

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
10:00AM – AUGUST 23, 2023
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

ATTENDEES:	Tom Bratton, Gary Klacking, Eric Lawson, Greg McMorrow, Michael Newman, Gary Nowak, Jay O’Farrell, Ruth Pilon, Richard Schmidt, Don Smeltzer, Don Tanner, Chuck Varner
VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:	Karla Sherman
ABSENT:	Ed Ginop, Terry Larson
NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:	Brian Babbitt, Jodie Balhorn, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Diane Pelts, Brandon Rhue, Nena Sork, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek, Lisa Hartley
PUBLIC:	Dave Freedman, Hunter Pulaski

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 Ed Ginop and Terry Larson were excused from the meeting on this date; all other NMRE Board Members were in attendance either in person 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 proposed.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23, 2023; SUPPORT BY RICHARD SCHMIDT. MOTION CARRIED.

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 RICHARD SCHMIDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2023 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY JAY O’FARRELL. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes of the July 18 – 19, 2023 Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) Directors Forum.
- 2) The minutes of the August 3, 2023 PIHP CEO Meeting.
- 3) MDHHS Service Delivery Transformation Section August 2023 Update.
- 4) MDHHS MI Kids Now Dashboard dated August 3, 2023.
- 5) Behavioral Health 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Renewal Feedback Session listing of dates and times.
- 6) Memorandum dated August 9, 2023 from Kristen Jordan at MDHHS regarding concerns expressed with the Conflict-Free Access and Planning Listening Sessions for individuals served and their family members.
- 7) Memorandum from Jackie Sproat at MDHHS regarding Corrective Action Plan Incentives for fiscal year 2024.
- 8) Email correspondence dated July 31, 2023 from Robert Sheehan and Alan Bolter at CMHAM urging persons served to express their concerns about being rejected from participating in MDHHS Conflict-Free Access and Planning Listening Sessions.
- 9) Document from CMHAM dated June 2023 titled, "Focused Set of Concrete Approached to Strengthening Partnership between Michigan's Child Welfare and Community Mental Health Systems."
- 10) Document from CHMAM dated August 2023 titled, "Recommendations for a Coordinated and Collaborative Approach to Providing Screening and Assessments of and Mental Health Services to Children, Youth, and Families in Foster Care Settings."
- 11) Informational flyer promoting the NMRE Day of Education scheduled for September 8, 2023 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.
- 12) The draft minutes of the August 9, 2023 regional Finance Committee meeting.

Behavioral Health 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Renewal Feedback sessions scheduled for:

- Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00AM
- Thursday, September 7th at 2:00PM
- Tuesday, September 19th at 3:00PM
- Wednesday, September 27th at 10:00AM

Conflict-Free Access and Planning (CFAP) stakeholder listening sessions were held on August 1st and August 9th; many persons served tried to register for the listening sessions but were turned away from participating by MDHHS. The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) has asked that concerns be directed to Meghan Groan and/or Belinda Hawks at MDHHS. Mr. Tanner expressed that this situation demonstrated "horrible judgement" on the part of the state.

MDHHS will be implementing a new Corrective Action Plan (CAP) incentive for FY24. The state may withhold a portion of the capitation payment to be earned through timely and accurate completion and resolution of CAPs.

Mr. Bratton referred to the August 3rd PIHP CEO meeting minutes, Crisis Services Update section; he asked if the 988 rollout has been successful. Mr. Kurtz responded that it has been less than ideal. Mr. Kurtz noted that all CMHSPs have 24-hour crisis access lines. NMRE Clinical Services Director, Bea Arsenov, added that if calls are made anonymously, no referrals can be made to CMHSPs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Executive Committee Report

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

CEO Report

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for August 2023 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz highlighted his tour of the Standish Prison on August 7th. Michigan Rep. Mike Hoadley (99th District) has proposed revamping the facility into something usable for the public, possibly a health park. Although it was viewed to be a viable facility, major renovations would be needed, which would be extremely costly. Ms. Pilon noted that the central location makes the site advantageous.

Mr. Kurtz next drew attention to his visit to Centra Wellness Network for its Board Planning Session on August 10th; he thanked Mr. Johnston for the invitation.

June 2023 Financial Report

- Net Position showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$3,953,501. Budget stabilization was reported as \$16,369,542. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$20,323,043. Medicaid and HMP combined ISF was reported as \$16,369,542; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$36,692,585.
- Traditional Medicaid showed \$148,604,892 in revenue, and \$147,284,975 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,319,917. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$9,306,578 based on the current FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$7,742,649.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$26,426,138 in revenue, and \$23,792,554 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,633,584. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,062,964 based on the current FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$8,626,893.
- Health Home showed \$1,738,486 in revenue, and \$1,510,609 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$227,877.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$23,407,402, and \$19,612,791 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$3,794,611. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$4,836,119.

A \$4M lapse to the state is anticipated for FY23. A total of \$2,720,209 in PA2 funds were approved for FY23; of that, \$809,417 has been billed. The remainder will carry forward into FY24. Mr. Schnidt noted that PA2 may be lower in FY24 as counties have the ability to retain 60% (vs. the current rate of 50%). Ms. Yockey clarified that calculations will be made differently, however, so the overall impact should be minimal.

FY24 budget will be presented to the Board in September. Revenue is expected to be consistent with the current year.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2023; SUPPORT BY GREG MCMORROW. MOTION CARRIED.

Operations Committee Report

The minutes from August 15, 2023 were included in the materials for the meeting on this date for informational purposes.

NMRE SUD Oversight Committee Report

Let the record show that the next SUD Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 10:00AM. Mr. Schmidt noted that a few of the counties' available liquor tax balances are quite low.

NEW BUSINESS

NMRE Alpine CRU Contract

Regional CEOs met with the North Shores team in July. To keep the Alpine CRU (Gaylord) functioning, the NMRE agreed to pay 1/12th of the facilities operating costs (budget) per month beginning in September for a period of one year. The CMHSPs will issue zero cost contracts with the facility. The projected one-years cost was stated as \$1.2M.

PIHP Contract Change Order No.9

Change Notice No. 9 to the current PIHP Contract was included in the meeting materials. The Change Notice amends the current contract to adjust the Direct Care Wage increase and update the MDHHS contact to Meghan Groen. A new contract will be issued for FY24.

MOTION BY GARY NOWAK TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NUMBER NINE (NO.9) TO THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY'S PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLAN'S SPECIALTY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, SUPPORT BY ERIC LAWSON. ROLL CALL VOTE.

"Yea" Votes: T. Bratton, G. Klacking, E. Lawson, G. McMorrow, M. Newman, G. Nowak, J. O'Farrell, R. Pilon, R. Schmidt, D. Smeltzer, D. Tanner, C. Varner

"Nay" Votes: Nil

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Grand Traverse County and Northern Lakes CMHA

Rehmann is preparing to begin the contractual oversight of Northern Lakes CMHA per its agreement with the NNRE. An email from Richard Carpenter, CPA with Rehman, to Mr. Kurtz dated August 23, 2023 was distributed during the meeting. The email was intended to serve as an acknowledgement of a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Carpenter disclosed that Rehmann functions as the Chief Financial Officer for Region 10 PIHP. Region 10 Area Agency on Aging and Northern Lakes CMHA compete over enrollment in the MI Choice Waiver Medicaid Program.

MOTION BY CHUCK VARNER TO ACCEPT THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM RICHARD CARPENTER AND REHMANN AS IT RELATES TO ITS ENHANCED AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY FOR CONTRACTUAL OVERSIGHT OF NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY; SECOND BY TOM BRATTON. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Hunter Pulaski from MacDonald Garber Broadcasting was in attendance to present on the NMRE's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Gambling Prevention Media Campaign.

The NMRE issued a contract with MacDonald Garber Broadcasting to create a targeted display media campaign to focus on problem gambling paid for with state grant funding. Display ads were developed and shown on top popular websites. Throughout the 21-county region there have been 7,875,039 impressions to date (impressions = the number of times the images were shown on a screen); of those, there were 5,877 clicks on the images, which equates to a click rate of 0.07%.

MacDonald Garber Broadcasting also uses geofencing, the use of global positioning system (GPS) or radio frequency identification (RFID) technology, to create a virtual geographic boundary, enabling software to trigger a response when a mobile device enters or leaves a particular area. For the gambling media campaign, the geographic boundary was placed around casinos. Throughout the 21-county region there have been 391,474 impressions to date using geofencing; of those, there were 489 clicks on the images, which equates to a click rate of 0.12%.

It was noted that when an individual clicks on the impression, they are routed to the Michigan Problem Gambling Hotline at 1.800.270.7717.

COMMENTS

Mr. Johnston provided an update on the formation of the Rural and Frontier Caucus within CMHAM. The Rural and Frontier Caucus began with the 10 CMHSPs and 2 PIHPs within the 36 counties in Michigan's upper peninsula and northern lower peninsula to ensure that consideration is given to rural health care providers, particularly behavioral health care providers, before policy is promulgated and agreements are made with the federal government for service delivery; it has since opened up to other rural/frontier areas within the state. Matt Maskart, CEO of Pathways CMH, has been named the Caucus Chair.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on September 27, 2023.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:06AM.