



Community
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**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Staff Present:

Stacia Chick, Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie, and Joyce Tunnard

Excused: Shana Badgley, Sharon Blizzard, Karla Block, Joanne Holland, Ericanne Spence, Jennifer Stanley, Gwenda Summers

Public Present

None.

Union Representation

None.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Joe Brehler, Dale Copedge, Raul Gonzales, Dianne Holman, Adam Matson, Al Platt, Paul Palmer, Kay Randolph-Back, Jim Rundborg, Maxine Thome, Dwight Washington

Excused

Emily Stivers

Adoption of Agenda:

MOVED by Joe Brehler and **SUPPORTED** by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the meeting agenda of April 21, 2020 as presented.

MOTION PASSED with 11 votes in favor. **Members Present:** Joe Brehler, Dale Copedge, Raul Gonzales, Dianne Holman, Adam Matson, Al Platt, Paul Palmer, Kay Randolph-Back, Jim Rundborg, Maxine Thome, Dwight Washington

Emily Stivers excused.

BUSINESS ITEM:

New Business

COVID-19 Additional Compensation for Provider Workforce Members Delivering Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Congregate or Individual Residential Settings

ACTION:

MOVED by Joe Brehler 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 under a friendly amendment to *authorize via contract amendments* per diem adjustments (or unit rate adjustments in the case of time-based units of service) of:

- **Direct Care Worker wage adjustment of \$2/hour (two dollars per hour) plus 15% admin load to cover taxes, fringes and administrative costs.**
- **May adjust per diems to reflect up to \$4/hour (four dollars per hour) plus a 15% admin load to cover taxes, fringes and administrative costs at facilities/settings where staff are providing supports and services to beneficiaries that have tested or screened positive for COVID-19.**

for services included in the summary below for all currently contracted services performed within the MSHN region.

Service Description	Codes / Time
Crisis Residential Services	H2018 – Per Diem
Unlicensed Community Living Supports (CLS) in Independent Living/Own Home	H2015 – 15 minutes H0043 Per Diem
Community Living Supports (CLS) in Licensed Specialized Residential	H2016 – Per Diem

Setting	
Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	T1020 – Per Diem
Overnight Health and Safety Supports	T2027 – 15 minutes

Only those providers that agree to the following provider requirements will receive the adjustments:

- **Providers must either:**
 - **Require that the direct care worker sign an attestation that the compensation adjustment was received OR**
 - **Must agree and submit to an audit against payroll records to confirm that the direct care worker adjustment was received.**

Purchaser Expectations:

- **Contract amendments executed by the purchaser and provider shall include language that:**
 - Per diem adjustments provided under this temporary program are subject to offset against any state or federal funds received by the provider for the same purpose over the same period of time.**
- **Contract amendments should also include the appropriate elements from the “Region Wide Adjustments” and “Provider Requirements” sections above.**

Discussion

Discussion ensued. Kay Randolph-Back recommended Amending the Main Motion in the form of a “Friendly Amendment prior to the vote, which was accepted by the Chair. The motion language was amended authorizing per diem adjustments via contract amendments.

Highlighted concerns from the discussion included:

- **MSHN cannot mandate providers who operate outside the MSHN region.**
- **CEI contracts with providers outside the MSHN region.**
- **There has been quite an extensive discussion regionally**
- **It is the responsibility of the PIHP to coordinate in their specific geographic area.**
- **Specialized facilities are paid a higher rate.**

ACTION: Dwight Washington inquired as to the number of DCWs affected and whether there is a way to track COVID-19 related expenses. CFO, Stacia Chick will research and report back regarding the number of DCWs affected. However, advised that although CEI has assigned a project code, it is not the same and is very difficult to track as it would require setting up service codes and looking at rate increases.

MOTION PASSED with 11 votes in favor. **Members Present:** Joe Brehler, Dale Copedge, Raul Gonzales, Dianne Holman, Adam Matson, Al Platt, Paul Palmer, Kay Randolph-Back, Jim Rundborg, Maxine Thome, Dwight Washington

Emily Stivers excused.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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) adjourn the CMHA-CEI Special Board of Directors meeting of April 21, 2020 at 6:21 p.m.

MOTION PASSED with 11 votes in favor. **Members Present:** Joe Brehler, Dale Copedge, Raul Gonzales, Dianne Holman, Adam Matson, Al Platt, Paul Palmer, Kay Randolph-Back, Jim Rundborg, Maxine Thome, Dwight Washington

Emily Stivers excused.