

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM – AUGUST 25, 2021
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

ATTENDEES:	Roger Frye, Randy Kamps, Terry Larson, Christian Marcus, Mary Marois, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Richard Schmidt, Don Smeltzer, Joe Stone, Don Tanner
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Gary Klacking (St. Ignace), Karla Sherman (Wilson, WY), Nina Zamora (Traverse City)
ABSENT:	Ed Ginop
NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:	Brian Babbitt, Lauri Fischer, Sandy Kintz, Eric Kurtz, Trish Otremba, Pamela Polom, Brandon Rhue, Sara Sircely, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek, Lisa Hartley
PUBLIC:	Kara Steinke, Sue Winter, 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 was excused from the meeting on this date; all 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 added the naming of NMRE Board Secretary and Northern Lakes CMH Executive Committee representation to the meeting Agenda under “New Business.”

MOTION BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 25, 2021 AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY RANDY KAMPS. MOTION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Let the record show that the July 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 JULY 28, 2021 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

CORRESPONDENCE

1) The minutes of the August 5, 2021 PIHP CEO meeting.

- 2) CMHAM David Lalumia Professional Service nomination form.
- 3) CMHAM Partners in Excellence nomination form.
- 4) Michigan Integration Efforts document from MDHHS dated August 2021.
- 5) CMHAM infographic titled, "Within Our Reach: Concrete Approaches to Building a World Class Public Mental Health System in Michigan."
- 6) CMHAM document titled, "Within our Reach: Avoid ill-conceived redesign/privatization plans and, instead, take concrete steps to advance Michigan's nationally recognized public mental health system."
- 7) CMHAM's analysis of "Media coverage of Michigan Legislature's system redesign proposals" dated July 26, 2021.
- 8) Medical Services Administration Bulletin 21-25 regarding expansion of the Opioid Health Home dated July 30, 2021.
- 9) Correspondence from Allen Jansen, Senior Deputy Director of BHDDA requiring the use of the substance use disorder (SUD) GAIN-I CORE assessment for the adolescent population.
- 10) Slides from a presentation from the University of Michigan School of Public Health Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center titled, "Diversifying the Behavioral Health Workforce."
- 11) Email correspondence from CMHAM dated July 26, 2021 providing an "update on contract negotiations around MDHHS/Milliman proposed financial reporting changes."
- 12) Curriculum vitae from new SUD Oversight Board representative from Grand Traverse County, David Freedman.
- 13) Letter from Chip Johnston and Don Tanner to Jon Villasurda at MDHHS announcing Centra Wellness Network's withdrawal from the CCBHC project.
- 14) The minutes from the August 11, 2021 NMRE Regional Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the expansion of the Opioid Health Home (booming statewide). Mr. Kurtz also mentioned the letter from Centra Wellness Network opting out of the CCBHC pilot project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that Mr. Stone reminded the Board about the CMHAM Fall Conference taking place October 25th – 26th in Traverse City; a reception is planned for the evening of October 24th.

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 July Board Meeting.

CEOs Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for August 2021 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz highlighted the Rural Area Crisis Discussion that occurred on August 24th facilitated by Public Sector Consultants, calling it a 'very good meeting.' Mr. Kurtz noted that the perception is that emergency and crisis services are not being delivered; they are actually being delivered quite well; the real concern is the lack of inpatient psychiatry. Mr. Marcus stressed the importance of participating in the survey about Behavioral Health Integration sent by Connor Spalding, Director of Legislative Strategy for Senator Shirkey.

June 2021 Financial Report

- Traditional Medicaid showed \$151,233,952 in revenue, and \$130,992,030 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$20,241,922. 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 \$23,250,353 in revenue, and \$17,719,362 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$5,530,991. 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 \$25,772,913. Medicaid carry forward was reported as \$4,515,675. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$25,095,588. 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 \$39,892,460.
- Health Home showed \$365,765 in revenue, and \$292,082 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$73,683.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$15,558,991, and \$12,951,192 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,607,799. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,930,363.

