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MENTAL HEALTH
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812 E. Jolly Road
Lansing, MI 48910

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS HYBRID
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 18th, 2024
6:00 pm**

Staff Present (via Zoom)

**Shana Badgley, Karla Block, Joyce Tunnard, Virginia Kallweit, Joanne Holland,
Gwenda Summers, Dr. Jennifer Stanley, Sue Panetta, KC Brown, Jana Baylis**

Excused

Al Platt

Staff Present (In-Person)

Sara Lurie, Darby Vermeulen

Public Present (In-person)

Alan Bolter – CMHA, Daniel Arnold, Wendy Shepherd

Public Present (via Zoom)

Elizabeth Pratt - NAMI Lansing

Union Representation

None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dwight Washington at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call:

Dale Copedge, Raul Gonzales, Timothy Hanna, Ryan Sebolt, Dwight Washington, Joe Brehler, Dianne Holman, Maxine Thome, Paul Palmer, Paula Yensen, Jason White

Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom:

Paul Palmer from his home in South Lansing, MI

Excused:

Al Platt

Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda:

ACTION:

MOVED by Joe Brehler and SUPPORTED by Tim Hanna that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the January 18, 2024 meeting agenda.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment:

None

Joe introduced the two new Board members from Eaton County, Jason White and Paula Yensen. He said he believes the two new members will be real assets to the Board. Paula said, "It is an honor to be serving and to be selected to CEI's Board."

Jason said, "It is an honor to be sitting here and I am looking forward to working on the Board". The Board then introduced themselves to the new members.

Ryan Sebolt entered the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Paul Palmer wanted to let the new members know that he has speech issues but Sara can help assist in any cases of misunderstanding. Paul then welcomed the new members to

the Board.

Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Update:

Paul said this meeting was canceled due to the weather and was rescheduled to January 30, 2024.

CEO REPORT

CEO, Sara Lurie provided verbal updates on the following items from her written report:

Welcome to New CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Members

Sara welcomed the new Board members and noted it is great to be able to fill open spots on the Board so quickly.

Sara then mentioned that the Greenlawn tour originally scheduled for today will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Sara sent all Board members a draft of the strategic plan. She asks for feedback by next Thursday to incorporate into the next draft.

Employee of the Month

Sara congratulated Shana Badgley on being January's Employee of the Month! There will be an ice cream social on Monday, January 22nd from 3-4:30 pm in the Atrium at Jolly Rd. The following Monday, January 29th, the 2023 Employee of the Year will be announced at the event recognizing 2023's Employees of the Month. Employees who met employment milestones or received Service Stars during 2023 will also be recognized.

Sara wanted the group to know that Aleshia's medical leave was extended through February 15th, 2024. She wanted to express her thanks and gratitude to the administrative assistants who have stepped forward in Aleshia's absence.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTATION

CEO Sara Lurie introduced Alan Bolter, Deputy Director of CMHA. Alan will be providing an update on legislative items upcoming in 2024.

Alan said the legislature is back in session. Next week, the Governor is giving her State of the State Address, where she will discuss accomplishments in 2023 and items on her agenda for 2024.

Alan noted Democrats flipped both chambers of the legislature in 2023. As of November 2023, with two democrats winning mayoral elections, there is now a 54-54 tie in the House, which means gridlock. What this means for 2024 is that the amount of time we have for bills to move through the democratic process is going to be cut short. Democrats will likely be up to majority by third week of April, after the next election. Any meaningful legislation will therefore not move until the middle of April until June when they break. Whatever doesn't get done before June will be moved to "lame duck" and will not be voted on until after November.

High priority items on the legislative side include two mental health parity bills and Senate Bill 27 which codifies the Mental Health Parity law. This bill passed the Senate back in October. Then we have House Bill 4707, which expands on the mental health parity law in medical necessity and in-network/out of network coverage. This will mean the insurance company cannot charge an individual more for going out of network for services. This bill is being fought by Blue Cross Blue Shield and other insurance companies. Alan anticipates this will be a lame duck bill, but he hopes it can get pushed through.

Maxine Thome entered the meeting at 6:16 pm.

There is another package of bills on telehealth. This package includes behavioral health and substance use disorder under telehealth and says that insurance companies have to reimburse at the same rate for physical health calls. The insurance companies are fighting this bill for the same reason they are fighting HB 4707.

Alan then brought up Senate Bill 227 – a bill that would allow therapeutic de-escalation in emergency situations for kids group homes and other child-caring institutions. Sara said the ability to perform emergency restraint in a CCI is something that CEI has been pushing for for many years because it's a big reason we can't place youth in residential type settings. Alan said this is desperately needed in the continuum of care for children.

