



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2024**

Present: Susan Fortney, Vice Chairperson; Catherine Bernhold, Secretary; Rebecca Pasko; John Burkardt; LaMar Frederick; Becca Curley; Dawn Asper; Naomi Stoner; and Ken Papenhagen

Excused: Michael Humphries, Chairperson; Deb Staelgraeve; and Pam Ray

Absent:

Staff: Lisa Graham

Guests: 7 guests were present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Vice Chair, Susan Fortney, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call confirmed a quorum existed.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LaMar Frederick.

IV. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Ken Papenhagen moved to adopt the draft agenda as presented. Becca Curley supported. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 23, 2024 BOARD MEETING AND WAIVE THE READING THEREOF

Rebecca Pasko moved to approve the minutes for the October 23, 2024 Board Meeting and waive the reading thereof. John Burkardt supported. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION REPORT

Susan Fortney commented that Board members have received the report for review. If there are any questions, can address the Executive Committee.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

- a. Administrative Contracts
 - i. Administrative Contracts for Snow Chiu Wu, B. B. H. Venture LLC, and Adam J. McLaughlin dba A. McLaughlin Properties LLC. were presented by Alicia Riggs.
- b. Service Contracts
 - i. Service Contracts for Forest View Psychiatric Hospital Inc, Harbor Oaks, ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital, ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital, BCA of Detroit LLC, Progressive Residential Services, Hope Network Behavioral Health Services, Community Living Network Guardian Trac, Adult Learning Systems, A Heart That Cares LLC, Arkay Inc., CHS Group LLC, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan Inc., Help at Home Michigan LLC., Life Enrichment Academy Inc., Macomb Residential Opportunities, Mastrofrancesco Inc., Progressive Residential Services Inc., and Choices with Self Determination LLC. were presented by Alicia Riggs.

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Fiscal Finance Report: Ken Melvin presented the September financials, highlighting:
 - i. Eligibility has mostly leveled off during August of 2024. Rate adjustments are now in effect and are reflected in the charts to show increased dollars since April. Additionally, the State has indicated \$41 million in funding to be distributed state-wide sometime in 2025 for the 2024 fiscal year.
 - ii. Cash and Investments are up from prior year primarily from collection of receivables from the PIHP.
 - iii. Liabilities are also up from prior year primarily related to estimated claims incurred but not reported.
 - iv. Net income is projected to be down compared to prior year primarily due to GASB 68 & 75 adjustments that are currently unknown and will be available in early 2025 from the actuaries.
 - v. Revenue received from the PIHP exceeds expenses by \$1,096,294 this month. Part of the Medicaid and HMP surpluses are due to allowable costs being covered by GF as individuals continue to fall off Medicaid.
 - vi. The CCBHC program is showing a deficit of \$590,475 through this reporting period. We continue to work with the PIHP to accelerate the reporting of T1040s which will bring in more revenue. As we continue to look at generating more T-1040s on the revenue side, primary focus shifts to expenses.
 - vii. State General Fund is showing a deficit of \$3,157,078, primarily related to spenddowns, individuals falling off Medicaid and CCBHC non-Medicaid. This deficit is covered by local funds with a reported use of fund balance through this reporting period of \$2,473,313.

Becca Curley commented on the PIHP submitting encounters only once a month to the state. The frequency of submitting encounters has been a topic of discussion for months now. Becca shared her concerns for becoming a CCBHC as we are struggling financially. Ken Melvin commented that, overall, the financial benefits of becoming a CCBHC have been beneficial even though there are certain pieces we continue to work through with the state. The once-a-month submission of encounters doesn't just affect CCBHC services but all services and needs continued discussion at the PIHP level. When financials for February are submitted, the state will review the PPS1 rate and that will retro back.

Medicaid eligibility continues to be an issue. We are trying to get consumers that have fallen into the incorrect Medicaid Plan called Plan First, into the correct Medicaid plan. We have consulted with attorneys and will be submitting documentation to the state on the consumers behalf to appeal. Lisa Graham commented that the Medicaid Plan First plan does not cover mental health services and we have alerted consumers to call us to help them appeal as they are at risk of losing services. Our new Eligibility Specialist will help guide consumers through the appeal process; and anyone that is currently open to assess their services before sending referrals or termination notices.

Rebecca Pasko commented on Meridian Insurance dropping people. Ken Melvin commented that Meridian sent out a letter that they had interpreted their contract with the state differently. There has been a lot of push back statewide and are re-evaluating their decision. This has been a low impact for Monroe CMH consumers.

The PIHP is sending us a performance bonus next week. There is another bonus available for meeting CCBHC Quality Metrics and we are not sure if we will receive those. If we do, it will improve our situation. The CCBHC Quality Metrics have 6 measures and the state's criteria is to meet all to receive a bonus. If you don't meet all 6 of the measures, your bonus goes back into the pool, and it is spread amongst all CCBHCs that did meet them. Currently there is an argument at the state for CCBHCs not meeting indicators. At this time, it is not prudent to include that bonus in the year end numbers but we will continue to strive to get it.

Ken Melvin commented that he has received some feedback and would like Board input on what type of format they would like to see the financials presented for the FY2025 year. This is to ensure the information being presented is valuable to the Board. Ken asked the Board to take some time to think about it and provide feedback through email.

Ken Melvin commented that traditionally we do not bring October financials to the Board as they are historically unreliable. Data tends to be incomplete due to finishing up year end. In December, Ken will not have financials to present but will provide an update on what Finance has done. November financials will be presented at the January Board Meeting and will include a check register.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

XII. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PURSUANT TO SECTION VIII (c) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Rebecca Pasko moved to go into Closed Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining pursuant to Section VIII (c) of the Open Meetings Act. LaMar Frederick supported. Roll call: Papenhagen, Stoner, Asper, Pasko, Fortney, Burkardt, Frederick, Curley, and Bernhold; opposed: none; motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:45pm.

The Board went back into Open Session at 7:16pm.

XIII. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becca Curley requested a status update on the MDHHS worker contract. Lisa Graham commented that contract ended September 30, 2024 and continues to have discussion with Linda Needham to come to an agreement. An Eligibility Specialist has started, and she is doing a really good job in her new role and is actively seeing consumers. The Eligibility Specialist is now certified as a Bridges Navigator and can go right into the Bridges system to assist with paperwork. An MDHHS worker does have a quicker access to things rather than going through the main hub in Lansing, however so far, the addition of an Eligibility Specialist has been very positive.

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John Burkardt asked if Monroe CMH partners with St. Joe's or others if a child needs a neurological workup. Lisa Graham commented that we do not partner for this service but can assist with helping to get that service.

Susan Fortney commented that the Sawyer House is having their open house on Friday, November 22nd from 5-8pm. The Sawyer House is a historical home in Monroe, MI and the Daughter's of American Revolution (DAR) recently decorated the home for the open house. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dawn Asper asked if the River Raisin Clubhouse has to wait until January 1, 2025 to get into their new building? Lisa Graham commented that we received the keys to the new building this week and are working on the interior of the space so that the Clubhouse will be ready to begin their program at their new location starting January 1, 2025.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Susan Fortney adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Submitted by,



Catherine Bernhold
Board Secretary

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