Ms. Yockey reported the Direct Care Wage surplus as \$5,193,000. The current potential lapse as of June 30, 2021 was provided as approximately \$15M. It was noted that quarter four spending is typically increased. Revenue continues higher than normal due to COVID halting redeterminations and spenddowns; those may resume as early as January 1, 2022. Mr. Kurtz voiced that PIHP CEOs are having discussions with MDHHS about the potential impact. Milliman is projecting a 0% rate increase FY22. Mr. Kurtz suggested that the legislation consider bidding out the actuary. Mr. Kamps expressed concern about the surplus and the need for a rural exemption. A proposed FY22 regional budget will be brought to the NMRE Board in September.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2021; SUPPORT BY MARY MAROIS. MOTION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

Mr. Stone referred to the discussion about Board Per Diems referenced in the August 11, 2021 Regional Finance Committee meeting minutes. He noted that the per diem rate cannot exceed the highest amount paid by the counties in the entity's region. Ms. Yockey noted that the NMRE Board per diem has not changed since 2014.

Operations Committee

The minutes from August 17, 2021 were included in the meeting materials in draft form.

NMRE SUD Oversight Board Report

Let the record show that the next meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Board is taking place at 10:00AM on September 13, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendments No. 2 and No.3

Amendments numbers 2 and 3 to the FY21 PIHP Contract were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz explained that Amendment No.2. Mr. Kurtz clarified that the current Contract is or a 7-year term, renewing annually; amendment numbers will increase over time contract's term rather than numbering restarting with each fiscal year.

Mr. Kurtz explained the Amendment No.2 primarily contains changes that were requested by CMS. An additional change is requiring the CAFAS Assessment for children receiving EPSDT services. Amendment No.3 extends the Contract for FY22.

MOTION BY RANDY KAMPS TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS NUMBER TWO (NO.2) AND NUMBER THREE (NO.3) TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; SUPPORT BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

“Nay” Votes: Nil

NMRE Financial Audit Firm Selection

A summary of the responses to the NMRE’s RFP to secure a financial auditing firm for the region was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz reported that the recommendation of NMRE staff is to select Roslund, Prestage, and Company, PC (RPC) for fiscal years 2021-2021.

MOTION BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ROSLUND, PRESTAGE, AND COMPANY, PC AS THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY’S FINANCIAL AUDITING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021, 2022, AND 2023; SUPPORT BY RANDY KAMPS.

Northeast Michigan CMH discussion: When the audit firm selection of RPC was presented to the Northeast Michigan CMH Board in August, the Board voiced a preference for continuing with its previous (19 years), local auditing firm. No vote took place at that time pending further discussion, Ms. Yockey noted the advantage of all five Boards and the NMRE utilizing the same firm. The Northeast Michigan CMH Boards intends to vote on the matter during the September 9th meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTING TOOK PLACE ON MR. STONE’S MOTION.

“Yea” Votes: C. Marcus, 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.

NMRE United Training Budget

The NMRE has purchased credits from United Training (formerly New Horizons) to be used for staff training throughout the region in past years. The recommendation for FY22 is to continue to take advantage of the promotional match and increase the purchase amount to \$75K (resulting in \$150K training dollars).

MOTION BY RANDY KAMPS TO AUTHORIZE SPENDING SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) FOR REGIONAL STAFF TRAINING THROUGH UNITED TRAINING; SUPPORT BY CHRISTIAN MARCUS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

NMRE Board Secretary and Executive Committee Member

Mr. Kamps (Northern Lakes CMH Board Chair) informed the Board that Nina Zamora term limited from her position on the Northern Lakes Board, therefore, according to the NMRE Bylaws she is not eligible to continue on the NMRE Board. Northern Lakes will appoint a new Board representative. In the meantime, however, her absence leaves a vacancy in the positions of NMRE Board Secretary and Northern Lakes' representation on the NMRE Executive Committee. Mr. Kamps requested that a permanent replacement be named during an upcoming Board meeting. In the interim, Gary Nowak volunteered to assume the role of Board Secretary, and Mary Marois was appointed to the Executive Committee. It was noted that there will be a meeting of the NMRE Executive Committee in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the July 28, 2021 Meeting with the Northern Caucus

Mr. Kurtz provided a debrief of the meeting that occurred with PIHP/CMHSP leadership from Regions 1 (NorthCare Network) and 2 (NMRE) and Members of the Northern Caucus of the Michigan House of Representatives on July 28 2021. In general, Mr. Kurtz felt they were "heard." With both the House and Senate proposals, the status of SUD liquor tax, and block grant funding is unknown. There is talk of taking legislators on a typical ACT day for them to see first-hand the work being done in the current system. Clarification was made that Sen. Wayne Schmidt was not in attendance.

