

## **NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 10, 2025**

NorthCare Network Board Room  
1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855

**NORTHCARE NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT:** NorthCare Network ensures that every eligible recipient receives quality specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and supports through the responsible management of regional resources.

**Board Members Present:** Joe Bonovetz, George Botbyl, George Ecclesine, Gale Eilola, Colleen Kichak, Mike Koskinen, Bill Malloy, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing

**Board Members Not Present:** Pat Rozich, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*), Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

**NorthCare Staff:** Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Andy Kulie, Sara Sircely, Stacy Coleman, Ryan Menghini

**CMH Staff:** Matt Maskart, Tess Greenough, Mike Bach, Mandy Padgett

**Guests:** N/A

**Recorder:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Agenda:** None

**Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes from August 13, 2025 as presented.**

**Support by Mike Patrick.**

**Vote -All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chairperson Botbyl provided a brief verbal report from the Executive Officer pre-meeting in which they reviewed the agenda/packet. He thanked everyone who attended the GLRMHA conference and participated in the CEO Evaluation process.

### **CEO UPDATE**

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates including the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract litigation, PIHP RFP process, PIHP RFP litigation, FY26 MDHHS/PIHP Contract, Actuary meeting, House Budget, and House Oversight Committee meeting with Director Hertel. Discussion was held.



**a. CMHA Special Assessment**

Megan presented the CMHA Special Assessment to the board. This is specific for enhancing advocacy efforts.

**Motion made by Glenn Wing to give \$10,000 to the CMHA Special Assessment.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

Discussion was held on money lapsing this fiscal year and that the total of dues/fees for NorthCare and the 5 CMHs would be \$69,688 for the region.

**Glenn Wing withdrew his motion.**

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to give \$69,688 to the CMHA Special Assessment.**

**Support by Craig Reiter.**

Discussion was held.

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

Megan continued her CEO update.

She discussed that NMRE CMHs are looking to file a separate litigation regarding the PIHP RFP. Our region's CMHs are interested in joining their litigation. Megan recommended that NorthCare Network pay the legal fees for any of the 5 CMHs who join the litigation.

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to support the recommendation.**

**Support by Colleen Kichak.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**FINANCE**

**a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$1,259,913.13**

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report and Check Register. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.**

**Support by Joe Bonovetz.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**b. FY25 Budget Amendment and FY26 Proposed Budget**

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the budgets. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment and the FY26 Proposed Budget as presented.**

**Support by George Ecclesine.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. CEO Salary**

The CEO Evaluation Summary, supporting documents, and salary recommendation were sent to the board on 8/29/25 for review. Discussion was held. Several board members suggested the increase should be higher than the salary recommendation presented.

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve a 4% increase to the CEO's annual salary.**

**Support by Mike Patrick.**

Discussion was held.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yes – 13** (Bonovetz, Botbyl, Ecclesine, Eilola, Kichak, Malloy, Martin, Negro, Patrick, Rayner, Reiter, Thompson, Wing)

**No – 1** (Koskinen)

**Motion carried. Approved.**



## **b. Contract Grid**

The Contract Grid was presented as follows:

FY25 - Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment-\$138,560*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment-\$280,439*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment-\$174,736*); Great Lakes Recovery Center (*SUD Prevention-\$14,716*); Marquette-Alger RESA (*SUD Prevention-\$3,886*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$5,777*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$1,919*); Marquette Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$1,305*)

FY26 --BCA of Detroit dba StoneCrest Center (*Inpatient-\$1,035/day -Child/Adol/Adult*); Havenwyck Hospital dba Cedar Creek (*Inpatient-\$1,097/day – Adult*); McLaren Health System -Cheboygan (*Inpatient-\$1050/day - Adult/Older Adult*); PHC of Michigan dba Harbor Oaks Hospital (*Inpatient-\$925/day - Adult/Child/Geriatric, \$1,375/day - Ped Specialty Unit*); Havenwyck Hospital (*Inpatient-\$1,054/day - Adult/Child/Adol, \$440/day – PHP*); UP Health System Marquette (*Inpatient-\$895/day – Adult, \$1,020/day – MHL, \$702/service-ECT*); HealthSource Saginaw (*Inpatient-\$1,157/day – Adult, \$1,168/day - Child/Geriatric*); Catholic Social Services (*SUD Treatment-\$284,000*); DOT Caring (*SUD Treatment-\$25,000*); Great Lakes Recovery Center (*SUD Treatment- \$508,175*); Hannahville Indian Community (*SUD Treatment-\$282,199, H2034 - \$27/day, H0038 - \$13.00, T1012 - \$52.00, 98960 – \$13.00, 98961 – \$13.00, 98962 – \$13.00*); Harbor Hall (*SUD Treatment- \$5,000, H0015 - \$175.00, H2036 - \$245.00, H0010 - \$500.00, H2034 - \$27/day up to 60 days*); Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (*SUD Treatment-\$15,000*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment-\$60,000*); Public Health Delta Menominee (*SUD Treatment-\$20,000*); Phoenix House ( *SUD Treatment -\$180,000*); Sunrise Centre (*SUD Treatment-\$5,000*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment -\$205,000*); Upper Great Lakes (*SUD Treatment -\$10,000*); Western U.P. Health Dept. (*SUD Treatment -\$31,500*); Dr. Steven Miljour (*SUD Treatment -\$26,400*); Erin Cretens (*SUD Treatment -\$15,000*); Treatment Funding Pool (*SUD Treatment-\$29,088*); Medication and Drug Testing Pool (*SUD Treatment -\$21,941*); Gogebic Co. Sheriff's Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$30,000*); Dickinson Co. Sheriff's Dept. (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$40,000*); Iron Co. Sheriff's Dept (*SUD Treatment/Jail MAT-\$28,500*); Chippewa Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention - \$24,710; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$48,254*);Copper Country CMH (*SUD Prevention-\$12,204; SUD Prevention MIPAC \$67,657*); Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*SUD Prevention-\$368,528; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$61,695*); LMAS Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention-\$220,312; SUD Prevention MIPAC-\$64,101*); Marquette- Alger RESA (*SUD Prevention-\$163,112*); Marquette Co. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention -\$102,574*); Western U.P. Health Dept. (*SUD Prevention -\$7,824*); University of Washington (*SUD Prevention-\$34,000*); Gery Shelafoe (*SUD Prevention-\$21,000*)

**Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the Contract Grid as presented.**

**Support by Marge Rayner.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

## **c. Policies/Plans**

The following was presented: Procurement of Goods & Services Policy, FY26 UM Plan, and FY26 QAPIP Plan.

**Motion made by Marge Rayner to approve the policy and plans as presented.**

**Support by Gale Eilola.**

**Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.**

## **d. Informational Items**

Informational Items were included in the packet: CMHA Myths vs. Facts.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Marge Rayner thanked Megan and staff who presented at GLRMHA.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None



**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be October 8, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM

**Recorded By:** Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

APPROVED