

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

Board Meeting

April 14, 2011

I. Call to Order

Chair Gary Nowak called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 3:00 p.m.

II. Seating of Board Members

Virginia DeRosia – Alcona County
Linda Canfield – Alpena County

Maggie Clay – Montmorency County
Gary Nowak – Presque Isle County

III. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Present: Richard Anderson, Linda Canfield, Maggie Clay, Virginia DeRosia, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Tom Mullaney, Gary Nowak, Pat Przeslawski, Tom Young

Absent: Alan Fischer, Judy Hutchins

Staff & Guests: Carolyn Bruning, Lee Ann Bushey, Tim Gray, Cheryl Jaworowski, Ed LaFramboise, Cathy Meske, Cathy O'Brien, Tony White

IV. Report of the Nominating Committee

Virginia DeRosia reported the Nominations Committee met and recommends no change in officer positions for the next organizational year. The recommended officer positions are as follows:

Gary Nowak, Chair
Pat Przeslawski, Vice Chair
Virginia DeRosia, Secretary
Maggie Clay, Past Chair

V. Election of Officers

The Nominations Committee has recommended a motion to elect Gary Nowak for the office of Chairperson. Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Linda Canfield moved that nominations be closed, Marie LaLonde seconded the motion and requested that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Nowak. Motion carried.

The Nominations Committee has recommended a motion to elect Pat Przeslawski for the office of Vice Chair. Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Richard Anderson moved that nominations be closed, Virginia DeRosia seconded the motion and requested that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Pat Przeslawski

The Nominations Committee has recommended a motion to elect Virginia DeRosia for the office of Secretary. Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times.

Richard Anderson moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Virginia DeRosia, Pat Przeslawski supported the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that Maggie Clay continues in the position of Past Chair.

VI. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There were no comments presented.

VII. Educational Session – CMH Finance 201

Cheryl Jaworowski provided Board members with a presentation of “CMH Financing 201.” The presentation covered:

- What services Medicaid covers
- How Northeast spent funds in FY 2010
- How many persons with a Developmental Disability or Mental Illness condition have been served over the past twelve years
- How much was spent annually to serve a person with a Developmental Disability or Mental Illness condition over those years
- How Northeast’s administrative costs compare to other CMH Boards in the Northern Affiliation and in the State, and
- How lapsed (unspent) managed care funds are handled according to contracts

Alan Fischer arrived at 3:12 p.m.

One area reviewed in more detail related to the average cost to serve consumers with a developmental disability. Northeast’s costs are higher than our affiliates and also the state average due in part to the “adoption” of many consumers that were displaced when the state facilities were closed. Tony White reported his predecessor Paul VanderSchie developed the residential program to accommodate placement of consumers from the state facilities. Ed LaFramboise reported there were about 165 consumers that were placed in Northeast that were not our counties’ responsibilities. The state promised at that time to assure funding was maintained to accommodate those adoptions. Mr. White reported Northeast will be able to continue to downsize the residential program as those people adapted by Northeast are now aging.

Linda Canfield inquired about the reduction of children served over time. Cathy Meske reported the diagnostic criteria are tighter now that they use to be and there are fewer children in the area simply due to the demographics of the area—young people leaving to find employment.

Alan Fischer raised concern about the amount spent per consumer for Northeast being lower than the state average. Tony White reported that is simply a function of the inequity of state General Fund distribution.

Board members thanked Cheryl for a very informative presentation.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
- 2. Contracts**
 - a. Center for Positive Living**

Moved by Terry Larson, supported by Richard Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IX. FY10 -11 Budget Amendment

This amendment has been postponed to a future meeting.

X. April Monitoring Reports

1. Budgeting 01-004

Cheryl Jaworowski reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expense report with Board members. She noted salaries appear overspent, but that is due to a retroactive wage adjustment that was approved and which will be corrected in the budget amendment.

2. Communication and Counsel 01-009

Tony White reviewed the monitoring report related to Communication and Counsel. He noted there was an exception on the timeliness of reports as noted last month dealing with a staff survey. This survey has been sent to staff for voluntary completion.

He reported the "Current Events @ Northeast" and Linkage reports have been added to assure communication to the Board is maintained.

Moved by Pat Przeslawski, supported by Linda Canfield, to accept the April monitoring reports as presented. Motion carried.

