



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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September 26, 2024

1:30 p.m.

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**Board Members Present:** Ty Wessell, Tony Lentych, Ruth Pilon, Al Cambridge, Penny Morris, Greg McMorrow, Tom Bratton, Mary Marois, Ben Townsend.

Virtual: Dave Freedman

**Absent:** Shawn Kraycs, Carol Blake, Eric Ostergren, Dean Smallegan, Cristal Frost Anderson, Lynn Pope.

**Others Present:** Brian Martinus, Vickie McDonald, Kevin Hartley, Haider Kazim, Mark Crane, Daniel Mauk, Doug Cambridge, Hilary Rappuhn, Peter Kobs, David Shindorf, Justin Reed, 2 unknown guests.

**Others Virtual:** Ann Ketchum, Tiffany Fewins, Kari Barker, Terri Henderson, Mark Draeger, Sophorn Klingelsmith, Brian Newcomb, Lori Stendel, Lisa Woodcox, Melissa Bentgen, Rob Palmer, Dave Freedman, Trapper Merz, Amy Kotulski, Amanda Ritchie, Kristine Rigling, Deb Freed, 3 unknown guests.

**Call to Order:** 1:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

David Shindorf requested the addition of a trash receptacle added to the east side of the building.

Justin Reed questioned if the governance model is replacing the bylaws. He does not see requirements or criteria for membership of consumers on the Board of Directors. Concern that consumer requirement does not have to be a primary consumer, but one with a private practice and shows lack of trust. He feels there is a conflict between the governance model and the bylaws.

Quorum confirmed.

<b>MOTION:</b> <b>Approve the agenda.</b>
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**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER: B. TOWNSEND**  
**SECONDER: T. LENTYCH**

**Conflict of Interest:** None

**FY25 Proposed Budget:**

Kevin Hartley, Chief Financial Officer presented proposed FY25 Budget highlighting increases and decreases in the areas of Revenue, Employed Workforce and Agency Expenditures, and Contracted Provider expenditures. Al Cambridge presented for the NLCMHA AD HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE, also highlighting the areas of Revenue: there are sufficient reserves to support the budget but will be severely tapped, General Fund is supported by State Contract with no increase, Grants are down, and County appropriations will remain the same. Employed Workforce: Personnel budget assumes continuing positions with 3 or 4 new requests, 3% cost of living increase, 1% vacancy, turnover will support step increases, transportation been reduced. Provider Contracts: These have not been finalized; the budget uses best expectations. Mary Marois requested waiver fund balance amount and what money is available for staff to be used unrestricted to support our community. Verification was made that most other CMHs are running with a similar budget.

**MOTION: SUPPORT FY25 BUDGET AS PRESENTED**  
**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER: A. CAMBRIDGE**  
**SECONDER: B. TOWNSEND**

Mary confirmed the request of funding amounts to be presented at next meeting and agreed by Kevin Hartley.

**Unfinished Business:**

Voting on PA 152 Exemption and the Governance Policy was no longer an option as a Quorum was lost as Tom Bratton needed to leave.

**Resolution – Exemption PA 152**

A request to opt out of PA 152 was suggested. Increase in benefit expenses will be a burden on the staff therefore it is requested to keep staff share the same with the increase covered by the

agency. Kevin Hartley will bring clarifying figures showing the increases to families and the agency to the next Board meeting. Request to opt out requires a 2/3 vote, being 11 of 16; therefore, the request needs to be tabled to October's meeting.

**Governance Policy**

The policy has been reviewed. Seven committees would be put in place with the adoption of this model: Recipient Rights Advisory Committee, Recipient Rights Appeals Committee, Community Engagement and Services Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel committee, Policy Committee, and Executive Committee. Al Cambridge brought to the board's attention wording on Page 56 that would need to be made consistent with the bylaws. Requests to be on a specific committee should be sent to Greg McMorrow. An acceptance vote of Governance policy was tabled due to lack of Quorum.

**Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.**

**Next Meeting and Agenda Items:** October 17, 2024 – Traverse City

- Resolution – Exemption PA 152
- Governance Policy
- Unrestricted Funds

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria McDonald, Administrative Specialist

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Greg McMorrow, chairperson

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Lynn Pope, Secretary

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