NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 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:	George Ecclesine, Gale Eilola, Mike Koskinen, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson, Glenn Wing
Board Members Not Present:	George Botbyl, Joe Bonovetz, Colleen Kichak, Bill Malloy, Susan Roberts *(alternate)*, Kevin Pirlot *(alternate)*, Jim Tervo (*alternate)*
NorthCare Staff:	Megan Rooney, Andy Kulie, Stacy Coleman, Sara Sircely
CMH Staff:	Courtney Grant, Tess Greenough
Guests:	None
Recorder:	Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Colleen Kichak attended virtually as a member of the public and was not considered present as a board member.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Rayner 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: No Additions
Minutes: No Changes
Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda and the minutes from October 8, 2025 as presented.
Support by Ann Martin.
Vote -All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner did not have a report.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal report on state, regional, and internal updates including the FY25 MDHHS/PIHP Contract litigation, FY26 MDHHS/PIHP Contract, Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services, Crisis Training, and the ongoing PIHP RFP Litigation. The next court hearing is scheduled for 12/8/25. NorthCare & NMRE did submit a bid under Bridge Health. Craig Reiter commented that CMHA is waiting for the department's response to their FOIA request for a list of who bid. Megan reviewed the reports in the informational items of the packet.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - $1,310,516.15

Megan Rooney, CEO, presented the Finance Report & Check Register on behalf of Jennifer Ahonen, CFO. She also discussed the FY25 preliminary year end numbers and FY26 revenue projections. Discussion was held. Pat Rozich thanked the staff for keeping NorthCare financially solvent.

Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.
Support by Mike Patrick.
Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. PA152 Resolution

Megan Rooney, CEO, presented the PA152 Resolution and reviewed health insurance costs. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the PA152 Exemption Resolution as presented and authorize signature.
Support by Mike Patrick.
Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

Recommendation was made to stay at the 95/5% (employer/employee) health insurance cost. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Pat Rozich to approve continuing at the 95/5% health insurance costs.
Support by Gale Eilola.
Vote-All in Favor, Motion Carried. Approved.

b. 2026 Meeting Schedule

The 2026 Meeting Schedule was presented. Discussion was held on how often to meet, Bylaws, and the proposed schedule which included no meeting in June due to the CMHA conference and moving November to the third Wednesday due to the holiday.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented.
Support by Mike Koskinen.
Vote: 9 in favor (Yes), 2 against (No)
Motion carried. Approved.

Discussion was held on OMA and seeking legal opinion regarding virtual attendance from a CMH office.

c. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Aspirus Rhinelander (*Inpatient -$1,600/day)*.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the Contract Grid as presented.
Support by Mike Patrick.
Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

d. Compliance Update

Stacy Coleman, Compliance Officer, provided a verbal compliance update and discussed the new OIG required reports.

e. Informational Items

Informational Items were included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report, Quality Report, and SUD Health Home-MDHHS Desk Audit FY25.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Pat Rozich commented on CMHA incoming and outgoing CEO. Craig Reiter explained the timeline and hiring process.

Gale Eilola asked if a special meeting had to be called how they would be notified. Sandra Lambert explained the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be December 10, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO