

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

Board Meeting

January 8, 2015

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 Member – Eric Lawson

Eric Lawson was welcomed by Board members and introductions were made. Mr. Lawson provided a brief background.

III. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Present: Virginia DeRosia, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Judy Jones, Albert LaFleche, Terry Larson, Eric Lawson, Gary Nowak

Absent: Linda Canfield (excused), Marie LaLonde (excused), Pat Przeslawski (excused), Alan Fischer

Staff & Guests: Lisa Anderson, Carolyn Bruning, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Lynne Fredlund, Cheryl Jaworowski, Ruth Hewett, Ed LaFramboise, Cathy Meske

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Albert LaFleche, supported by Roger Frye, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

V. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There were no comments presented.

VI. Educational Session – Bay View Center Update

Ed LaFramboise introduced Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Director of Bay View Center. Ms. Fitzgerald provided a brief history of the location Bay View Center's location. She reports attendees of the program have enriched their lives since the opening of the Bay View Center. Prior to the Center opening, individuals would engage in habits such as drugs and alcohol. Since the Center opened, activities keep the individuals busy by using exercise equipment, doing group activities such as yoga, activities related to crafts and movies. She reports there are books available and DVDs for member's use. The Bay View Center publishes a newsletter and has a photographer to capture activities. The Bay View Center is a member of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce. She reports members are able to attend Thunder Bay Theater's and Alpena Civic Theater's dress rehearsal at no charge. Jacqueline Fitzgerald reports one of the most beneficial elements attendees receive is the opportunity for networking and sharing.

The Drop-In Center's purpose is to provide a location for persons with a serious mental illness to attend where they can acquire social skills and develop appropriate interaction skills. Ms. Fitzgerald reports initially the Bay View Center was formed under an employment grant. Once the grant was finished, the Bay View Center was able to get certified to provide Medicaid drop-in services. Bay View Center was the first drop-in center in the state to be able to bill Medicaid.

Judy Hutchins reports it was invaluable to get Jackie Fitzgerald as a Director as she had some business know-how. This enabled the Center to achieve the ability to bill Medicaid.

Ed LaFramboise reports the services provided by the Drop-In Center are preventative as individuals are hospitalized less as they receive other supports.

Bay View Center will be hosting the pancake suppers at the McDonalds restaurant on Chisholm Street on January 14, 21 and 28.

VII. January Monitoring Reports

1. Emergency Executive Succession 01-006

This reports mirrors the report provided last January with no necessary revisions needed.

Moved by Terry Larson, supported by Judy Hutchins, to accept the January monitoring report as presented. Motion carried.

VIII. Board Policy Review and Self Evaluation

1. Emergency Executive Succession 01-006

There were no recommended changes.

2. Chief Executive Role 03-001

There were no recommended changes or discussion.

IX. Linkage Reports

1. MACMHB

a. White Paper Draft

Ed LaFramboise reported he had hoped to have a draft of the "White Paper" available for Board members; however, it has not been released for public review. He provided a brief history of the development of the White Paper. He reports our Agency was one of the Boards selected for interviewing to capture some data for this report. Mr. LaFramboise reported he was able to view a portion of the draft of this document and noted the consultants did a good job of capturing the essence of what was intended focusing on the safety net and services provided to individuals in the various geographic locations around the state. This paper will be shared with the newly elected legislative leadership.

Judy Hutchins requested new Board member Eric Lawson be provided with the background and what the impetus was behind the White Paper.

2. Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE) Update

a. December 23rd Meeting

Gary Nowak reported the minutes were not available for review. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

3. Clinical Services and Support Report

Cathy Meske addressed the report for month ending November 2014. Ed LaFramboise reports last month, Albert LaFleche had inquired about the number of employees resigning and whether the numbers compared to other months. Due to this comment, Mr. LaFramboise decided maybe a graph format would be better used to present data. These graphs provide a visual of how the General Fund cuts affected this agency with the reduction of services provided to those individuals with Medicare/Other Insurance.

Cathy Meske reports having ACCESS services provided locally also allows us to capture a more reliable count on various calls. She also reports we are continuing our investigation to collaborate with the University of Michigan to provide behavioral health consultation services focused on children to the community's primary care physicians.

Ed LaFramboise reported Alan Bolter issued an e-mail to notify directors, while there wasn't a supplement in the lame duck session, he believes a supplemental request will go to the House and Senate shortly after the Governor gives the State of the State Address.

