

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

Board Meeting

August 9, 2012

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Present: Linda Canfield, Virginia DeRosia, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Gary Nowak, Tom Young

Absent: Tom Mullaney (excused), Pat Przeslawski (excused), Richard Anderson, Alan Fischer

Staff & Guests: Lisa Anderson, Carolyn Bruning, LeeAnn Bushey, Cheryl Jaworowski, Ed LaFramboise, Cathy Meske, Tony White

III. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There were no comments or information presented.

IV. Educational Session – Personnel Update

1. **Effect of Affordable Care Act (ACA) on Northeast as an Employer**

Lisa Anderson addressed issues facing the Board related to health reform implications. She reported the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act. She reported the identified concerns for the agency are three issues – staff that work more than 30 hours per week, whether Michigan will expand Medicaid coverage and whether the agency would/should offer various coverage plans.

Ms. Anderson reported Northeast has 143 part-time staff most of whom work more than 30 hours per week. She noted a solution would be to offer health insurance to those staff, which if covered under a family plan would cost about \$1.5 - \$2 million. Another alternative could be to limit the number of hours staff work. This would cut the income for part-time staff and would cause scheduling issues due to loss of scheduling flexibility. She reported Michigan will have the option to expand Medicaid; during the first three years of the expansion the federal government would cover 100% of the cost of the expanded services, however, the States would be liable for 10% of the cost after that period. This expansion of Medicaid might be a source of coverage for some Northeast employees as according to statistics provided by Blue Cross, there are approximately 147 current full-time Northeast employees that would likely fall within the expanded Medicaid eligibility levels.

Under the Act, employee premium contributions cannot exceed 9.5% of household income. She noted that we hope and expect that it will not be our responsibility to verify employee household income, etc. as that would no doubt be intrusive; more likely that will be confirmed by some other State of federal agency.

2. **Electronic Payroll Demonstration**

Lisa Anderson presented information on the electronic pay stub. The first phase was getting all staff (and board members) enrolled in direct deposit. The second phase is to implementing the electronic pay stub, allowing us to eliminate paper stubs. A short video was viewed by Board members demonstrating the steps to set up a password for accessing the system.

V. **Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Contracts**
 - a. **NEMCSA Head Start Agreement**
3. **Banking Resolution**

Moved by Marie LaLonde, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VI. **September Monitoring Reports**

1. **Budgeting 01-004**

Cheryl Jaworowski reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expense for month ending June 2012. She reported at this point in the year the agency has a net loss of \$93,816. She notes Medicaid is underspent by \$1,119,632 and General Funds are overspent by \$55,474. She notes a correction related to Property & Liability Insurance.

Moved by Linda Canfield, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to accept the September monitoring report as presented. Motion carried.

VII. **Board Policies Review**

1. **General Executive Constraint 01-001**

Board members reviewed this policy and had no comments or suggested revisions.
2. **Compensation & Benefits 01-008**

Board members reviewed this policy and had no comments or suggested revisions.
3. **Board Committee Structure 02-006**

Board members reviewed this policy and noted there were no changes needed. This policy is language is proper.

VIII. **Linkage Reports**

1. **Northern Affiliation**

Tony White reported he and Ed LaFramboise had attended an OPS meeting at the Affiliation yesterday. Alexis Kaczynski provided an update from the Leadership workgroup related to the restructuring of regions. There is a meeting scheduled for August 15 and another for August 24 to address this process and most likely a recommendation will come out of these meetings. Tony White reported the most concerning questions have to do with how the PIHPs will be reduced in numbers, how the governance will be affected, how the coordinating agency absorption would affect the structure, etc. He noted this should provide material to discuss at the September planning meeting.

Mr. White notes very likely there will be restructuring of the system as the Department has indicated they are very sure CMS will not accept the current number of CAS and PIHPs in the system.
2. **MACMHB**
 - a. **Fall Board Conference – October 15 & 16 – Grand Traverse Resort**

Gary polled Board members to determine desired attendance. The early bird deadline is September 28 and Board members were encouraged to let Diane Hayka know if they plan to attend. Linda Canfield, Judy Hutchins, Marie LaLonde, and Roger Frye said they would like to attend; Gary Nowak will attend the first day session only.
3. **Consumer Advisory Council**
 - a. **Council Meeting Update**

Tony White reported this group met Monday evening and were presented with an overview of self-determination by Deb Hemgesberg.

The Council requested this Board support the PICC member request to the Northern Affiliation for an increase in their per diem rate for an additional \$5.

