



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

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

May 18, 2023

12:30 PM

Ben Townsend called the meeting to order at 12:40

Board Members Present: Penny Morris, Ben Townsend, Greg McMorrow, Mary Marois, Al Cambridge, Sherry Powers, Pam Babcock, Ty Wessell, Kate Dahlstrom, Ruth Pilon, Dean Smallegan, Eric Ostergren

Absent: Tony Lentych, Tom Bratton, Carol Blake

Virtual: David Freedman

Others Present: Brian Martinus, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Tracy Andrews, Director of Integrated and Managed Health Services; Heather Sleight, Administrative Specialist; Stacy Maiville, Executive Secretary; Dean Baldwin, Network Administrator; Joanie Blamer, Chief Population Officer, Jeremiah Williams, Information Technology Supervisor

Virtual –Ann Ketchum, Programmer Analyst II; Kari Barker, QI Compliance Director; Curtis Cummins, Medical Director; Darryl Washington; Northern Health Care Management Director, Daniel Mauk, Chief Information Officer; Brian Newcomb, Director of Recipient Rights; Jessica Williams, Performance Improvement Specialist; Aimee Horton Johnson, Office Administrator; Amy Kotulski, Clubhouse Director

Public Comment:

Amy K with Club Cadillac –May is Mental Health Month, on May 25th from 5-7 PM Club is having an open house. The address is 2105 6th Avenue, Cadillac, MI. Traverse House is having their open house on May 31st from 4:00-5:30 pm at Traverse Clubhouse. All board members are encouraged to come. Please come and see what we are all about.

Tracy Andrews – Ms. Andrews took this opportunity to thank the 360 plus staff at Northern Lakes who have stayed the course during the reworking/signing of the Enabling Agreement. In addition to the uncertainty of the future of the agency, staff have faced higher caseloads and staff shortages. She also thanked the members of the board who have been involved.

Rose Denny – Ms. Denny read a letter that she had written explaining the circumstances surrounding her leaving the NLCMHA Board of Directors.

Kate Dahlstrom –Ms. Dahlstrom read an email on behalf of Child and Family Services regarding a recent incident with a consumer of theirs and the lack of inpatient beds in the state for children for mental health services.

Office of Recipient Rights Director's Report – Site visits over 70% complete for the year. We have trained 415 staff YTD for FY2023. Remain at 100% compliance with wrapping up cases in under 90 days.

Services for People with IDD- Amber Huff gave a presentation on the program called PERS - Personal Emergency Response System. PERS is paid for by Medicaid and it is billed monthly. Ms. Huff explained what the program is, how it works, and how it benefits our consumers. This system is a Person-Centered Plan. Ms. Huff discussed some specific ways in which this system can help according to the needs/habits of the individual consumer. Ms. Huff's client introduced himself, talked about where he was, where is he today, and how the PERS system has helped him to live independently at the Glen Oaks facility.

Board Member Introductions- This was done during the Board Education meeting. The 4 members who are absent will introduce themselves at next month's meeting.

Slate of Officer's Discussion-

Ms. Pam Babcock announced that the Vice Chair candidates were Tony Lentych, and Greg McMorrow. Greg McMorrow and Sherry Powers were nominated for Secretary. Comments were taken from board members for both Greg and Sherry.

Agenda Planning:

Mr. Ben Townsend suggested that the Committee of the Whole to discuss (at the next meeting) amending the By-laws to approve election of the CEO with either the 2/3 vote or a majority of the seated board vote. This will be just for the CEO vote only.

Ms. Kate Dahlstrom would like a HARM Reduction presentation. Mr. Townsend will delegate this to the NLD. Next meeting is June 15th, 2023, at 527 Cobb St, Cadillac

Meeting Evaluations/Comments:

#1 – We spent our time on the most important governance topics – Satisfactory

#2 – We encouraged diversity of viewpoints – Excellent

#3 – Our decisions were made collectively – Satisfactory

#4 – The Board used it's time effectively – Satisfactory

#5 – What is the most important thing the Board could do to improve our function as a Board? Mr.

Townsend explained the difference in how the COW meeting is run versus how the Board meeting is run – the formalities.

Other/Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 1:34

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Sleight,

Administrative Specialist