



Administrative Office, 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City, MI 49684

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

2:15 p.m.

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority – Microsoft Teams Meeting (Virtual)

Called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Randy Kamps. This meeting is being held remotely due to the State of Emergency being called in the City of Cadillac which would have been the location of the meeting.

Board Members Present: Remotely from Grayling – Lorelei King and Sherry Powers. Remotely or by phone – Nicole Miller, Nina Zamora, Pam Babcock, Ben Townsend, Ty Wessell, Penny Morris, Mary Marois, Rose Denny, Dan Lathrop, Randy Kamps, Greg McMorrow and Al Cambridge.

Board Members Absent: Dean Vivian (advance notice) and Dan Lathrop (advance notice)

Others Present: Virtual – Karl Kovacs, Chief Executive Officer; Joanie Blamer, Chief Population Officer for Mental Health Services; Deb Lavender, Executive Secretary; Tracy Andrews, Director of Integrated and Managed Health Services; Kari Barker, Director of Quality and Compliance; Darryl Washington, Director of Long Term Care and Support Services; Lauri Fischer, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Leiter, Director of Human Resources; Dan Mauk, Chief Information Officer; Brie Molaison, Customer Services Specialist; Aaron Fader, Executive Administrative Specialist; Andy Babcock and four citizens.

Confirmation of a Quorum-yes

Timekeeper – none

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. AGENDA:

MOTION:	Approve the Agenda for April 15, 2021 as written
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lorelei King
SECONDER:	Rose Denny

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

No conflict of interest was declared.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Consideration of the Consent Agenda

MOTION:	Accept the Consent Agenda for April 15, 2021 excluding the financial statements
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	AI Cambridge
SECONDER:	Nina Zamora

AI requested to pull the Financial Statements from the Consent Agenda. He referenced Lauri's summary of last year which tied into our audit report this month. He asked for clarification of Medicaid spending as compared to regional funding advances for first and third party reimbursements.

MOTION:	Approve the financial statements
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	AI Cambridge
SECONDER:	Mary Marois

5. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE:

A. *Citizen Comment* – No citizen commented.

B. *Ownership Communication* – Karl reviewed a communication received March 18, 2021 from Sheriff Thomas Bensley. Responded to questions and provided clarification relative to issues identified in the letter regarding the proposed contract, Peer Support Specialist, in cell program, training, the lawsuit, Stepping Up Initiative, etc. It was noted it is important to have good working relationships with Grand Traverse County Administration. It was identified that we are still engaged in providing crisis services in all of our jails. We have not walked away from the Grand Traverse County Jail. We believe in helping people in the jail and are continuing to provide crisis services and supporting the Stepping Up Initiative. We also identified the need to work together with the jail to support pre-jail diversion. There was agreement that Randy will work with Karl and Karl work with his team to formulate a response for the Board's review.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Karl referenced his report and pointed out that the CMHAM is having their summer conference virtually June 14-17 in case there is interest in Board Members wanting to attend. Karl will be sending out information about the efforts to integrate physical and mental health services. He noted that there will be more information about how we can advocate for the current system. The proposed system takes away the relationship the CMHSPs have with the counties they represent. It is a loss of county accountability.

Responded to questions about the benefit of the county collaboratives.

7. NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY REPORT:

Referenced the minutes from the February meeting. A meeting was held in March and will find out why we have not been receiving current minutes. Mary attended and noted the meeting was very short.

8. ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

- A. *Receipt of CEO Response to Monitoring Report – 1.0 Consumer and Community Ends (Internal Inspection)*

MOTION:	The Board finds the organization 100% in compliance with Policy 1.0 Consumer and Community Ends (Internal Inspection)
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lorelei King
SECONDER:	Rose Denny

- B. *New Operational Worries – None.*

- C. *April Monitoring Assignment*

2.8 Communication and Support to the Board (Internal Inspection). Please complete and turn in.

9. BOARD MEANS SELF-ASSESSMENT

- A. *Receipt of CEO Response to Monitoring Report – 3.3 Board Member Code of Conduct (Direct Inspection)*

MOTION:	The Board finds the organization 100% in compliance with Policy 3.3 Board Member Code of Conduct (Direct Inspection)
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ty Wessell
SECONDER:	Rose Denny

- 3.6 Board Chair Functions (Direct Inspection)

MOTION:	The Board finds the organization 100% in compliance with Policy 3.6 Board Chair Functions (Direct Inspection)
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ty Wessell
SECONDER:	Rose Denny

Comments – Noted comments are to be directed to the chair as required.

- B. *April Monitoring Assignment*

3.7 Governance Committees (Direct Inspection)

3.7A Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (Direct Inspection)

3.7B Recipient Rights Appeals Committee (Direct Inspection)

Please complete and turn in.

10. GOVERNANCE POLICIES DISCUSSION AND ASSESSMENT:

- A. *Ends – None.*

- B. *Executive Limitations – None.*

- C. *Governance Process/Ownership Linkages*

RRAC Minutes – April 6, 2021 – good thoughtful work and appreciates what the committee does.

MOTION: Approve RRAC Minutes – April 6, 2021
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mary Marois
SECONDER: Nicole Miller

Financial Audit – It was recommended not to approve at this time because we didn't receive the management representation letter and we are not in compliance with our policy.

MOTION: Not to approve the financial audit until the Board receives the management representation letter
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Al Cambridge
SECONDER: Mary Marois

It was the request that the auditors provide us with a copy of the letter that was provided to them and a management letter with any recommendations.

D. Board/CEO Linkage
CEO Evaluation

MOTION: Approve the CEO Evaluation as presented.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ty Wessell
SECONDER: Rose Denny

11. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE: None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- Rose shared the federal law regarding the COVID-19 vaccines and organizational policies and personal beliefs. Board members thanked Rose for investigating and providing comments.
- Randy encouraged Board Members to speak up and noted it is a free and open forum.
- Pam identified the information from our educational presentation for each of the bullet points could be public awareness that could be rotated on a monthly basis.
- Board meeting of the CMHA tomorrow to discuss the efforts to integrate physical and mental health services. Have put together a phenomenal coalition across the state and it is important to organize advocacy groups. Will need to ascertain where the Governor's Office and MDHHS stands.

13. MAY 20, 2021 AGENDA PLANNING:

Reviewed agenda items: Election of Officers, CEO Compensation, Financial Audit information.

14. MEETING EVALUATION:

Comments – none.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kamps, Chairperson

Lorelei King, Board Secretary

Debra Lavender, Recording Secretary

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