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Judy Hutchins to support the PICC's request for an increase in the per diem rates paid to the consumers attending their meeting. Motion carried.

b. Dual Eligible Advocacy Plan

Tony White reported one featured item on the Consumer Advisory Council's agenda addressed the dual eligible advocacy plan in an attempt to garner support of the plan to be submitted to CMS in support of Michigan's plan. We may need to host forums to inform the consumers of this need. He notes Northeast has 700 consumers that have both Medicare/Medicaid coverage and it is difficult to relay the information to such a large group. Mr. White noted board members will be notified by e-mail or mailing when the final advocacy plan is released.

IX. Chair's Report

1. Strategic Planning Session [Montmorency County – Brush Creek Mill]

Tony White reported the planning session in September should have some information related to the state plan. Tony White reported both Alexis Kaczynski and Dave Schneider are involved in the workgroups and would have good information for this session. Board members requested Mr. White contact Ms Kaczynski to attend the planning session.

2. Perpetual Calendar Review

The current perpetual calendar was reviewed. No changes were recommended. Action will be taken at the next regular meeting to adopt the calendar for the next fiscal year.

3. Ed LaFramboise Employment Contract

Gary Nowak referred Board members to a draft contract distributed at the meeting this evening. He requested Board members review the contract and provide input. Board members were in agreement with the contract and a motion was made for its acceptance.

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Marie LaLonde, to approve the Executive Director's contract for Ed LaFramboise. Roll call vote: Ayes: Linda Canfield, Virginia DeRosia, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Terry Larson, Gary Nowak, Tom Young; Nays: None; Absent: Richard Anderson, Alan Fischer, Tom Mullaney, Pat Przeslawski. Motion carried.

X. Director's Report

1. TBCHS Contract Proposal

Tony White reviewed the proposed contract with Thunder Bay Community Health Services under which TBCHS would provide mental health services to children. Mr. White noted the Health Center did not need our Medicaid for those children with SED and would use their own sources; our Medicaid would only be needed for visits exceeding 20 per year per child. Mr. White reports Thunder Bay has hired an employee to provide these services. This will allow Thunder Bay to see the children in the schools. The two schools identified for this are Hillman Schools and Rogers City Schools. Marie LaLonde inquired about Onaway and Mr. White noted the Onaway Schools already have health clinic services available for children in that system.

Moved by Marie LaLonde, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to authorize the Director to execute the Thunder Bay Community Health Services contract as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Linda Canfield, Virginia DeRosia, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Terry Larson, Gary Nowak, Tom Young; Nays: None; Absent: Richard Anderson, Alan Fischer, Tom Mullaney, Pat Przeslawski. Motion carried.

Alan Fischer arrived at 3:55 p.m.

Dick Wiitala joined the meeting to address the electronic payroll concerns. He will e-mail board members a link to use for this purpose. Any Board member having difficulty in establishing their log-on should contact him and he will assist in this process.

2. Dual Eligible / Poleski Bills Update

There was no further information which had not already been shared early in this meeting.

3. County Commission Update

Tony White reported he and Ed LaFramboise have attended the Alpena County Commissioner meeting last Tuesday, Montmorency County and Presque Isle County Commissioners meeting yesterday and will be meeting with Alcona next Wednesday.

Tony White reviewed the handout shared with the Commissioners and briefly covered those issues.

Gary Nowak reported he also attended the commissioners meeting in Presque Isle and stressed the importance of retaining board members that have been on the board due to the current ever-changing environment and the value of their experience; he also requested the Commission to make those appointments in January even though the terms begin in April.

4. QI Council Update

The minutes of this meeting were included in the mailing.

XI. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There was no comments provided.

XII. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 13 at 3:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board will be held Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Brush Creek Mill in Hillman.

1. Set September Agenda

The September agenda will include the Planning Session for the Board. Alexis Kaczynski will be contact to attend this planning session.

2. Meeting Evaluation

Consensus was the meeting was a good meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

[signed by Alan Fischer on 10/08/12]
Alan Fischer, Secretary

[signed by Gary Nowak on 09/13/12]
Gary Nowak, Chair

Diane Hayka
Recorder



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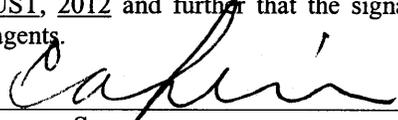
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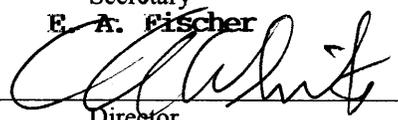
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