

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

Board Meeting

April 11, 2013

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

Judy Hutchins – Alpena County

Judy Jones – Alpena County

Marie LaLonde – Presque Isle County

Terry Larson – Presque Isle County

III. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

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

Absent: Pat Przeslawski (excused)

Staff & Guests: LeeAnn Bushey, Carolyn Bruning, Cathy Reo, Ed LaFramboise

IV. Report of the Nomination's Committee

Virginia DeRosia reported the Nomination's Committee met on February 14 and recommends the following officer positions for the next organizational year.

Gary Nowak, Chair

Pat Przeslawski, Vice Chair

Alan Fischer, Secretary

Roger Frye, Past Chair

V. Election of Officers

Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times for the Chair position.

Tom Young moved that nominations be closed, Linda Canfield seconded the motion and requested that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Nowak.

Motion carried.

Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times for the position of Vice Chair.

Roger Frye moved that nominations be closed, Linda Canfield seconded the motion and requested that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Pat Przeslawski

Chair Gary Nowak called for other nominations from the floor three times for the Secretary position.

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 Alan Fischer. Motion carried.

VI. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There were no comments presented.

VII. Educational Session – Legislative Issues

Ed LaFramboise introduced Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards. Mr. Bolter has just returned from the National Council's Conference in Las Vegas. He reported the Senate voted out their budget earlier today, which did not include the

Medicaid Expansion. Mr. Bolter requested Board members contact their representatives to voice their concern and stress how critical to this expansion of the Medicaid program is. Neither the House nor the Senate included the Medicaid expansion in their budgets. The next phase in the budget process will be the Governor sitting down with leaders in both the House and Senate. The Medicaid expansion plays a big role in getting additional revenue dollars into the State to take some of the burden off General Funds. During the first three years of Medicaid Expansion, all funding is federal dollars. Over the course of the first seven years there would be dollars put in a health savings account to cover the future funds needed for match dollars in Medicaid Expansion. This fund would be established by taking the dollars saved in the first three years of the expansion that would have otherwise come from General Funds. The Governor intends the DCH budget to have an increase to cover such things as Mental Health First Aid, Medical Health Homes and other preventative programs. Without the Medicaid Expansion, a hole will be created in the various budgets and those Departments would need to reduce their budgets to cover this hole.

Mr. Bolter reported the Affordable Care Act will trigger some other issues related to Medicaid Expansion. The "DISH" funding hospitals currently receive to cover indigent patients that do not have insurance will be reduced as it was anticipated most states would adopt the Medicaid Expansion. He notes elements of the Affordable Care Act dictating these types of reductions have been put in motion and most likely will not change. The legislators really need to look at the long-term benefits for this program. If the Medicaid Expansion is not passed this year, most likely it will not be enacted next year as it is an election year.

Alan Fischer inquired about whether a State can develop their own version of Medicaid Expansion such as they did with OSHA and now operates under MIOSHA. Alan Bolter noted there was a study done to determine the cost to provide similar services and the cost was much higher for a state to provide similar services independently. He notes the arguments against this expansion deal more with anti-government sentiments; not wanting to give the government more power or expand it.

The Revenue Estimating Conference will be held in May and, prior to that time, the Governor will sit down with the leaders in the House and the Senate to try to get this included in the budget. Alan Bolter reported Jim Haveman is currently visiting with the legislators to provide more information related to the pros of Medicaid Expansion and "brand" it as a type of reform.

Alan Bolter reported the State General Fund dollars that are paid to agencies today are basically at the same rate as paid ten years ago. This demonstrates that the State is running an efficient business.

He reports we have only a four-week window to lobby our legislators to get the Medicaid Expansion added back to the budgets. He also notes some of the items might be pulled out of the omnibus budget so it can be acted upon individually and this might also allow passage of the expansion. If the expansion does not go through, the Departments will experience severe budget cuts.

Judy Hutchins inquired about the options of placing "Op Eds" in the newspapers to educate the public on importance of getting Medicaid Expansion passed. Alan Bolter also noted those individuals receiving Medicaid benefits are not always the ones that vote or advocate for benefits whereas those seniors receiving Medicare benefits are most likely to be voters and to be their own advocates.

Alan Bolter reported some of the legislators have been burnt in the past and so they are rather reluctant to act too early. The Senate initially passed the Insurance Exchange for Michigan; however, the House sat on the bill to see what the Supreme Court's opinion was, who would be elected last November, etc. Then when the House passed the federal-state partnership for the Insurance Exchange, the Senate sat on the bill resulting in the State to default into a fully federally operated Insurance Exchange. This will now cost the State \$9 million in General Funds to get the Exchanges ready.

Alan Bolter also reported on the Mental Health Commission established to recommend by December the gaps in services, mental health services in general (not just community mental health), barriers,

etc. Alan and Mike Vizona met with the Commission last week to get some basic information from this group and provide some input. This group will become active after the budget is released.

Alan suggested Board members spread the word about Medicaid Expansion to any community partner they might have a connection with and get them to advocate as well.

Alan Bolter thanked Board members for their support of the CMH PAC.

Cathy Meske reported sustainability is the biggest concern expressed to her related to Medicaid Expansion. Alan Bolter reports the State is paying these costs now through higher costs through jail, ER visits, and increased premiums in healthcare. Linda Canfield reported she notes there are more and more people without health care coverage.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

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

IX. April Monitoring Reports

1. Budgeting 01-004

The Statement of Revenue and Expense for month ending February 28, 2013 was reviewed. Ed LaFramboise noted the General Fund over expenditure is now at \$222,221. This is not due to inpatient. The Medicaid under expenditure currently is \$491,504.

2. Communication and Counsel 01-009

The monitoring report was included in the mailing and Board members had no questions and no discussion.

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Judy Hutchins, to accept the April monitoring reports as presented. Motion carried.

X. 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 comments related to content.

4. Cost of Governance 02-013

The policy was revised to include current budgeted costs.

Moved by Tom Young, supported by Judy Hutchins, to approve revisions to Policy 02-013 as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Linda Canfield, Virginia DeRosia, Alan Fischer, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Judy Jones, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Tom Mullaney, Gary Nowak, Tom Young; Nays: None; Absent: Pat Przeslawski. Motion carried.

XI. Linkage Reports

1. Northern Affiliation

Ed LaFramboise reported the Ops Committee met last week and the Northern Affiliation is in good shape financially. There are dollars lapsing and those dollars will most likely be funneled to help assist in the development of the Northern Regional Entity.

2. Northern Regional Entity

a. AFP Submission

Ed LaFramboise reported the three representatives from this Board and he met with the group in Gaylord and reviewed the AFP on March 28th. He reported he summarized this document with the Consumer Advisory Council on Monday evening.

Ed LaFramboise provided this Board with a brief summary of the AFP. The application was submitted on time; however, there are items that will need to be completed by July 1 to fully be compliant with the AFP requirements.

He reports the first NMRE Board meeting will be held April 23rd, assuming the Operational Agreement is approved by each of the five-members of the entity. Election of Officers will be held. The Executive Committee will be appointed and will include a member of each of the five member Boards. All legal documents must be filed with the Department for the NMRE. The by-laws have been filed in all 21-counties and with the Secretary of State's Office.

There are five public policy areas of the AFP that will require collaborative efforts of many staff to develop. The five areas are:

1. Regional Crisis Response Capacity
2. Health and Welfare
3. Olmstead Compliance in Community Living and Employment and Community Activities
4. Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment
5. Recovery

Northeast has many staff assigned to the above groups to provide input in the development of the needed policies.

b. By-Laws Tweak

Ed LaFramboise reviewed the minor revision to the by-laws based on Northern Lakes request to more clearly define the approval of the Operations Agreement.

Moved by Tom Young, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to agree to the minor revision to change "which has been approved" to "subsequent to the approval" as defined in the memo. Motion carried.

3. Board Association

a. Spring Conference April 30 & May 1 – Grand Rapids

The spring conference is scheduled in Grand Rapids on Tuesday April 30 and Wednesday, May 1. Gary Nowak, Judy Hutchins, and Judy Jones are registered to attend.

b. Board Member Forum April 12 & 13 - Gaylord

Gary Nowak reported the Board Member Forum will take place tomorrow and Saturday at the Treetop Resort in Gaylord. Eight board members are registered to attend the Saturday session.

