

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
10:00AM – FEBRUARY 23, 2022  
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Roger Frye, Ed Ginop, Christian Marcus, Gary Nowak, Justin Reed, Don Smeltzer, Joe Stone, Don Tanner
<b>VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:</b>	Gary Klacking (West Branch), Terry Larson (Rogers City), Mary Marois (Destin, FL), Jay O’Farrell (Whittemore), Richard Schmidt (Kaleva), Karla Sherman (LaJolla, CA)
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Randy Kamps
<b>NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:</b>	Joanie Blamer, Christine Gebhard, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Tema Pefok, Brandon Rhue, Sara Sircely, Nena Sork, Teresa Tokarczyk, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek
<b>PUBLIC:</b>	Nichole Flickema, Jackie Guzman, Donna Hardies, Sue Winter

***Note: At 10:00AM there was not a quorum present to proceed with the Board meeting. The decision was made to begin with the “Presentation” portion of the Agenda and then determine whether a quorum was present.***

**PRESENTATION**

**Substance Use Disorder Prevention Coalition Updates**

Donna Hardies (Catholic Human Services) and Nichole Flickema (Health Department of Northwest Michigan) were in attendance virtually to provide updates on the current activities of Prevention Coalitions operating within the NMRE region.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Let the record show that Chairman Don Tanner called the meeting to order at 10:30AM as a quorum was present in Gaylord.

**ROLL CALL**

Let the record show that Randy Kamps was excused from the meeting on this date; all other Board Members were in attendance either in Gaylord or remotely.

**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 declared.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Let the record show that no changes to the meeting Agenda were requested.

**MOTION BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2022 AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION CARRIED.**

### APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Let the record show that the January 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 JANUARY 26, 2022 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION CARRIED.**

### CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes from the February 3, 2022 PIHP CEO meeting.
- 2) Press release from Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel's Office giving an opinion on Meeting Attendance Accommodations Required under ADA.
- 3) MDHHS's Michigan Integration Efforts February 2022 Update.
- 4) MDHHS's Michigan Psychiatric Care Improvement Project (MPCIP) February 2022 Update.
- 5) MDHHS's Region 2 MiCAL Rollout Timeline.
- 6) CMHAM February 2022 Social Media campaign to combat Senate Bills 597 & 598.
- 7) Email correspondence from CMHAM dated February 7, 2022 regarding hacking of recent CMHAM meetings.
- 8) Email correspondence from Alan Bolter at CMHAM providing an overview of the Governor's FY23 Budget Recommendation in Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.
- 9) Email correspondence from CMHAM dated February 16, 2022 providing Guidance related to demand for financial data by Milliman and MDHHS: View of Provider Alliance leadership and CMHA.
- 10) Draft minutes of the February 9, 2022 NMRE Regional Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the MiCAL rollout timeline and discussion during the February 15<sup>th</sup> Operations Committee meeting; NMRE is scheduled to "go live" with the MiCAL 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) on March 31, 2022. Mr. Kurtz also brought attention to correspondence from Jacque Wilson, Chair CMHA Provider Alliance and Robert Sheehan, CMHAM CEO to PIHP/CMHSP CEOs and Provider Alliance Members outlining guidance related to the demand for financial data by Milliman and MDHHS (provider salary and wage survey, provider expense survey, Standard Cost Allocation).

Mr. Marcus referenced the "Strategic Behavioral Health Integration and Coordination Initiatives" section of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> PIHP CEO meeting minutes regarding the expansion of Health Homes in the state and the implementation of a SUD Health Home in the NMRE region; he asked what the potential impact on funding could be. Mr. Kurtz indicated that there would not be an impact and responded that PIHPs are funded by enrollee; Health Homes are 90% Federally funded (BHH for 8 quarters, OHH for 10 quarters).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that there were no announcements 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 January Board Meeting.

## **CEOs Report**

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for February 2022 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date.

