



Administrative Office, 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City, MI 49684

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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August 15, 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, Greg McMorrow, Ben Townsend, Mary Marois, Shawn Kryacs

Virtual: Dave Freedman, Lynn Pope

**Absent:** Eric Ostergren, Tom Bratton

**Others Present:** Stacy Maiville, Dean Baldwin, Brian Newcomb, Darryl Washington, Vickie McDonald, Kevin Hartley, Mark Crane, Kim Silbor, Erica Longstreet, Brian Martinus

**Others Virtual:**

Daniel Mauk, Lori Stendel, Erin Barbus, Melanie Schopieray, April Weinrick, Lisa Jones, Terri Henderson, Terri Henderson, Lynn Pope, Aimee Horton Johnson, Kendall Sidnam, Somer Quinlan, Rob Palmer, Dave Simpson, Tiffany Fewins, Laura Argyle, Amanda Ritchie, Sue Hamel, Manda Clements (Amanda), Jessica Williams, Sara, Michael Corby, Jillian Smithingell, Kellee Hoag, Lisa George, Kiley Fields, Lisa Holmes, Joan Honeman, Abby Schonfeld (Abigail), Marybeth Kyro, Lisa Woodcox, Neil Rojas, Mark Draeger, Lauren Franklin, Cynthia Oconnel, Lauren Barnard, Angie Schroeder, Trapper Merz, M, six unknown guests

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

**Confirmation of a quorum:** Yes.

**Conflict of Interest:** None.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Approve the agenda.</b>
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>T. Lentych</b>
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<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>C. Frost Anderson</b>
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<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Accept the July 2024 Board of Directors Minutes</b>
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>T. Wessell</b>
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<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>D. Smallegan</b>
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**Public Comment:** None

**Celebrate Northern Lakes:** The NLCMHA Board of Directors recognized the achievements of the Cadillac ACT Team (Assertive Community Treatment). The team consists of Lisa Weisman, Ann Puruleski, Nate Belville, Damon Orlando, and Leslie Burns. Leadership team member Kim Silbor praised their hard work, stating, “The team is doing amazing even though they are understaffed; the team received high marks from the recent CARF audit, and they go above and beyond for the consumers”.

**Report of Officers:**

**Recipient Rights Report:**

Brian Newcomb, the Director of the Office of Recipient Rights, presented his report to the Board. There has been an uptick in investigations in the last eight days. The team will attend the conference in Detroit in September for their yearly training. The agency remains at 100% in compliance. Site visits are almost completed for the fiscal year. The full report is included in the packet.

**Chief Executive Officer’s Report:** Brian Martinus, the Interim Chief Executive Officer, presented the CEO Report to the Board. Mr. Martinus introduced Erica Longstreet, the new Chief Clinical Officer. Mr. Martinus’ report included the Dashboard Report, updates on the Center of Mental Wellness, Divestment of the IHC and Northern Health Care Management, CARF, the Rehmann Assessment timeline, dates of note, media coverage, and a recent NLCMHA email blast. Mr. Martinus and Mr. Darryl Washington gave an update regarding the NHCM divestment. The full report is included in the packet.

Kari Barker updated the Board on the recent CARF audit. The review was completed 60 days ahead of time and went very well. The clinical services delivery scored well; HR did significantly better than the last certification, and the agency’s prevention services received extremely high marks and praise. There were a few areas that needed improvement. The agency will receive the report from CARF within 90 days, and from that, the agency will have 30 days to submit its quality improvement plan to CARF and make any necessary changes.

**Chief Financial Officer’s Report:** Laura Argyle, Deputy CFO, presented the finance report.

The full report is included in the packet. Cash and short-term investments are 1.7 million higher than last year; however, the agency still owes NMRE for the FY 2023 Medicaid settlement. The team has been working hard to get ready for the FY ’23 audit.

Ms. Argyle reviewed the June income activity. There is a significant overspending situation. Medicaid is overspent by \$853,000; Healthy Michigan is overspent by 2.3 million, and the general fund is overspent by 1.1 million. Northern Health Care Management is underspent 1.1 million. The declines in Medicaid are much greater than Milliman anticipated which is having a negative effect on CMHs across the state. Many CEOs of CMHs have made cost-containment efforts to help offset the decline in funding. There is talk that the state may try to push through additional funding, but it is unlikely. The decrease in revenue is out of the agency’s control and is felt by many CMHs across the state.

Board members expressed a desire to advocate for more funding from the state and to let it be known that the Board recognizes the current shortfall of funds that is impacting all CMHs across the state, including Northern Lakes. The full Finance Report is included in the packet.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **NMRE:**

Ruth Pilon gave an update from the recent NMRE meeting. The NMRE has been discussing the lack of funds in the CMHs. The P.A. 2 tax money was discussed and a recent request from Wexford County. Miss Pilon also noted that the mental health parity bill was signed by the governor, and there are changes the Medicaid providers need to make note of.

### **Ad Hoc Governance Policies:**

Ben Townsend gave an update on the recent changes in the Governance Policies. The Governance Policies have been simplified and changed to a committee structure with a focus on the Board's responsibilities. The Ad hoc Governance Policies Committee recommends the following committees be developed:

Finance Committee – No less than four members, meets monthly until well-established, then meets quarterly. Meets with the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Executive Officer, and applicable staff.

Executive Committee- Three Board members, this committee will take the place of the NLD, consisting of the NLCMHA Board Chairman, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

Community Engagement & Services Committee (CES) – No less than five members, preferably one person from each county. Meets with applicable staff.

Personnel Committee- Three Board members, meets monthly, or bi-monthly, no less than four times a year. Meets with the Chief Human Resources Officer and applicable staff.

Policy Committee – At least three Board members.

Ad hoc Audit Committee should be the six commissioners and will meet as needed (usually every 3 years). The RRAC and Recipient Appeals Committee will remain intact with no change.

Mr. Townsend noted that these committees can meet virtually, but should meet in person at least once a year, preferably quarterly.

There was robust discussion around the policies, specifically the role of the Executive Committee. The Board hopes to review the few revisions identified in the dialogue around the revised policies and vote on the policies at the September meeting.

The committees will help aid in monitoring that the Board adheres to its policies.

**MOTION:** The Board accepted the meeting minutes from the June & July Ad hoc Governance Policies Committee.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED.

**MOVER:** A. Cambridge

**SECONDER:** D. Smallegan

**Unfinished Business:**

Priorities:

The Board was given policy 4.2, Accountability, to review and discuss. No comments.

Mr. McMorrow mentioned upcoming priorities with the Board. The Annual plan, Strategic Plan, and CEO search will be prioritized in the coming months.

**New Business:**

Members of the Board discussed the recent letter that was sent out to the IHC consumers. Mr. Martinus clarified the agency did reach out to the individuals about the process of the IHC divestment.

**Public Comment:** None.

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

Mr. McMorrow acknowledged the recent letter sent to the Grand Traverse Board of Commissioners and the response from the Board Chairman.

**Next meeting:** Houghton Lake, September 19, 2024

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Maiville, Executive Administrator

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Greg McMorrow, Chairperson

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Lynn Pope, Secretary

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