

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

Board Meeting

December 10, 2015

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, Bonnie Cornelius, Alan Fischer, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Judy Jones, Albert LaFleche, Marie LaLonde, Terry Larson, Eric Lawson, Gary Nowak

Absent: Pat Przeslawski (excused)

Staff & Guests: Paul Ennest, LeeAnn Bushey, Carolyn Bruning, Cathy Meske, Cheryl Jaworowski, Lynne Fredlund, Dayna Barbeau, Ed LaFramboise

Gary Nowak appointed Eric Lawson as the evaluator for this meeting.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Contracts

a. FY14-15 Supportive Housing Program Grant - Homeless

b. FY14-15 Supportive Housing Program Grant – Chronic Homeless

Moved by Roger Frye, supported by Bonnie Cornelius, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Roll call vote Ayes: Linda Canfield, Bonnie Cornelius, Alan Fischer, Roger Frye, Judy Hutchins, Judy Jones, Albert LaFleche, Terry Larson, Eric Lawson, Gary Nowak; Nays: None; Absent: Marie LaLonde (excused), Pat Przeslawski. Motion carried.

IV. Information and/or Comments from the Public

There was no information or comments presented.

V. Educational Session – Health Information Exchange (HIE)

Ed LaFramboise introduced Dennis Bannon, IT Director. Mr. Bannon provided the Board with information related to the Health Information Exchange. He reports Northeast has chosen to use Great Lakes Health Connect to be the Health Information Exchange vendor used to exchange some health information between hospitals, doctors and our agencies. Great Lakes Health Connect has the majority of hospitals within the state connected with them, including Alpena Regional Medical Center and many of the local primary care offices. The data that will initially be shared will include hospital Admissions/Discharges and Transfers and medication records. The agency is building a roster called an Active Care Relationship Services (ACRS) which includes the names of individuals served by our agency and allows the system to alert us when anyone on the roster is admitted, discharged or transferred from a hospital.

Mr. Bannon reported the method the information would be transmitted through uses an encryption record using HL7. He notes the ACRS record is scheduled to be tested yet this week. Once testing is complete, staff will be trained in the system. He notes there is still a learning curve during the development of this system.

Eric Lawson inquired as to whether this system would interface with the MAPS system to review the individual's medication history. Dayna Barbeau reported she reviews the appointment list daily for those scheduled to see a provider to assure there is no duplication of medication between providers to eliminate the prescription shopping some individuals do.

VI. December Monitoring Reports

1. Grants or Contracts 01-011

Board members reviewed the monitoring report and had no concerns.

Moved by Linda Canfield, supported by Albert LaFleche, to accept the December monitoring reports as presented. Motion carried.

VII. Board Policy Review and Self Evaluation

1. Grants or Contracts 01-011

Board members reviewed the policy, noting there were no changes necessary.

2. Board Member Recognition 02-011

Board members reviewed the policy, noting there were no changes necessary.

3. Board Member Orientation 02-015

Board members reviewed the policy, noting there were no changes necessary.

4. Treatment of Consumers 01-002

Board members reviewed the proposed policy revisions based on discussion last month.

5. Staff Treatment 01-003

Board members reviewed the proposed policy revisions based on discussion last month with the addition of "to".

Moved by Judy Hutchins, supported by Eric Lawson, to approve the revisions to Policy 01-002 Treatment of Consumers and Staff Treatment Policy 01-003 as presented. Motion carried.

VIII. Linkage Reports

1. MACMHB

Ed LaFramboise reported the Friday Facts has some interesting information and there will be some changes coming over the course of the year. He will provide further explanation of this under his Director's report.

2. Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE) Update

a. Board Meeting – November 25, 2015

Roger Frye reported much of the discussion at this meeting dealt with cuts in finances for both mental health services and substance use disorder funding. He notes the liquor tax is being cut back.

Gary Nowak reports the Policy Committee met and there is one representative of the group that is pushing to start a Committee system versus the current policy governance model. He notes there is not much support from the other Board members.

Ed LaFramboise provided a history of the early planning days of affiliations and the issues associated with trust at the Centra Wellness (Manistee-Benzie) Board.

b. Board Meeting – October 28, 2015

The minutes of the October meeting were included in the mailing for Board member review.

3. Clinical Services and Support Update

Cathy Meske updated Board members on the upcoming Autism expansion to include ages 6-21. The expansion was scheduled to begin mid-fiscal year. Ed LaFramboise reports he received a series of emails regarding Medicaid policies on December 2nd that identified a January 1, 2016 implementation date. Two days later a letter was received from Tom Renwick from the Department of Health and Human Services thanking everyone for their input and reporting the expansion would begin January 1, 2016. Cathy Meske reports we are looking at a contractual arrangement with Centria, a firm in Novi to assist in providing the overflow services for this program.

Cathy Meske noted the success of this program is amazing and two children have been closed in this program due to meeting the goals established. One of the children is now in a regular classroom and interacts appropriately with other classmates.

Centria will relocate their staff to this area and case managers of this agency will monitor the services to assure services are provided at the same level of effectiveness as has been done with internal staff. Ed LaFramboise reports recruitment for a BCBA [Board Certified Behavioral Analyst] has been very difficult. Ed LaFramboise reports Masters Social Workers are also difficult to recruit as well as psychiatrists. He reports Dr. Ibrahim has been contracted with to do telepsychiatry for the ACT program during Dr. Arora's absence. Helene Vossos, Nurse Practitioner, is also being contracted from AuSable Valley to provide some tele-nurse practitioner services.

4. Consumer Advisory Council Update

The draft minutes of the Monday meeting were provided to Board members. Lauren Tallant, Children's Services Supervisor provided the Educational Session. Alan Fischer noted this group seems to be more invested in the process than in the past.

IX. Chair's Report

1. By-Law Review

Gary Nowak noted the by-laws address the process for removal of an officer but nothing to address the replacement of an officer when necessary. This situation occurred due to relocation of a Board member holding an office and no longer being eligible to be the representative for her county. Ed LaFramboise will draft language to address this and bring it back to a future meeting.

X. Director's Report

1. FY15-16 MDHHS/CMHSP Contact Amendment #1

Ed LaFramboise reports this amendment addresses the General Funds contract. This contract is negotiated with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Board Association. He notes there are no options in making any revisions to this proposal.

Moved by Terry Larson, supported by Bonnie Cornelius, to authorize the Director to execute Amendment #1 of the FY15-16 MDHHS Contract. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued related to the relationship of this Agency and DHHS.

Commissioner Meeting Updates

Ed LaFramboise reports he has met with the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners and will be meeting with the Alpena County Board of Commissioners and the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners in a couple of weeks.

Ed LaFramboise reports he reviews the information in the Program Plan submitted annually to the Department, the annual report to the community and the local match funding. He reports he focuses much of his update on the local match funding as the funding relating to state hospital will be rebased after five years based on utilization. The dollar amount established back in 2011 (\$61,000) will be reviewed and possible adjustments be made. This amount may go up or go down based on each of the counties usage; however, the total dollar amount among the four counties will remain the same. This puts the risk on this agency versus the counties. Gary Nowak notes Presque Isle begins working on their budget in June.

Terry Larson reported the Alpena News has covered the meetings at both the Alcona and Alpena County Commissioners meeting. He also noted Ed LaFramboise has maintained a good relationship with the commissioners in all counties.

State Innovation Model (SIM)

Ed LaFramboise reports Mike Vizena requested Boards to keep their eye on the State Innovation Model. The State Innovation Model addresses the Governor's vision on reinventing Michigan and the steps to be taken to reach his vision. In late December or January the State will release the names of providers for the Accountable Systems of Care and Community Health Innovation Regions. Some of the Medicaid dollars will be distributed differently than had been in the past. We need to be sure we are at the table, partnering with these agencies. These changes are slated to take effect sometime around October 2016. Ed LaFramboise reports they are structuring this to assure the Medicaid Health Plans align with the Prosperity Regions.

NMRE Compliance Update

Ed LaFramboise reports the NMRE Compliance Plan has been submitted and accepted by the MDHHS. The PIHP will be required to continue to monitor the performance at Northern Lakes until the Department makes their next review.

NMRE Contract Amendment

Ed LaFramboise reports he and Dave Schneider have met with the ARMC to address concerns with the contract we have with hospitalizations at Pointe East. There will be some language changes.

In addition, an amendment with NMRE will be needed to address the relationship with the four Medicaid Health Plans serving the 21-county area of the NMRE. Beginning, January 1 the Medicaid Health Plans have a requirement they must coordinate care management services to common individuals. Ed LaFramboise reported we are currently working with McLaren to care manage services for those individuals currently with a diagnosis of diabetes, asthma, those receiving frequent emergency room services, rescue breathers, and some other medical conditions.

Under the Microscope

Ed LaFramboise noted the newsletter "Under the Microscope" summarizes the impact the transformation of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers will have. This is well written and has some alarming information included. One issue identified indicates the

Agency would not be able to own a facility where services are provided such as our group homes. Currently we own three of the group homes. Another alarming issue would be the conflict-free case management which dictates the case management services must be provided by someone other than those providing direct services. This could force the use of contractual agreements to provide the direct services as we case manage the individual. Once the rule changes are clarified better, we will know the impact it will have on this Agency.

XI. Information and/or Comments from the Public

Eric Lawson inquired as to whether the by-law would be open to further revisions. Board members were requested to get their input to Diane Hayka should they wish additional changes. The by-laws will be presented at the January meeting.

XII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board will be held Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Alpena Office.

1. Set January Agenda

The January agenda items were reviewed. Cathy Meske noted the January educational session will be an update of Greg's Promise and trauma informed care.

XIII. Evaluation of Meeting

Eric Lawson reported the meeting moved along in a very timely fashion and while being thorough the Board does not get stuck with chit-chat respecting all Board members. He believes the Chair allowed all to comment. He appreciates the frank presentation related to agency reports. The Chair and Director both involve staff and Board members for input.

Gary Nowak wished all a Merry Christmas. He noted there will be an Executive Committee meeting early in January prior to the January Board meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by Marie LaLonde, supported by Bonnie Cornelius, to adjourn. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

[signed by Alan Fischer on 01/14/2016] _____

Alan Fischer, Secretary

[signed by Gary Nowak on 01/14/2016] _____

Gary Nowak, Chair

Diane Hayka
Recorder