XI. Board Policy Review and Self Evaluation

1. Financial Condition 01-005

There were no comments or recommendations for this policy.

2. Communication and Counsel 01-009

There were no comments or recommendations for this policy.

3. Governing Style 02-002

There were no recommendations for review on this policy and Board members had no comments.

4. Cost of Governance 02-013

The policy was revised to include current budgeted costs.

Moved by Richard Anderson, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to approve revisions to Policy 02-013 as presented. Motion carried.

XII. Linkage Reports

1. Northern Affiliation

Tony White reported the Northern Affiliation Board met last week. He reported the Affiliation's financial status closely mirrors Northeast's; this year's financial status is good. There was a discussion at the Affiliation Board meeting regarding the expansion dollars included in the budget. Mr. White reported Northeast included additional dollars for supported employment program in the mental illness division, including peer support as well as funding to support integration of primary health care and mental health care. He noted preliminary meetings have been held with the federally qualified health plan centers in our region, but this is slow going mostly due to the unknowns in national healthcare reform.

2. Board Association

a. CMH PAC Final Report

Gary Nowak reported a total of \$1,235 was contributed to the Board Association CMH PAC. Tony White reported there were 15 contributors.

b. By-Law Proposal

Tony White reported the Board Association by-law changes will be addressed at the Spring Conference. Mr. White reviewed the proposed changes noting this will allow the affiliate members of the Association to have limited voting privileges. Mr. White reported there was significant discussion of the proposal in the Association's Member Services Committee of which he is a member; he encouraged Northeast's delegates to support the by-law amendment revisions.

c. Association Proposals

Tony White reported the project proposals [Uniform (Benchmark) Benefit and Health Care Reform – Preparation...] by the Association are beyond the current capacity of Association staffing, and are recommended for funding by special assessment. Mr. White reported the first project, Uniform Benefit, would address the issue of General Fund inequity. He encourages funding this project.

The second project would research federal healthcare reform in more depth and keep Association members informed and current as this develops at the national level.

The exact amount of both projects is unknown until all Boards have made decisions about participation but Mr. White recommends Northeast participate in the projects. .

Moved by Pat Przeslawski, supported by Marie LaLonde, to authorize the Director to enter into agreements with the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards for based on the Board's direction. Roll call vote: Ayes: Richard Anderson, Linda Canfield, Maggie Clay, Virginia DeRosia, Alan Fischer, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Tom Mullaney, Gary Nowak, Pat Przeslawski, Tom Young; Nays: None; Absent: Judy Hutchins

d. Winter Conference Update

Alan Fischer reported he attended the 'Ticket to Work' workshop sponsored by the Social Security Administration. He also attended a session presented by a doctor with a mental illness. His presentation included limitations of medication and stressed that recovery needs personal responsibility. He noted this doctor felt more therapy is needed to help in a recovery.

Tom Mullaney reported he attended a session on how to conduct a community mental health Board meeting noting there is a wide variety and no set pattern used across the state.

Gary Nowak reported one session he attended addressed consumers forgoing a high school diploma and instead are placed in a work environment in their senior year. Ed LaFramboise reported this was "Project Search" and noted there will be some dollars directed for this project. Gary Nowak reported he requested this be a topic at the local Board Member Forum.

Tom Young reported this was his first conference and it gave him an opportunity to meet the director of the department. He reported he attended a session on "Board Excellence" and the presenter discouraged the use electronic board meeting packets as board members are then "buried" in their laptops versus fully participating in the meeting.

e. Spring Conference May 18 & 19 - Dearborn

The spring conference is scheduled in Kalamazoo on May 17 & 18. Earlybird registration will be prior to the May Board meeting. Board members wishing to attend were instructed to contact Diane Hayka as soon as possible.

Moved by Tom Mullaney, supported by Terry Larson, to approve expenses for those board members requesting to attend. Roll call vote: Ayes: Richard Anderson, Linda Canfield, Maggie Clay, Virginia DeRosia, Alan Fischer, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Tom Mullaney, Gary Nowak, Pat Przeslawski, Tom Young; Nays: None; Absent: Judy Hutchins. Motion carried.

