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Special Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at 105 Hall St, Traverse City, MI

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Attendance:

Board Members Present: Penny Morris, Ben Townsend, Barb Selesky, Dan Dekorse, Mary Marois, Kate Dahlstrom, Tom Bratton, Greg McMorrow, and Lynn Pope,
Virtual: Angie Griffis, Rose Denny, Pam Babcock, Sherry Powers
Absent: Ty Wessell, Al Cambridge, Tony Lentych

Others Present: In person - Brian Martinus Interim Chief Executive Officer; Lauri Fischer, Chief Financial Officer; Tracy Andrews, Director of Integrated and Managed Health Services; Deb Lavender, Executive Secretary; Stacy Maiville, Executive Secretary; Jeremiah Williams, Information Technology Supervisor; John Roth, Pamela Harris-Kaiser, Patti Burgess, Mr. Morris, Two other guests

Virtual – Ann Ketchum, Programmer Analyst II; Jessica Williams, Performance Improvement Specialist; Kari Barker, QI Compliance Director; Aimee Horton Johnson, Office Administrator; Brie Molaison, Customer Service Specialist; Alyssa Hansen, Human Resources Supervisor; Chris Biggar, Finance Manager; Matt Leiter, Director of Human Resources; Dean Baldwin, Network Administrator; Kasi Morse, Customer Service Provider; Kellee Hoag, Administrative Specialist – Finance; Melissa Bentgen, Accounts Payable Team Lead; Hilary Rappuhn, Project Coordinator; Jan Pytlowany, Customer Service Provider, Eric Kurtz, Pat Nuffer, Myranda Green, Travis Atkinson, Tess Parker, Teri Kelty, Cindy Evans, Michelle Dosch, Compliance Secretary; Carrie Gray, Chief Population Officer for IDD Services; Deb Freed, Two other numbers

Confirmation of a Quorum – yes

Timekeeper – Penny Morris

Public Comment:

Pat Nuffer spoke on public comment, urging the Board to vote no on the ARPA application. She believes that Munson and NLCMHA cannot communicate effectively.

Motion to discuss the ARPA application:

MOTION:	Discuss the ARPA Application
RESULT:	No final action was taken
MOVER:	Greg McMorrow
SECONDER:	Mary Marois

Consideration of Oversight for ARPA dollars:

Kate discussed the handout she brought to the meeting. (Attached)

Myranda Green, Tess Parker, and Travis Atkinson of TBD Solutions provided a virtual presentation about the ARPA application, the benefits the grant would bring to the community, the business plan behind it and was urging the Board to vote yes on the grant.

Travis reflected on the benefits and costs of a Crisis Residential Center.

Myranda walked the Board through the business plan which included:

- Recommendations
- Potential staff wages
- Potential revenue
- Sustainability plan

Myranda noted that the initial recommendations are based on the volume of need and current utilization of resources.

Tess Parker, clinical consultant with TBD Solutions went over the ARPA application, key components and the details behind the application. Tess stated that the due date for the application is 10/31/22, funds will be awarded in early 2023 and need to be spent by 12/21/2026. She also noted that the lead on the project (potentially NLCMHA) will hold the responsibility of meeting those timelines.

The sustainability of this project is of the up most importance and they are hoping for community support to help drive the sustainability.

Questions & Answers:

The Chairman of the Board asked why ARPA application was not sent to all six counties. The presenter stated that they had thought the dates for the other counties were currently closed, but she can look into that further if needed.

The presenters mentioned that they had left the wording on the application to be vague so they could have more flexibility with funds.

The Chair also asked what some of the risks are involved with the application. Tess responded that one of the risks was having to pay back the funds if the program over or underspent.

The Presenters mentioned “we” many times, a Board member asked for clarification as to who “we” were. The presenters said the “we” is the development team, that works with TBD Solutions. The development team would be the decision-making body for the wellness center.

There was additional discussion about a capital campaign. The presenters stated that they already have a plan for the capital campaign and a different entity that would be the lead on the capital campaign, TBD Solutions would be responsible to develop a pro forma.

There was additional discussion about the Crisis Residential Center and how that fits into the plan of the Crisis Welcoming Center that is already open, it was responded that in the end all the programs would come together.

