

NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 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, Mike Koskinen, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Glenn Wing, Kevin Pirlot (*alternate*), Susan Roberts (*alternate*)

Board Members Not Present: Colleen Kichak, Bill Malloy, Craig Reiter, Pat Rozich, Kathy Thompson, Jim Tervo (*alternate*)

NorthCare Staff: Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Andy Kulie, Stacy Coleman

CMH Staff: Greg Toutant, Tess Greenough, Courtney Grant

Guests: None

Recorder: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Botbyl called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda: Additional Item under Other Business: OMA Legal Opinion

Motion made by George Ecclesine to approve the agenda as amended.

Support by Mike Patrick.

Vote -All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

Minutes: No Changes

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 as presented.

Support by George Ecclesine.

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.

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, Senator McBroom's proposal, and NorthCare staffing. She discussed the PIHP RFP litigation and the current court hearing happening this week. The Judge is expected to issue an opinion late next week. Discussion was held. Megan presented on Medicaid Waivers with Chip Johnston at the Improving/Outcomes Conference. She reviewed the reports in the informational items of the packet.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - \$661,705.07

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report & Check Register.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by George Ecclesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Harbor Hall (*SUD Treatment-H0019:W1-\$175, H0019:W5-\$225*).

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the Contract Grid as presented.

Support by Mike Patrick.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. Policies

Three policies were presented as follows: HCBS Policy, Person-Centered Planning Policy, and Enrollee Rights & Protection policy.

Motion made by Glenn Wing to approve the three policies as presented.

Support by Gale Eilola.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Informational Items

Informational Items were included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report, Quality Report, and FY25 PBIP Report.

1:00 PM - Mike Koskinen left the meeting

d. OMA Legal Opinion

CEO Rooney discussed the OMA legal opinion which allows for using multiple designated sites for attendance by board members and the general public to attend a board meeting virtually. This would give the public greater flexibility with more locations to choose from to attend a board meeting. Discussion was held on using CMH offices, public notice requirements, and the ability to still travel to NorthCare's office.

Motion made by George Ecclesine to allow board members to use CMH offices for virtual attendance.

Discussion was held.

George Ecclesine removed his motion.

Motion made and amended by Mike Patrick to have Megan Rooney contact the CMH CEOs to discuss possible locations and to empower Megan to finalize the logistics to have it done by February's meeting.

Support by Glenn Wing.

Discussion was held.

Vote- 10 in favor (Yes), 1 against (No)

Motion carried. Approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Ann Martin requested a copy of the 2026 board meeting schedule. Sandra will send the schedule to the board.

Kevin Pirlot shared his concerns regarding the 2026 board meeting schedule approved at last month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be February 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Botbyl declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO