

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
10:00AM – FEBRUARY 22, 2023  
GAYLORD BOARDROOM**

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>Kate Dahlstrom, Ed Ginop, Eric Lawson, Michael Newman, Gary Nowak, Richard Schmidt, Karla Sherman, Don Tanner</b>
<b>VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>Terry Larson, Mary Marois</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Gary Klacking, Jay O’Farrell, Don Smeltzer, Chuck Varner</b>
<b>NMRE/CMHSP STAFF:</b>	<b>Brian Babbitt, Chip Johnston, Eric Kurtz, Brian Martinus, Diane Pelts, Brandon Rhue, Sara Sircely, Nena Sork, Deanna Yockey, Carol Balousek, Lisa Hartley</b>
<b>PUBLIC:</b>	<b>Madeline McConnell, Sue Winter</b>

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 Gary Klacking, Jay O’Farrell, Don Smeltzer, and Chuck Varner were excused from the meeting on this date; all other NMRE Board Members were in attendance either virtually or in Gaylord.

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 FEBRUARY 22, 2023; SUPPORT BY ED GINOP. 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 ERIC LAWSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2023 MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUPPORT BY GARY NOWAK. MOTION CARRIED.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) The minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup> MPHI PIHP CEO meeting.
- 2) The minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> MDHHS PIHP CEO meeting.
- 3) The MDHHD Michigan Behavioral Health Crisis System Update for February 2023.
- 4) The MDHHS Service Delivery Transformation Section Update for February 2023.
- 5) MDHHS L Letter 23-04 dated February 14, 2023 regarding Direct Care Worker Wage Increases.
- 6) Memorandum from Farah Hanley, Chief Deputy Director for Health, to PIHP and CMHSP CEOs and medical Directors dated February 14, 2023 regarding the MI-SMART Medical Clearance Process.
- 7) Slide deck from Cara Poland, MD, of the Michigan Opioid Advisory Commission dated February 7, 2023.
- 8) A letter from the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) dated January 31, 2023 regarding the 2023 Annual PAC Campaign.
- 9) Slide deck from CMHAM detailing "Winter 2023 Public Policy Updates."
- 10) NMRE "FY22 Performance Bonus Incentive Pool (PBIP) Contractor-only and MHP/Contractor Joint Metrics Deliverables/Narratives Scoring" report.
- 11) Letter from Jackie Sproat at MDHHS to Eric Kurtz dated February 10, 2023 accepting the NMRE's FY23 Risk Management Strategy.
- 12) Letter from Roslund, Prestage, and Company (RPC) to the NMRE Board of Directors dated February 7, 2023 regarding the process of the FY22 financial audit.
- 13) Slide deck from Eric Kurtz titled "Michigan Medicaid and Federal Waivers" given during the regional Hab Supports Waiver Training on January 26, 2023.
- 14) The draft minutes of the February 8, 2023 regional Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kurtz drew attention to the Opioid Advisory Commission report that was presented during the CMHAM Winter Conference.

CMHAM has asked for 100% participation in the Annual PAC Campaign; the five member CMHSPs and the NMRE will be submitting donations for the silent auction during June Conference.

Mr. Kurtz noted that the NMRE 100% on the FY22 Pay for Performance measures resulting in a Performance Bonus Incentive Payment of \$1,725,420.19.

Clarification was made that an individual's ability to pay (as referenced in the January 5<sup>th</sup> PIHP CEO meeting minutes) is addressed in Chapter 8 of the Mental Health Code. Michigan Public Act 91 of 2022 changed the state's ability to pay standards to match to Federal guidelines for mental health and substance use disorder services.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let the record show that new Board Member, Michael Newman, representing North County CMHA was introduced to the group.

## 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 January Board Meeting.

## **CEO Report**

The NMRE CEO Monthly Report for February 2023 was included in the materials for the meeting on this date. Mr. Kurtz mentioned his participation at the North Country CMHS Board retreat on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **December 2022 Financial Report**

- Net Position showed net surplus Medicaid and HMP of \$3,517,563. Medicaid carry forward was reported as \$16,367,583. The total Medicaid and HMP Current Year Surplus was reported as \$19,885,146. Medicaid and HMP combined ISF was reported as \$16,357,583; the total Medicaid and HMP net surplus, including carry forward and ISF was reported as \$36,252,729.
- Traditional Medicaid showed \$49,200,717 in revenue, and \$46,777,769 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$2,422,948. Medicaid ISF was reported as \$9,302,629 based on the interim FSR. Medicaid Savings was reported as \$10,911,722.
- Healthy Michigan Plan showed \$8,353,822 in revenue, and \$7,259,207 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,094,615. HMP ISF was reported as \$7,064,954 based on the interim FSR. HMP savings was reported as \$5,455,861.
- Health Home showed \$507,741 in revenue, and \$372,597 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$135,144.
- SUD showed all funding source revenue of \$7,102,768, and \$5,851,495 in expenses, resulting in a net surplus of \$1,251,273. Total PA2 funds were reported as \$5,341,057.