X. Chair's Report

1. Winter Conference (Feb 10 & 11 – Radisson Hotel Kalamazoo)

The Winter Conference is held in Kalamazoo at the Radisson Hotel this year. Gary Nowak, Judy Jones, and Judy Hutchins have indicated they would like to attend. Board members were requested to notify Diane Hayka before January 23rd if they would like to attend.

XI. Director's Report

1. Medicaid/Healthy Michigan Update

Healthy Michigan rolled out April 1 and the current enrollment figures show approximately 3,600 enrollees for our four-county area. Data for those individuals served by the agency indicate of the 3,600 enrolled, this Agency serves 236 at the present time.

Initially the Department's directive related to these new funding dollars was they could be mingled with the regular Medicaid funding. At the end of the fiscal year, another directive was issued requiring the dollars to be segregated and not mingled. This creates funding issues. Under the new directive, it is forecast that the managed care Medicaid dollars for this Agency to be short by \$1.5 to \$1.8 million dollars. The Finance Directors and Directors had a conference call on Tuesday to determine how all could manage the situation. He reported four of the five Boards are in a deficit balance with only AuSable Valley having more Medicaid.

Ed LaFramboise reported one year ago, the Boards agreed to get to their PMPM funding in three years. Since then, the time period was shortened to two years. Now with the addition of the funding rules, we need to get to our target by October 1 of this year. He reports the Finance Directors are meeting Tuesday of next week and will be making recommendations to the NMRE OPs and Board as to how to resolve the funding shortages. Most likely a recommendation will be to use the risk reserve to smooth out some of the shortages.

Mr. LaFramboise reports due to the late notification of the funding rules, there will only be a short time to manage the deficit if it has to be balanced in this fiscal year. If the Risk Fund could be used to spread the deficit reduction through two years, it might be more doable. Cheryl Jaworowski noted the \$1.5 to \$1.8 million is the worst case scenario. She is hopeful the amount will be more like \$750,000 deficit.

Ed LaFramboise reported a press release was distributed related to the new Medicaid Health Plan bid-out. It is rumored the new bid-out will most likely not include the carve-out for behavioral health services. The previous director, James Haveman, had indicated prior to his departure that the carve-out would go away. Ed LaFramboise reviewed the two state maps – the prosperity map and the PIHP map. Mr. LaFramboise reports the Health Plans will have to bid based on the Prosperity Regions. Medicaid Health Plans wanting to bid in the NMRE area will need to bid on all 21 counties. Once the Request for Proposals is released, some of the unknowns will be spelled out for future services. If the RFP does not include the Behavioral Carve out, we will likely have until October 1, 2016 to comply with the Per Member Per Month funding formula. The potential for Boards to reorganize to align with the prosperity regions exists. He reports the new Director, Nick Lyons, is getting pressure to distribute money by Prosperity Regions. The re-bid will have an impact on individuals served by this agency with Medicaid as different vendors could be awarded contracts for Medicaid Health Care.

2. State Innovation Model (SIM) Implementation Grant

Ed LaFramboise provided information related to the SIM implementation. This is a 175-page document and is based on the prosperity regions. The Governor has received a grant for \$70 million for health care innovation to better serve families healthcare needs in the state. Ed LaFramboise reported if Board members would like a copy of the document, they can contact Diane Hayka.

He reports Alcona Health Center has applied to be an Accountable Care Organization. Northeast was not qualified to apply but has agreed to partner with Alcona Health Center in the process.

3. QI Council Update

The minutes for the QI Council meeting were included in the mailing. Lynne Fredlund was available for any questions. There were no questions.

XII. Information and/or Comments from the Public

Cheryl Jaworowski reported there is one board in the State receiving their funding from McLaren Health Plan and McLaren is taking 15% off the top before the dollars are sent to the Community Mental Health Board.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board will be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Alpena Office.

1. Set February Agenda

The February agenda items were reviewed. The Audit presentation will be held at the February meeting.

XIV. Evaluation of Meeting

Roger Frye reported this was a good meeting. Ed LaFramboise noted there was a lot of speculation. Judy Jones inquired as to when Community Mental Health had good years. Ed LaFramboise reported in the 80's there was a lot of growth in the development of institution alternatives. He also believes last year was good as individuals were able to be provided services within their community and able to stay out of state facilities. Terry Larson notes the battles with Lansing is most often the downside of things; however, dealing with clients is good and helping them are the rewards.

XV. Adjournment

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Albert LaFleche to adjourn. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

[signed by Virginia DeRosia on 02/12/2015]
Virginia DeRosia, Secretary

[signed by Gary Nowak on 02/12/2015]
Gary Nowak, Chair

Diane Hayka
Recorder