

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM – JUNE 22, 2022
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

ATTENDEES:	Roger Frye, Ed Ginop, Gary Klacking, Christian Marcus, Mary Marois, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Justin Reed, Richard Schmidt, Karla Sherman, Joe Stone, Don Tanner
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Angie Griffis (Roscommon), Terry Larson (Rogers City)
ABSENT:	Don Smeltzer
NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:	Brian Babbitt, Joanie Blamer, Christine Gebhard, Mari Hesselink, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Diane Pelts, Sara Sircely, Nena Sork, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek
PUBLIC:	Chip Cieslinski, Sue Winter

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 22, 2022; SUPPORT BY MARY MAROIS. 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. Two errors were noted which were corrected.

MOTION BY JOE STONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2022 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AMENDED; SUPPORT BY KARLA SHERMAN. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes from the June 2, 2022 PIHP CEO meeting.
- 2) Email correspondence from CMHAM dated June 15th regarding the passage of Senate Bill 714 and its ties to Senate Bills 597 and 598.
- 3) The Michigan Psychiatric Care Improvement Project June 2022 Update.
- 4) CMHAM CEO report dated June 2022.
- 5) CMHAM Overview presentation dated June 2022.
- 6) Michigan Integration Efforts: Service Delivery Transformation June 2022 Update.
- 7) The State of Michigan Office of the Attorney General's presentation on Opioid Settlements.
- 8) The draft minutes from the June 8th NMRE Regional Finance Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that the Board welcomed new member, Angie Griffis, attending her first meeting virtually.

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 2022 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz drew attention to his presentation to the Northern Lakes Board on Contract Compliance.

Financial Report

April 2022

- Net Position showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$11,237,846. Medicaid carry forward was reported as \$16,358,117. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$27,595,963. Medicaid and HMP combined ISF was reported as \$16,358,117; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$43,954,080.
- Traditional Medicaid showed \$116,688,180 in revenue, and \$104,588,806 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$12,099,374. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$9,298,368 based on the unaudited FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$11,296,867.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$18,544,308 in revenue, and \$15,245,225 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,299,083. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,059,749 based on the unaudited FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$5,061,250.
- Health Home showed \$856,272 in revenue, and \$654,027 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$202,245.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$14,223,951, and \$11,886,588 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,337,363. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,241,696.

The direct care wage surplus was estimated at \$4,160,611.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2022; SUPPORT BY ROGER FRYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Operations Committee Report

The draft minutes from June 21, 2022 were distributed to the Board on this date. The Mid-Year Status report showed a potential \$14M - -\$17M lapse for FY22; the region will enter FY23 with a fully funded ISF and fully funded carry forward. For FY23, the NMRE will create a separate line item to distribute Medicaid savings to the CMHSPs as benefit stabilization funds. Mr. Kurtz will be drafting correspondence to the State to request other financing models, which could include changing the risk corridor and/or allowing some Medicaid savings to be retained as local funds in order to serve expanded populations.

NMRE SUD Oversight Board Report

The next meeting of the NMRE Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Board is scheduled for 10:00AM on July 11, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Let the record show that there was no "New Business" on the Agenda for the meeting on this date.

OLD BUSINESS

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

A call with Alan Bolter took place on June 17th with 300 participants. Funding for certain projects has been tiebarred to the passage of 597 & 598. It is rumored that Sen. Shirkey and Rep. Whiteford have discussed developing a single proposal. Mr. Stone asked whether there has been any indication of what the Governor may do if either option passes both houses; Mr. Kurtz responded that there has not, but MDHHS doesn't seem on the surface to be supportive of either model. Mr. Reed noted that the average Michigander doesn't understand the complexities involved with, and consequences of, overhauling the current system; he suggested that an educational public service announcement be developed. Mr. Tanner emphasized the need to keep pushing for a rural exemption.