3. Consumer Advisory Council

Alan Fischer noted the Council met on Monday. He reported an agenda committee has been established to assist in preparing for the meeting. The Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes Rally is being organized. There has been a consumer appointed to the QI Council. Cathy Meske reported Sherri Goff attended and provided information related to the support groups being established. Cathy Meske also reported the Council will be looking at the Mortality Study and attempting to educate the community about the 25 year difference in mortality rates between the general population and people with serious mental health conditions.

4. Legislature

Tony White reported the local RICC has arranged a Legislative Luncheon on Monday at the Educational Service District in Alpena; Senator John Moolenaar and Representative Peter Petalia

will be in attendance. Board members are encouraged to attend, but need to RSVP tonight if possible.

XIII. Chair's Report

1. Planning Session Update

The May Planning Session is set for Rosa's in Spruce at 3:00 p.m. Dave Schneider will provide an overview of the State's and Northern Affiliation's prospects for the coming year.

2. Section 222 Survey

Board members were requested to complete the survey form and return to Diane Hayka. Tony White noted this is a compliance requirement of the Mental Health Code.

XIV. Director's Report

1. "Solutions" Document

Tony White reported that the Board Association met with Olga Dazzo, the new department Director who expressed interest in hearing ideas from the field about areas where cost savings and efficiencies could be found in the public mental health system. As a result, a "Solutions" document is being prepared by the Association to offer to the Department for consideration. The document highlights the efficiencies that the CMH system can provide as the system in integrated with primary care, either through Medical Homes" or other means. The use of "deemed status" to reduce administrative redundancies is also underscored.

Terry Larson noted there is an effort to eliminate the coordinating agencies (CAs) and force them to consolidate with the PIHPs. He reported this might also lead to forced mergers of community mental health boards with the PIHPs. Mr. White noted that the State appears to be interested in consolidations of a variety of governmental units, programs, etc.

2. Kellogg Foundation Grant

Tony White reported a Press Release has been issued by NEMCSA, Inc. related to a grant received from the Kellogg Foundation for children's mental health services in the four-county area. This grant is for \$2,499,725 for a three-year period. This will include children who have emotional disturbances but may not meet community mental health eligibility criteria. Because it closely parallels this agency's current System of Care implementation grant from DCH, we will closely coordinate activities.

Virginia DeRosia left the meeting 4:45 p.m.

3. Budget Update

Tony White reported the Senate has released its budget proposal. The Senate has increased proposed cuts to community mental health to 4.8% but includes language requiring the funding formula be used in the cut process. There also is boilerplate language to require consideration of using notional accrediting process to reduce administrative costs.

Mr. White reported there is no language related to jail services covered by community mental health funds allowing us to provide those services. Last year the language was included in the boilerplate passed. He noted this is an area we will need to monitor.

4. QI Council Update

The minutes were included in the mailing and Board members had no questions.

XV. Information and/or Comments from the Public

Cathy Meske introduced Cathy O'Brien, in attendance earlier in this meeting, who is the new Home-Based Services Clinician.

XVI. New Business

1. Establishment of Regular Meeting Date

The Board concurred that the meetings remain the same – the second Thursday of the month beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Terry Larson, supported by Tom Young. to establish the Board meetings to be the second Thursday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

2. Appointment of Standing Committees

Gary Nowak appointed the following members to the Board's Standing Committees:

Recipient Rights Committee

Linda Canfield, Board Representative

Patricia Przeslawski, Board Representative

Tom Mullaney, Alternate

3. Appointment of Michigan Association Delegates

Association Delegates

Alan Fischer

Judy Hutchins

Alternates

Richard Anderson

Linda Canfield

XVII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board will be held Thursday, May 12, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Rosa's in Spruce.

Dave Schneider will be attending the Planning Session.

A. Set May Agenda

The May meeting is the Board's annual planning session. The Ends monitoring report will be reviewed.

B. Evaluation of Meeting

Linda Canfield and Pat Przeslawski noted this was a good meeting. The educational session was very informative.

XVIII. Adjournment

Moved by Tom Mullaney, supported by Marie LaLonde, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

signed by Virginia DeRosia on 5/12/11

Virginia DeRosia, Secretary

signed by Gary Nowak on 5/12/11

Gary Nowak, Chair

Diane Hayka
Recorder