Mr. Kamps requested an update on the work being done by the NMRE's public relations firm. Mr. Kurtz responded that a NMRE staff met with Lambert on August 24th. Currently work is being done to pull data and define audiences (general public, legislators, etc.) Mr. Tanner expressed concern about the timeline. Mr. Kurtz acknowledged that something prior to the Senate's fast track of the Sen. Shirkey bills will be difficult as meetings are being scheduled next week. Mr. Kurtz acknowledged, we do need to do something sooner rather than later. Mr. Tanner voiced the need to "refine the message."

Ms. Sork read from an email she received during the meeting from Alan Bolter, Associate Director of CMHAM. Sen. Shirkey is planning a Governmental Operations Committee meeting on September 1st on his integration package.

PRESENTATION

Overview and Input Regarding SUD Block Grant, SOR, and COVID Funding

Sara Sircely, NMRE Managing Director of Substance Use Disorder Services, was in attendance to update the Board on SUD grants.

SUD Grants available to NMRE during FY22:

- "Regular" Block Grant – \$3,105,145
 - Administration – \$182,000
 - Treatment and Access – \$1,879,559
 - Prevention – \$752,483
 - Women's Specialty Services – \$195,888
 - SDA – \$95,315
- State Opioid Response (SOR) II – \$1,215,000
 - Administration – \$100,000
 - Jail MAT – \$140,000
 - Mobile Care Unit – \$150,000
 - OUD Treatment – \$200,000
 - Peers – \$300,000

- Recovery Housing – \$200,000
- Prevention EBP – \$125,000
- COVID Supplemental Block Grant – \$1,388,858
 - Administration – \$50,000
 - Treatment – \$886,420
 - Prevention – \$280,979
 - Women’s Specialty Services – \$171,459
- Michigan youth Treatment Infrastructure Enhancement (MYTIE)
 - Youth Treatment – \$32,335
- Gambling Disorder Prevention
 - Activity Toward the Prevention of Gambling Disorder – \$200,000
- Tobacco 4000
 - Combat Tobacco Use by Youth - \$4,000
- COVID-19 Mitigation
 - Specifics Not Yet Available – Amount Currently Unknown
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Specifics Not Yet Available – Amount Currently Unknown

Mr. Kamps shared a personal story about OUD recovery. He noted that the focus of SUD treatment is on prevention and treatment; he voiced that equal emphasis needs to be placed on recovery. Mr. Kamps requested that the NMRE put together a program that encourages and supports recovery, including incentives, peer supports, training, etc. A Traverse City Record Eagle article about prescribing practices was referenced. Ms. Sircely referenced the work of the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO CHARGE THE SUD BOARD WITH DEVELOPING AN OPIOID USE DISORDER RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE REGION THAT SUPPORTS SUBOXONE PRESCRIBING; SUPPORT BY JOE STONE.

Discussion: Mr. Kurtz requested that the above request be completed with the input of NMRE staff and Opioid Health Home involvement.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO CHARGE THE SUD BOARD TO WORK WITH NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY STAFF TO DEVELOP AN OPIOID USE DISORDER RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE REGION THAT SUPPORTS SUBOXONE PRESCRIBING; SUPPORT BY JOE STONE. MOTION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

COMMENTS

Board

- Mr. Stone asked what the Boards are doing about mandating COVID vaccinations. None of the Boards currently have vaccination mandates. Ms. Sork spoke about the impact of hospitals requiring vaccinations for staff and the impact on emergency services workers.
- Ms. Sherman requested information about the survey about Sen. Shirkey’s bills referenced earlier in the meeting; Mr. Stone responded that the submission period ended on August 23rd.

MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on September 22, 2021.

ADJOURN

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