4. Clinical Services and Support Report

Cathy Meske reviewed the report for month ending February 28, 2013 with Board members. This is a rolling report covering the past 12 months. The number of consumers receiving services in February 2013 was 1,187. There is only one adult in the state hospital at this time.

5. Consumer Advisory Council

The minutes from the meeting held Monday night were distributed to the Board. Three new members joined the Council. Carlene Przykucki conducted a Trauma Informed Care survey of

consumers. Many useful comments were provided by the consumers and will be incorporated into the over project related to Trauma Informed Care.

XII. Chair's Report

1. CMH PAC Final Call

Gary Nowak reported this is the final call for the CMH PAC. Ed LaFramboise reported he has matched the donations and the first submission is on the way down with Alan Bolter.

2. Section 222 & Conflict of Interest

The annual requirement to complete the survey to certify Board composition needs to be completed and turned in as soon as possible. Diane Hayka will compile the data for certification.

3. Strategic Planning

Due to the timing of a needed budget amendment, the Strategic Planning is being moved to June this year and potentially future years.

XIII. Director's Report

1. NMRE Operations Agreement

Ed LaFramboise summarized the Operations Agreement with the Board noting there is a provision to allow for grammatical corrections as needed once approved to eliminate the need for a Board to re-approve for such small details as was the case with the by-laws. He reviewed the various elements of the document. There will be standing committees of the entity as follows:

- Consumer Advisory Committee
- Finance Committee
- Operations Committee
- Quality Improvement Committee
- Substance Use Disorders Advisory Committee
- Utilization Review Committee

He reported the Centra-Wellness Network signed the agreement earlier today and will be forwarding the agreement to Northeast for the next signature. Following our signature, the operating agreement will be forwarded to North Country for signature and then on to the last two with anticipated completion date by the day the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Board meets on April 23rd.

Moved by Linda Canfield, supported by Marie LaLonde, to approve the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Operations Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

2. CARF Update

Ed LaFramboise reported the CARF exit conference is being conducted right now at the Fletcher Office. He reported he met with the reviewer earlier today and the outcome was positive. The final accreditation notice will be received after his report has been submitted and hopefully by the Board's next meeting.

3. QI Council Update

Ed LaFramboise reported the minutes were distributed for this Committee this evening.

XIV. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There were no comments presented.

XV. New Business

1. Establishment of Regular Meeting Date

The Board requested that the meetings remain the same – the second Thursday of the month beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Strategic Planning meeting will be held in June in Presque Isle County this year.

2. Appointment of Standing Committees

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

Recipient Rights Committee

- Pat Przeslawski, Board Representative
- Linda Canfield, Board Representative
- Tom Mullaney, Alternate
- Tom Fredlund
- Renee Smart-Sheppler
- Lorell Whitscell
- Shirley Yates
- Ruth Hewett, Recipient Rights Officer

3. Appointment of Spring Conference Delegates

Gary Nowak appointed Judy Hutchins and himself for the Association Delegates for the Spring Conference.

XVI. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board will be held Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

A. Set May Agenda

The May agenda items were reviewed. The June perpetual calendar items will be addressed at the May meeting as the Strategic Planning Session will be moved to June. A budget amendment will be addressed at the May meeting.

Tom Mullaney inquired about the agency's cyberspace security liability for this agency. Ed LaFramboise noted MMRMA provides such coverage to the agency. He also reported Dennis Bannon is seeking quotes from various providers to conduct a security audit of the MIS system. He reports the first proposal he received was for around \$9,000. Many of the local banking systems and the local hospital utilize this type of service and we are attempting to coordinate this audit in conjunction with them to realize some possible savings related to travel, etc.

XVII. Evaluation of Meeting

Tom Young reports it was a good meeting and it was very nice to have Alan Bolter bring everyone up to date on the legislative issues facing the state.

XVIII. Adjournment

Moved by Tom Young, supported by Virginia DeRosia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

[signed by Alan Fischer on 6/10/13]
Alan Fischer, Secretary

[signed by Gary Nowak on 5/09/13]
Gary Nowak, Chair

Diane Hayka
Recorder