

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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July 18, 2024

1:00 p.m.

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**Board Members Present:** Ruth Pilon, Tom Bratton, Ty Wessell, Dean Smallegan, Penny Morris, Carol Blake, Tony Lentych, Christal Frost Anderson, Dave Freedman, Greg McMorrow, Ben Townsend, Lynn Pope, Mary Marois,  
Virtual: Tom Bratton

**Absent:** Eric Ostergren, Shawn Kryacs

**Others Present:** Stacy Maiville, Jeremiah Williams, Brian Newcomb, Darryl Washington, Vickie McDonald, Kevin Hartley, Mark Crane, Kim Silbor, Kendall Sidnam, Dave Simpson

**Others Virtual:** Neil Rojas, Laura Argyle, Daniel Mauk, Ann Ketchum, Lori Stendel, Heather Sleight, Justin Reed, April Weinrick, Marsha Brown, Judi Crane, Melanie Schopieray, Becky Brown, Erica Smith, Kari Barker, Somer Quinlan, Manda Clements, Kellee Hoag, Jillian Smithingell, Aimee Bunbury, Tiffany Fewins, Terri Henderson, Amanda Ritchie, Mark Draeger, Rob Palmer, Jennifer Hemmes, Curtis Cummins, Kristine Rigling, Lauren Barnard, Abby Schonfeld, Trey Johnson, Angie, Melissa Trout, Michelle, Lisa Holmes, Lisa Jones, 4 unknown guests

**Call to Order:** 1:00 p.m.

**Conflict of Interest:** None.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Approve the agenda.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>D. Smallegan</b>
<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>M. Marois</b>

The consent agenda included the June 2024 minutes and was approved.

**Public Comment:** Justin Reed commented on his recent interview for the RRAC during the NLD meeting. He expressed frustration with the interview process and the staff and board members involved.

**Celebrate Northern Lakes:** The board recognized the Grayling Front Office staff (Cassie Garland and Shelly Schmidt). The front office staff was praised for their hard work, cheerful attitude, and contributions to the agency and community. “Shelly and Cassie are the glue that holds together this office” – Dave Simpson.

**Report of Officers:**

**Recipient Rights Report:**

Brian Newcomb, the Director of the Office of Recipient Rights, presented his report to the board. He noted that 80% of the reports are completed within 60 days, which is 30 days less than the state requirement. The office remains 100% compliant and is ahead of schedule for the fiscal year. The semi-annual ORR report was also included in the packet.

**Chief Executive Officer's Report:** The report was included in the packet. The CEO Report included items such as Dashboard Report, Center of Mental Wellness update, Public Hearing, dates of note, and recent media coverage.

**Chief Financial Officer's Report:** Laura Argyle, Deputy CFO, presented the finance report. The report was included in the packet. She commented that both NMRE and NLCMHA are in a deficit. The agency needs to be as frugal as possible without sacrificing consumer services. The general fund is about \$719,000 in the negative. There is an overspend of 2.3 million dollars. The agency will need to wait for the NMRE to settle that up, which will start to happen in November. The report also included a summary of variances and fluctuations, a statement of net position, revenues, expenses, contract providers, and financial trends

**Committee Reports:**

**NMRE:** Ruth Pilon gave an update about the NMRE, which has also been focused on the budget. The new rates from the state were not enough to refund the NMRE, and the state has not been reimbursing the NMRE for all four waiver programs, which has a significant impact on the budget.

**NLD:** Penny Morris gave an update about the recent NLD meeting. The recommendation for the RRAC candidate was that it was not the best use of his skills. The NLD suggests recruiting more interviewees for the RRAC. The NLD also recommends that monitoring reports cease. The committee encourages the board to get certified in BoardWorks and suggests a possible meeting in the future where members can complete BoardWorks collectively.

Ms. Marois commented that she would recommend the recent RRAC candidate for a consumer advisory committee but not the RRAC. She also stated that the committee underwent the same process they have been doing for ten years. It was clarified that the candidate received the necessary information and documents beforehand.

**MOTION: Accept the recommendation of NLD to no longer use the monitoring reports.**

**RESULT: ADOPTED. 2 Nays**

**MOVER: T. Lentych**

**SECONDER: M. Marois**

The two who opposed explained their reasoning for voting against the motion. They would like to ensure that the board has a replacement monitoring method. The board will continue to follow the monitoring calendar but is not obligated to complete the forms. After discussion, the board voted to give this task to the Ad hoc Governance Policies Committee. Members expressed having a date attached to this development. The dates of October 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, were discussed, but neither was officially agreed upon.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Assign the development of a replacement system for monitoring to the ad hoc governance committee.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>T. Lentych</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>D. Smallegan</b>

**Ad Hoc Governance Policies:** Ben Townsend, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Governance Policy Committee, gave an update from the committee.

The goal is to give a new governance policy to the board at the August Board meeting. The governance will be boiled down to the basics and committee structure.

**Unfinished Business:**

The board received the receipt of Board Monitoring Reports & CEO Response to monitoring reports from June.

**Priorities:**

Penny gave an update about the idea presented to the board last month (to collaborate with the Sheriff's office to provide an on-site mental health worker). The item was not passed at the Board of Commissioners level. The board discussed sending a letter to the Board of Commissioners supporting the item.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Have the Chairperson of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board of Directors write a letter to the Board of Commissioners in support of the opioid funds for the Sheriff.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>B. Townsend</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>M. Marois</b>

**New Business:**

**Behavioral Health Home Update:**

Kim Silbor and Kendall Sidnam presented about the Comprehensive Health Assistance Team (CHAT) program. Chat's goal is to improve the overall health and wellbeing of those being served. The core services are comprehensive care management, care coordination, comprehensive transitional care, and referral to the community.

The board made the decision to move the August board meeting to Cadillac.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Move the August 2024 meeting to the Cadillac office.</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>T. Wessell</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>P. Morris</b>

**Public Comment:**

Justin Reed commented on the process of appointing an RRAC member and asked if the document he had was current. He also commented about the recent proposal from the Sheriff's office.

**Announcements/Board Member Reports/Board Association:**

Mr. Freedman asked that the Board keep the CCBHC on their radar.

Ms. Marois praised the front office staff in Grayling. She said they are wonderful humans and is proud that people like them work for this organization.

Ms. Pilon said she would like to keep doing the Northern Lakes Celebrations.

Ms. Morris announced an upcoming presentation on human trafficking and internet safety for children. It will be held on July 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gilbert Lodge in Long Lake Twp.

Mr. Freedman mentioned that the Grand Traverse substance abuse group will have a video screening for substance prevention at the Public Library in September.

Mr. McMorrow introduced Kevin Hartley as the new Chief Financial Officer.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** August 15, 2024- Cadillac

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Maiville, Executive Administrator

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Greg McMorrow, Chairperson

Lynn Pope, Secretary

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