Alan also mentioned the following bills:

Social Worker Licensure Bills – HBs 5184 & 5185 - Eliminates the test as part of licensure; practice based path to licensure.

Open Meetings Act – HB 4693 – Would allow for remote participation for a CMH & PIHP meeting.

Substance Use Disorder Bills

- Naloxone Distribution – HB 5077 & 5078
- Harm Reduction – HB 5178 & 5179
- Expanding access to Naloxone – SB 542

Alan said the Governor’s budget will be out in early February. CMHAM is going to be advocating a lot for Medicaid redetermination. Medicaid numbers in Michigan have risen to over 3 million people since the pandemic began. Since redeterminations have begun, the Medicaid caseload has started to drop. What CMHAM is asking for during that process is that the department readjust the case load so that Medicaid rates balance out the large drop.

Paula asked about the guardianship legislature? Alan said it is currently in the Senate. The Guardianship Association has issues with the language in the legislation regarding how many clients a public guardian can take on, what can be done with a person’s belongings when they pass, etc. Alan said we will see what the Senate ultimately does with the package. Sara said we were hoping some of the language would be adjusted because the limits put on the guardians would mean hundreds of folks would have to be discharged from the guardianship providers with which CEI works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program & Planning Committee

New Expense Contract: Guardianship Services

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Tim Hanna that the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract with Janet McDuffey to purchase guardianship services for the retroactive period of December 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, and pay the amounts below for those services.

Services as approved by Program Liaison	Amount per month per consumer
Guardianship Services without Payee Services	\$70.00
Guardianship Services with Payee Services	\$75.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Contract Amendment: McLaren Health Care Corporation

MOVED by Joe Brehler and SUPPORTED by Ryan Sebolt that the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties Board of Directors authorize

CMHA-CEI to amend the contract with McLaren Health Care Corporation to add the McLaren Northern Michigan location to purchase hospital services at the rates indicated below for the period of January 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

Location	Address	CPT Code	Service	Rate
McLaren Northern Michigan	748 S Main St. Cheboygan, MI 49721	0100	Inpatient Care: Adult (All Inclusive)	\$1,017.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Expense Contracts

ACTION:

MOVED by Joe Brehler and SUPPORTED by Raul Gonzales that the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to:

Expense Contract Renewal: Therapeutic Respite Camps – YMCA Mystic Lake

- purchase Therapeutic Overnight Camp at the rate below for the retroactive period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Service Description	Code	Potential Modifier(s)	Unit	Rate
Respite Care-Camp Overnight Waiver/Session	T2036	U7	Per session	Max \$1,400

*Max of 3 sessions per year

Expense Contract Renewal: Therapeutic Respite Camp – Eagle Village Inc.

- purchase Therapeutic Overnight Camp at the rate below for the retroactive period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Service Description	Code	Potential Modifier(s)	Unit	Rate
Respite Care-	T2036	U7	Per session	Max \$1,400

Camp Overnight Waiver/Session				
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MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

FY24 Dues - Community Mental Health Association of Michigan

MOVED by Joe Brehler and **SUPPORTED** by Dianne Holman that the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to provide payment of \$29,829 for FY24 membership dues to Community Mental Health Association of Michigan for the retroactive period of October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Consumer Advisory Council

CAC Board Liaison, Raul Gonzales provided the following overview from the January 4, 2024 meeting.

- Crisis Stabilization Unit
- CAC Recruitment Efforts
- CCBHC Certification Requirements

Unfinished Business

MOVED by Dwight Washington and **SUPPORTED** by Paul Palmer that the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to appoint Joe Brehler as Secretary of CMHA-CEI’s Executive Committee.

New Business

None

Public Comment

Daniel Arnold shared that he has been attending Board and committee meetings since 2014/2015. He appreciates the opportunity to come to Board meetings and share his thoughts. Daniel shouted out Wendy Shepard, who brings him to the meetings. Wendy is a veteran and also has severe mental illness. She is completing her Master’s degree on

January 22nd, and on January 26th she will be speaking at the City Rescue Mission women's shelter. Daniel has been asked to speak for 30 minutes to the Michigan Police Academy! He hopes CEI can "continue working to get people on their feet".

Elizabeth Pratt – NAMI

Ms. Pratt welcomed the new Board members. She noted that although there is not much room for voting on the bills in the House, she encourages folks to continue sharing our stories and speaking out.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m., and will take place at Community Mental Health Authority-Clinton Eaton and Ingham Counties, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI 48910.

Minutes Submitted by: Darby Vermeulen
Finance Administrative Assistant