July 16, 2021 so that a final selection may be made no later than August 31, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

House Bill 4925/Whiteford Bill

Several informational documents were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the Connecticut model review by the Center for Health Law and Policy

Innovation of Harvard Law School (March 2016). The Connecticut model was managed by a private Medicaid Health Plan, which did not have to respond to FOIA or meet transparency requirements. Mental Health Services (not including I/DD or SUD) were then bid out and given to Value Options, a private, for-profit entity. A meeting is scheduled on June 25th in Ste. Saint Marie that Rep. Whiteford is reportedly scheduled to attend. Mr. Kamps highlighted the importance of stressing the efficiency and transparency of the current system. The possibility of the CMHSPs/PIHPs taking over the mild/moderate population was discussed as an option. It was noted that the Senate bill (Shirkey) has not been introduced to date.

CE-CERT Regional Training

The Board approved the cost for a regional training on the Components for Enhancing Clinician Experience and Reducing Trauma (CE-CERT) in March. Six cohorts have been scheduled in July and August. NMRE will act as the host and handle registration, which is currently underway. An additional one-day session is available for supervisors in September.

PRESENTATION

FY21 Mental Health Satisfaction Survey

Mari Hesselink, NMRE Customer Services Specialist, was in attendance to present the results of the regional mental health services satisfaction survey. The survey, consisting of 21 questions, was administered from April 1, 2021 – April 22, 2021. Based on prior feedback from individuals served, surveys for Outpatient Therapy, Case Management, Medical Services, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Peer Support Services, and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (Clubhouse) were combined into one. Overall participation rate was calculated at 13.1% (853 responses). Areas for improvement were identified (how to file a grievance or appeal, smoking, alcohol, and drug use, and medication side effects) that will be addressed through targeted training. Positive feedback was received in terms of staff making individuals feel comfortable with asking questions or receiving services, staff dedication to cultural competency and respect for gender identity, and individuals being satisfied with their appointment times and their involvement in the care they receive. It was noted that a separate survey is conducted for home-based services.

COMMENTS

Board

- Mr. Frye expressed concern that recent mass shootings have not identified a need for better mental health care, stating that “it’s a person problem not a mental health problem and not a gun problem.” Mr. Tanner noted that individuals with mental illness are more often a victim of a gun crime than a perpetrator.
- Mr. Stone commented that the CMHAM Fall Conference is scheduled October 25 – 26 at the Grand Traverse Resort. The Spring 2022 Conference will also be in Traverse City.
- Mr. Kamps gave kudos to the Association for its efforts in response to legislative efforts, new mandates, etc.
- Mr. Kamps requested that Board Members consider contributing to the CMH PAC.

MEETING DATES

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

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:12AM.