## **Financial Report**

### December 2021

- Traditional Medicaid showed \$49,360,242 in revenue, and \$42,879,230 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$6,481,012. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$9,298,750 based on the interim FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$11,296,664.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$7,385,336 in revenue, and \$5,489,748 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,895,589. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,059,746 based on the interim FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$5,061,832.
- Net Position\* showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$8,376,601. Medicaid carry forward was reported as \$16,358,496. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$22,572,877. Medicaid and HMP combined ISF was reported as \$16,358,496; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$38,931,373.
- Health Home showed \$287,798 in revenue, and \$236,739 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$51,059.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$5,864,110, and \$4,562,086 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,302,024. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,752,223.

The Direct Care Wage Surplus was reported as \$2,162,220. Ms. Yockey reported that the first of three PA2 payments for FY22 is expected in April. Ms. Gebhard that a column showing the amount of PA2 funds allocated and the projected revenue by county be added to the report, which Ms. Yockey agreed to provide beginning with the January 2022 report.

**MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021; SUPPORT BY JOE STONE.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Operations Committee Report**

The minutes from February 15, 2022 were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. A discussion of salary caps, longevity pay, and salary structures for PIHP and CMHSP staff occurred; the importance of retaining seasoned staff was emphasized.

## **NMRE SUD Oversight Board Report**

Let the record show that the next meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder Oversight Board is scheduled for March 7, 2022 at 10:00AM in the Gaylord Conference Room.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Bear River Health (BRH)**

Mr. Kurtz shared that on February 9, 2022, he was notified by the CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan (Region 6 PIHP) that BRH had received a (payroll) tax levy and that all payments from Southeast Michigan needed to be made to the IRS; subsequently, Network 180 (Kent County) and Community Mental Health of Ottawa County also contacted Mr. Kurtz about the communication.

Mr. Kurtz met with BRH staff on February 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the issue. A letter dated February 11<sup>th</sup> from Dan Hartman, BRH Executive Director and email correspondence from Jackie Guzman, BRH Financial Director were included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz

reported that he was notified of the release of the levy from the IRS on February 22, 2022; the issue appears to be resolved though Mr. Kurtz noted more information is needed to assure this is not an ongoing concern.

### **PIHP Representative on the CMHAM Board of Directors**

Correspondence from CMHAM about PIHP representation on its Board of Directors was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Interested NMRE Board Members were instructed to contact Mr. Kurtz.

### **Performance Bonus**

Email correspondence from MDHHS dated January 28, 2022 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. The NMRE earned full points in both the PIHP/MHP joint metrics and PIHP-only deliverable for a total bonus payment of \$1,737,751.66 which will be passed to the Boards as local dollars.

### **Lambert Public Relations**

Mr. Kurtz informed the Board that he is overall unimpressed by the work Lambert PR has done for the NMRE to date; he is considering going in a different direction.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Senate Bills 597 & 598/House Bills 4925 – 4929 – The Latest**

A summary of the Mental Health Listening Tour by Michigan House Democrats titled, “Enhancing our Community Mental Health System” was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Johnston expressed his feeling that meetings with the Northern Michigan Counties Association have been extremely effective; Mr. Tanner agreed. Ms. Gebhard referenced a report authored by Rep. Brabec (55<sup>th</sup> House District); Rep. Brabec is working closely with Rep. Whiteford on making alterations to her bills based on feedback from the listening tour.

The possibilities of a rural exception and/or PIHP/CMHSP financial risk arrangement were discussed.

### COMMENTS

#### **Board**

- Mr. Reed commented about a discussion that occurred during the February meeting of the Northern Lakes CMHA Board of Directors; the public (Record Eagle) appears to be blaming the CMH for AFCs closing in Grant Traverse County.
- Mr. Tanner advised everyone to watch their secure data streams during globally volatile times.

#### **Staff/CMHSP CEOs**

- Mr. Johnston expressed that he has had a variety of interactions with CMHSPs in the UP recently; he stressed the need to stay out of “southern Michigan issues” for the benefit of individuals served.
- Board Members were invited to stay to attend the CMHAM Northern Region meeting at 1:00PM.

### MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on March 23, 2022.

### ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:32AM.