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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

Staff Present (Via Zoom):

Shana Badgley, Karla Block, KC Brown, Joanne Holland, Sue Panetta, Gwenda Summers, Joyce Tunnard

Excused:

Jennifer Stanley

Staff Present (In-Person):

Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie

Public Present (In-person):

Daniel Arnold
Dianne Shorter

Public Present (via Zoom):

Elizabeth Pratt, NAMI
Lucianna Solis, Community Relations Liaison
City of Lansing, Office of Mayor Andy Schor



Andy Schor, Mayor

Union Representation:

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Al Platt at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call (In-Person):

Al Platt, Emily Stivers, Joe Brehler, Timothy Hanna, Dianne Holman, Adam Matson, Kay Randolph-Back, Raul Gonzales, Paul Palmer

Dale Copedge arrived at 6:08 pm, and Maxine Thome arrived at 6:10 pm.

Board Member Participating on Zoom

Paul Palmer, at his residence in Ingham County, City of Lansing, MI.

Excused:

Ken Mitchell

Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022:

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Emily Stivers that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the March 17, 2022 meeting minutes with the following amendment:

- Correction of the spelling of Dan Timlin's name on page 4 of the packet where referenced.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Previous Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022:

ACTION:

MOVED by Timothy Hanna and SUPPORTED by Emily Stivers that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the April 21, 2022 meeting minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

ACTION:

MOVED by Paul Palmer and SUPPORTED by Joe Brehler that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the May 19, 2022 Agenda with the following amendments:

- **Under Special Human Resources Committee, removal of action item #1, entitled: OPEIU Local 512 Step 3 Grievance – Discharge & Discipline, as this matter was resolved at the HR Committee level. No further action required on behalf of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors.**
- **Under Special Executive Committee Meeting, removal of item #1, entitled: Recipient Rights Committee Member ADA Accommodation Request Determination Recommendation, as a process was previously established as of the April 11, 2022, Special Board of Directors Meeting which authorizes Executive Committee level review and determination of ADA Accommodation Requests.**
- **Under Special Executive Committee Meeting, addition of action item #1, entitled: Recipient Rights Committee Appointment.**
- **Under New Business, addition of information only item, entitled: Mental Health Parity.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Update:

Joe Brehler reported that MSHN Board of Directors met and due to the pace, frequency and breadth of MDHHS Change Initiatives, the PIHP covering 8 counties in southwest Michigan, has announced that it is withdrawing from the MI Health Link demonstration effective 12/31/22. However, the state is moving forward with a number of initiatives.

Special Recognition

With mixed emotions, CEO, Sara Lurie announced that this evening would be Chief Human Resources Officer, Sharon Blizzard’s last official CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Meeting and that effective Friday, June 10th Ms. Blizzard will retire after 21 + years of dedicated and committed service and on behalf of Mayor Andy Schor’s office presented Ms. Blizzard with the City of Lansing Proclamation (attached). Additionally, each member of the CMHA-CEI Board of Director extended well

wishes to Ms. Blizzard and expressed how much we will miss her and congratulated her on a job well done; commenting on the extraordinary relationship that has been built over the years with both local 459 and 512 union representatives as well as on her exceptional stance on negotiations, exceptional communication, so humane and open to discussion, as well as her genuine, passionate, reasonable, rationale and caring leadership style while advocating for those we serve as well as for the over 1,000 CMHA-CEI employees. A true inspiration and positive influence in the lives of so many!

In summary, it was shared that Ms. Blizzard has been a treasure to CMHA-CEI Board of Directors, Director's Group, individuals we serve, our union and the CMHA-CEI employees, and wished Ms. Blizzard enjoyment and success on her retirement. Immediately following, Ms. Lucianna Solis, Community Relations Liaison, City of Lansing, Office of Mayor Andy Schor joined via Zoom to congratulate Ms. Blizzard on her retirement and apologized on behalf of the Mayor that he was unable to be present to present the Proclamation. However, shared that he wanted Ms. Blizzard to know that on behalf of the City of Lansing, June 10th has officially been declared as Sharon Blizzard day and thanked Ms. Blizzard for her 21 + years of dedicated and committed service to this community.

Sharon Blizzard commented that it has been a pleasure to serve the most vulnerable population and thanked the Mayor's Office as well as the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors for their kind heartfelt words or recognition and announced that she is looking forward to retirement and being a grandmother, and shared that her first grandchild is due to be born in September, 2022 and she is so excited about this new chapter in her life.

CEO, Sara Lurie invited those present to enjoy the retirement refreshments that were provided for this evening's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program & Planning Committee

Expense Contract Amendment: IRIS Telehealth

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and **SUPPORTED** by Kay Randolph-Back that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to amend their current contract with Iris Telehealth to purchase additional telepsychiatry services, up to a total of 120 hours per week, from Iris Telehealth for the period of October 1, 2021 to September

30, 2022. Maximum total cost of the contract with Iris Telehealth, including cost previously approved, and will not exceed \$850,000 for FY2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Contract Renewal: Donna Potter, Amendment Language

ACTION:

MOVED by Emily Stivers and SUPPORTED by Joe Brehler that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to authorize amendment language to Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022 on page 6, Expense Contract Renewal: Donna Potter as follows: Donna Potter will provide Child-Parent Psychotherapy for the retroactive period of January 27, 2022 through September 30, 2022, and CMHA-CEI will pay no more than \$26,500 for these services.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contact: Shanty Creek

ACTION:

MOVED by Emily Stivers and SUPPORTED by Raul Gonzales that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize to enter into a new contract with Shanty Creek and pay \$10,000 for those services for the period of September 19, 2022 through September 23, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

FY22 One-Time Spend Proposals

MOVED by Emily Stivers and SUPPORTED by Kay Randolph-Back that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to approve the one-time spend proposals as provided.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Consumer Advisory Council

CAC Board Liaison, Raul Gonzales provided an update from the May 6, 2022 Consumer Advisory Council Meeting.

Highlights included:

- CMHA-CEI Families Forward Programs and Services
- CMHA-CEI Board and Subcommittees
- MSHN Regional Consumer Advisory Council (RCAC)
- Voice Newsletter
- CCBHC Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Membership Term Review
- CMHA-CEI COVID-19: Vaccine/Flu shot opportunities
- Annual Community Event – WILX broadcast scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm.
- SAVE THE DATE: Potters Park Zoo Event on Saturday, September 10, 2022

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., and will be held via Zoom.

Special Executive Committee

Recipient Rights Committee Appointment for term period June 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

ACTION:

MOVED by Al Platt and SUPPORTED by Raul Gonzales that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the Recipient Rights Committee Appointment of Tina Bertram for term period June 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Community Access Committee

Committee Chair, Dianne Holman reported that the next Community Access Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:30 pm, and will be held as a hybrid meeting.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mental Health Parity

Board member, Kay Randolph-Back expressed concern regarding the purchasing of benefits for the CMHA-CEI employees.

CHRO, Sharon Blizzard advised that there are no concerns regarding the purchasing of benefits for the CMHA-CEI employees and that the Health Care Committee is in compliance for health care benefits for all employees.

Board member, Emily Stivers advised that there is quite a bit of discussion taking place regarding this topic and shared the following link for additional information.

ACTION: Please see link below to the NPR story, shared by Emily Stivers regarding the mental health parity:

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/19/1100228359/2-senators-are-working-across-the-aisle-to-address-the-mental-health-crisis>

Public Comment

Daniel Arnold shared information regarding his attendance at an advocacy meeting at Charter House and thanked CMHA-CEI Board of Directors for the services provided in this community expressing his gratitude for how far he has come since his first visit at CEI.

Elizabeth Pratt also congratulated and thanked Sharon Blizzard on her 21 + years of service to CMHA-CEI and to this community and announced the Grand Opening of their new building located at 3500 S. Cedar Street, Suite 110 (which includes expanded space, a conference room and public event meeting space). This event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 from 4 – 7 pm, and extended an invitation to all members of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors to attend.

ACTION: An invitation will be sent to all CMHA-CEI Board of Directors for the June 15, 2022 4 – 7 event.

Linda Matson reiterated that the Martial Arts Memorial Scholarship in honor of the Legacy of Dan Timlin is up and running and confirmed that they have started to

receive scholarship applications and thanked CEO, Sara Lurie for promoting within the agency. Ms. Matson also pointed out that there were a couple of spelling errors on Mr. Timlin's last name, which Aleshia Echols is correcting in the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Meeting minutes of April 21, 2022 and expressed that she is hopeful that as funds start coming in that the family will be able to offer more scholarships for in-need, at-risk children.

Motion to go into Closed Session

ACTION:

MOVED by Emily Stivers and **SUPPORTED** by Joe Brehler that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) go into Closed Session at 6:40 pm to discuss confidential settlement strategy with our attorney in the pending federal court lawsuit Paul Palmer v State of Michigan and Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties pursuant with Section 8 (e). of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(e).

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Motion to come out of Closed Session

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and **SUPPORTED** by Joe Brehler that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) come out of Closed Session at 7:23 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Authorization to Attend Settlement Conference

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and **SUPPORTED** by Dianne Holman that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CEO, Sara Lurie, and Board of Director members Joe Brehler, and Al Platt to attend Settlement Conference in the federal court lawsuit Paul Palmer v State of Michigan and Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties as the designated representatives of the Board in accordance with our discussions in Closed Session.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and will take place at 812 E. Jolly Road, in the Atrium.

Minutes Submitted by:

Aleshia Echols

Executive Administrative Assistant