



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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

2:15 p.m.

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority 527 Cobb Street Cadillac, MI 49601 and Microsoft Teams Meeting (Virtual)

Called to order at 2:15 PM 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: Rose Denny, Al Cambridge, Ben Townsend, Mary Marois, Sherry Powers, Dan DeKorse, Justin Reed, Pam Babcock, Randy Kamps

Virtual – Greg McMorrow, Ty Wessell, Nicole Miller, Angela Griffis, Penny Morris, Barb Selesky

Others Present: Joanie Blamer, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Lauri Fischer, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Leiter, Director of Human Resources; Tracy Andrews, Director of Integrated and Managed Health Services; Brian Newcomb, Director of Recipient Rights; Deb Lavender, Executive Secretary; Carrie Gray, Chief Population Officer; Aaron Fader, Executive Administrative Specialist

Virtual – Kari Barker, Director of Quality and Compliance; Darryl Washington, Director of Long-Term Care and Support Services; Brie Molaison, Customer Services Specialist; Dr. Curt Cummins, Medical Director; Jessica Williams, Quality and Compliance Specialist; Michelle Dosch, Compliance Secretary; Rebecca Dornoff

Confirmation of a Quorum – yes

Timekeeper – none

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. AGENDA:

MOTION:	Approve the Agenda for October 21, 2021
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ty Wessell
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 October 21, 2021
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Cambridge
SECONDER:	Mary Marois

5. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE:

- A. *Citizen Comment* – none
- B. *Ownership Communication* – There was a letter of recommendation submitted to the Ad Hoc Search Committee and the Board as a whole. Randy expressed his gratitude in the work that the Search Committee has been doing.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This morning Joanie was contacted by Karen Anderson from the Record Eagle who is doing a story on Suicide Awareness. She will be interviewing Stacy Kaminski and Nancy Stevenson. The County Commissioner meetings have been going well and Joanie has visited three of the six counties. Club Cadillac has received their three-year accreditation. Joanie then shared some positive comments that the auditors had about Club Cadillac's leadership, organization, employment, and members. The SAMHSA grant was not awarded to NLCMHA. Joanie was contacted by Debbie Stabenow's office and was informed that NLCMHA will be included in the Congressional Dollars – \$1.8 Million. There is a meeting scheduled with Stabenow's office on November 12 to discuss congressional dollars and the process with Lauri Fischer as well. We continue to partner with Munson to advocate for services in the region and have signed a joint letter. A letter was sent to every legislator in all six counties. There is a lot of movement for behavioral health in our area. On November 4th, there will be a Behavioral Health Summit and Joanie looks forward to meeting with the leaders to design an action plan to move forward in our region. An email was received from Judge Kromkowski of Leelanau County that Senate Bills 637 and 638 passed. These both include Behavioral Health planning as well as Jail Diversion. Northern Health Care Management is looking to develop a supportive technology home which will assist people to stay out of nursing homes and live more independently. There has been work in building/enhancing relationships with law enforcement in Roscommon. Joanie shared a letter received from Undersheriff Lowe which spoke about problem solving and programs that have been implemented with NLCMHA which focus on aiding those with mental illnesses and diversions from the legal system.

Al commented that Roscommon County is very fortunate to have such enthusiastic participation from their sheriff and undersheriff.

Ty wanted to thank Joanie for presenting in Leelanau County Commission and bringing Ashley with her.

7. NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY REPORT:

The NMRE Minutes were distributed and reviewed in an email prior to the meeting.

8. ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

- A. *Receipt of CEO Response to Monitoring Report – 1.0 Consumer and Community Ends (1.0.6 – 1.0.11) (Internal Inspection)*

MOTION:	The Board finds the organization 100% in compliance with Policy 1.0 Consumer and Community Ends (1.0.6 – 1.0.11) (Internal Inspection)
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Reed
SECONDER:	Mary Marois

- B. *Receipt of CEO Response to Monitoring Report – 2.3 Compensation of the Employed Workforce (Internal Inspection)*

MOTION:	The Board finds the organization 100% in compliance with Policy 2.3 Compensation of the Employed Workforce (Internal Inspection)
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rose Denny
SECONDER:	Justing Reed

C. *New Operational Worries – Mary asked about the number of open positions and wondered how that affects people served. Joanie shared Mary’s concern about staffing and would keep the Board updated of any problems that may arise. She further mentioned that there are no current issues with people not being served and that if it were ever a problem, we would reach out to the State for assistance and look to suspend rather than terminate services.*

D. *October Monitoring Assignment*

2.4 Financial Management/Internal Controls (Internal Inspection) and 2.5 Asset Protection (Internal Inspection). Please complete and turn in.

9. BOARD MEANS SELF-ASSESSMENT

A. *Receipt of CEO Response to Monitoring Report – None.*

B. *October Monitoring Assignment*

3.0 Global Governance Process/Ownership Linkage and 4.0 Global Governance – Bd/CEO Linkage. 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 – October 5, 2021 – *Review and Approve*

MOTION:	Approve RRAC Minutes – October 5, 2021
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Marois
SECONDER:	Greg McMorro

D. *Board/CEO Linkage*

a. *Randy had Dan join the Audit Committee, removed Penny from the Audit Committee, and had Justin join the NMRE Board.*

11. Closed Session (Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(e))

The Board decided to reschedule the Closed Session to a later Special Board Meeting date in the future.

12. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE: None.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- Justin expressed his appreciation on being appointed to the NMRE Board.
- There was a discussion on transportation and reimbursement with Medicaid.
- The Board Association Conference is coming up, Board Members who are interested should reach out to Deb Lavender about registration.
- The County Budgeting process is beginning in Grand Traverse and Penny gave an update on the different projects that will be coming. There were staffing changes made at the Grand Traverse Health Department which included a nonrenewal of contract for the Director.

14. November 18, 2021 AGENDA PLANNING:

Reviewed agenda items.

15. MEETING EVALUATION:

Comments – *none*.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

MOTION:	To conclude the Board Meeting without completing the agenda.
RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Cambridge
SECONDER:	Rose Denny

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Kamps, Chairperson

Sherry Powers, Board Secretary

Aaron Fader, Recording Secretary