Ms. Yockey drew the Board's attention to the "Schedule of PA2 by County" page of the Financial Report. Additional columns were added to provide a more accurate representation of available funds by county. Ms. Dahlstrom requested a list of projects that have been approved using Grand Traverse County liquor tax dollars, which Ms. Sircely agreed to provide.

Medicaid eligibles (number) and revenue (dollars) per category (DAB, TANF, HSW, HMP) were reviewed.

## **MOTION BY KARLA SHERMAN TO APPROVE THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022; SUPPORT BY ERIC LAWSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Operations Committee Report**

The minutes from February 21, 2023 were distributed during the meeting. Mr. Kurtz reported that the Alpine CRU may open as early as March 2023. The region is going to pursue a similar crisis residential facility for children. Clarification was made that the Alpine CRU will be available to Medicaid beneficiaries. CMHSPs may choose to use general funds for their non-Medicaid consumers.

The Medicaid Enrollee-to-Provider ratio standards related to crisis residential capacity were reviewed:

- Adult = 16 beds pre 500,000 total population
- Children = 8 – 12 beds per 500,000 total population

It was noted that Medicaid policies are often not representative of rural areas. A meeting with the UP (and potentially members of the Northern Caucus) to discuss a rural exemption regarding Medicaid policy/service fidelity is being pursued.

### **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 6, 2023 at 10:00AM.

### NEW BUSINESS

Let the record show that there was no New Business to present to the Board during the meeting on this date.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Grand Traverse County and Northern Lakes CMHA**

Mr. Kurtz reported that the new Commissioners within the NLCMHA catchment area are getting up to speed on the issue with Northern Lakes CMHA. They have expressed a strong commitment to getting the Enabling Agreement rewritten in a timely manner. The next meeting of the six County Administrators (Crawford, Grand Traverse, Missaukee, Leelanau, Roscommon, and Wexford) is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30AM.

### PRESENTATION

#### **Public Act 2/Liquor Tax Funding**

NMRE SUD Grant Director, Sara, Sircely was in attendance give a presentation on Public Act 2 (liquor tax) funding.

- Pursuant to Public Act 206 of 1893, Regional Entities (previously Coordinating Agencies) receive liquor tax funds/PA2 funds from each of the counties in their regions. The funds are to be used for the express purpose of substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support services within the county from which the funds originated.
- Licensed providers (or governmental entities) may apply for liquor tax funds at any time; the application is located on the NMRE.org website. Applications must be received by the first of the month prior to scheduled NMRE SUD Oversight Board meetings.
- Prior to being brought before the NMRE SUD Oversight Board for consideration, applications are reviewed by NMRE staff and CMHSP CEOs.
- Applications approved by the NMRE SUD Oversight Board are presented to the NMRE Governing Board/Board of Directors for consideration.

Mr. Tanner noted the value in providing an annual report on initiatives funded with liquor tax dollars to the counties.

### COMMENTS

#### **Board Members**

Ms. Dahlstrom announced that State Representatives and Senators are holding "coffees" in the region. She encouraged Board Members to attend and advocate for resources to secure mental health workers.

Mr. Schmidt acknowledged that State Legislators have much to learn about mental health issues. Mr. Kurtz added that a Legislative Champion is needed to move a rural exemption forward. He

expressed the need for Medicaid policy to be reviewed by a panel representing rural areas prior to promulgation.

**Staff/CMHSP CEOs**

Mr. Johnston noted that the Upper Peninsula (Region 1 PIHP) has concerns similar to those of the NMRE (chronic lack of staff, rural capacity issues, etc.) Conversations are occurring between the two regions to discuss rural needs and current practices.

**Public**

NMSAS Recovery Center Executive Director, Sue Winter, informed the Board that NMSAS currently has 300 peer recovery coaches; this coming weekend, 27 additional individuals will graduate from the program.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the NMRE Board of Directors was scheduled for 10:00AM on March 22, 2023.

ADJOURN

Let the record show that Mr. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:36AM.