The Board discussed and debated additional concerns such as:

Who would run the Center, the current state of tension between Grand Traverse County and NLCMHA, the timeline and lack of information for the ARPA grant, and the lack of collaboration happening within the community currently.

The representative from Missaukee, Lynn, stated that the small counties do not have a voice. She said “If we don’t do this the way Grand Traverse wants it to be run, then it’s not going to happen”. She stated that at some point Grand Traverse County must start working with the Board and NLCMHA. She questioned if those who are voting ever considers those in the other counties.

One Board member left at 5:06 pm, which ends the Quorum.

Greg withdrew his motion for discussion on this topic to conclude the meeting. There was no second to withdraw the motion.

MOTION:	Withdraw motion for discussion on ARPA Grant
RESULT:	Not voted on
MOVER:	Greg
SECONDER:	None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Dekorse, Chairperson

Stacy Maiville, Executive Secretary

Grand Traverse Center for Mental Wellness
A Community-driven Coalition

Kate Dahlstrom
Parent/Board Member
Community Pathfinder
10/26/2022

-Our Coalition has been working hard since last November. We have over 50 Action Team members and 3 co-leads. See Business Plan.

-Why are we here today? GT County ARPA request dilemma.

- Do we need a “lead” or a “sponsor”? Two out of our three co-leads (JB and TK) voted to ask NLCMH first, then the CHIR (and possibly 3rd ask would be United Way). We did not give our entire team the opportunity to vote. Why not?
- -Grand Traverse County ARPA committee representative has said that we **can** submit our request as a coalition, as long as we meet reporting and other requirements.

-Why is having NLCMH as “lead” not the best route to take?

- Services planned at the Center are **much** more than any one agency has the wheelhouse to provide by themselves. There will be many more services than just Medicaid-funded services.
- Our initiative depends on the continued collaboration of key stakeholders and BH care providers working together:
 - ✓ **NLCMH** will operate crisis stabilization unit (CSU)
 - ✓ A CRU provider like **Hope Network** will operate crisis residential services
 - ✓ **NAMI, CFS**, etc. can serve families and natural supports
 - ✓ **ATS, CHS, Harm Reduction** can serve persons needing substance use care
 - ✓ **Goodwill** can help unsheltered persons find housing
 - ✓ **BDAI** can serve persons being diverted to the Center instead of jail
 - ✓ Trained volunteers and other practitioners can provide holistic therapies and wraparound services: art, music, animal, outdoor, etc therapies.
 - ✓ **Our center will be a hub for BH information and referrals. Everyone is welcome!**

-Munson letter is well-meaning, but fails to recognize the need for collaboration and does not acknowledge the tenuous relationship between the NLCMH and GT county.

- GT County cannot be expected to make significant funding to a 6-county CMH that they have shown they have little confidence in and may not remain a part of. If they do allocate funds, what is the implicit expectation of funding from the other 5 counties??

-NLCMH has a new interim CEO and is searching for a permanent CEO. This is an inappropriate time for our interim CEO to be tasked with a project like this. If anything, let's ask Brian to evaluate and work with Munson to establish emergency BH services (Empath units) in or near their Cadillac and Grayling hospitals. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-09-26/hospitals-empath-units-replace-the-er-for-mental-health-patients>. If you can get physical ER service, then you should be able to get behavioral health ER service. That's called "parity".

-If NLCMH becomes the lead, how is that going to work for private fundraising? Who wants to donate to a governmental entity that already expends \$85M of taxpayer funds?

- United Way has already agreed to be our fiduciary. We will be much more successful fundraising in the community for additional capital funds under United Way (or what about Munson Foundation?).
- The state grant to be received by NLCMH *can* be used and *will* be needed to equip, furnish and staff the CSU and CRU, but these are only part of the project.
- The ARPA money being requested from Grand Traverse County is for capital/building funds and should remain in the county as possibly county taxpayer-owned property.

Alternatives for submitting ARPA request

-As our Coalition.

-Ask the CHIR, Munson or United Way to be "limited leads" or sponsors.

-Ask NLCMH to be "limited lead for ARPA request only". Coalition to then decide, **as a group**, about becoming a legal non-profit entity for future fund-raising.

Afterall...it takes a community. Thank you.