Grand Traverse County and Northern Lakes CMHA

A meeting is scheduled for June 27th with all six County Administrators and County Commission Chairs in the Northern Lakes service area; Mr. Kurtz will be in attendance. Good discussions are occurring. Grand Traverse County Administrator, Nate Alger, has expressed that he sees two lanes: 1) dissolve Northern Lakes, and 2) open/modify the Enabling Agreement; he is assessing both options. Mr. Reed stressed the importance of looking to the future to assess how individuals will be best served. Mr. Reed recommended an article on UpNorthLive by Emily Reed dated June 21st regarding the need for mental health services in area jails.

PRESENTATION

Member Satisfaction Survey Report

NMRE Customer Services Specialist, Mari Hesselink, presented the results of the FY22 Mental Health Services Member Satisfaction Survey. Clients receiving Outpatient, Case Management, Medical, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Peer Support, and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (Clubhouse) services were surveyed in April 2022; the NMRE collected a total of 620 responses.

- 99.02% of respondents answered either "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" to the statement, "Staff treats me with dignity and respect."

- 97.20% of respondents answered either “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” to the statement, “Appointment times are convenient for me.”
- 97.18% of respondents answered either “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” to the statement, “I feel comfortable asking questions about my services.”
- 98.34% of respondents answered either “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” to the statement, “Staff explained information about my services in a way I can understand.”

Areas of improvement were identified as:

- 11% of respondents reported not knowing who to call if they needed help when the CMH was not open.
- 20% of respondents reported not knowing how to file an appeal.
- 11% of respondents reported not being spoken to about smoking, alcohol, or drug use.
- 13% of respondents reported not being spoken to about the side effects of their medication.
- 13% of respondents reported being unaware that they signed a Release of Information for coordination of care purposes.

Mr. Marcus suggested conducting a survey about the issues raised in the Senate and House Bills (timely access to services, etc.) Ms. Blamer suggested asking individuals what the outcome was if services were requested but (medical necessity) criteria was not met.

COMMENTS

Board

Mr. Reed explained that he may be unable to continue to serve on the CMHAM Member Services Committee as meeting times conflict with those of the Northern Lakes Board. Ms. Blamer offered to arrange for Mr. Reed to the CMHAM meetings virtually prior to Northern Lakes Board meetings.

Mr. Marcus recognized that today’s meeting is Christine Gebhard’s last as she is retiring effective July 1st. Brian Babbit has been named the new CEO of North Country CMHA.

Mr. Tanner referenced a public radio story about the Rafferty Family from Benzonia who’s son RJ was lost to SUD at the age of 32.

Mr. Reed reminded the group that parking for the Cherry Festival (July 2nd – July 9th) will be available at Northern Lakes CMHA parking lot; proceeds will benefit the Traverse House.

Mr. Reed shared that he will be participating in the CMHAM Clubhouse Conference July 17th – 20th in Kalamazoo as part of a workshop on Transitional Employment.

Staff/CMHSP CEOs

Ms. Gebhard suggested conducting a regional survey around access to services. She suggested using benefit stabilization funds to put access telephone numbers on billboards.

Ms. Gebhard thanked everyone for the collegial working relationship over the past few years. She said it has been a privilege to work in the human services field and called it “very gratifying.”

Mr. Johnston referred to the email from CMHAM dated June 13th to the leaders of the CMHSPs participating in the State’s Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) pilot that was referenced in the June 21st Operations Committee minutes. He voiced strong objection to the

CCBHC becoming a State Plan Amendment. Mr. Johnston called the CCBHC “unnecessary and onerous.”

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO CHARGE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH COMPOSING A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE REGION OPPOSING THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC (CCBHC) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT BECOMING A PERMANENT STATE PLAN SERVICE; SUPPORT BY MARY MAROIS. ROLL CALL VOTE.

“Yea” Votes: R. Frye, E. Ginop, G. Klacking, M. Marois, G. Nowak, J. O’Farrell, J. Reed, R. Schmidt, K. Sherman, J. Stone, D. Tanner

“Nay” Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Johnston thanked Ms. Gebhard for her advocacy efforts around Section 298 and HB 5165.

Ms. Pelts also thanked Ms. Gebhard for her years of work on behalf of individuals served.

It was noted that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate is increasing to \$0.625 per mile effective July 1st.

MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on July 27, 2022.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:09AM.