

COPPER COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

**AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 5:00 PM  
Ontonagon County Center  
515 Quartz Street  
Ontonagon, MI 49953

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Richard Bourdeau, Barry Fink, Albert Koskela, Mike Koskinen, Pat Rozich, and Jacqueline Tredeau.

**ABSENT:** Zach Edgerton, Sandra Gayk, Dr. Kathleen Johnson, Catherine Paavola and James Tervo.

**OTHERS:** Mike Bach, Stephanie Blodgett, Aunica Bolen, Dawn Gibson, Jessica Huntzinger, RN, Sue Kempen, Cari Raboin, Susan Serafini, Mary Lou Weed, Sylvia Wentala and Angela Cline.

An Ad Hoc Committee meeting was called to order as a quorum was not available for the August 28, 2019 meeting of the Copper Country Community Mental Health Services Board.

Sylvia Wentala provided an overview and update of the Offender Success Program to the Board. She stated they are partnering with Michigan Works and Midwest Trucking to offer parolees truck driving classes. They are also currently in negotiations with NMU to provide classes, such as in the culinary arts program, etc. In July, the program had an audit and did very well with record keeping and documentation. There was one area that required a plan of correction. They continue partnerships for all counties in the Upper Peninsula. Sylvia Wentala stated her role is community outreach and they are actively recruiting partners, vendors, landlords and employers to work with them. The Board thanked Sylvia for her presentation.

**Chairperson's Report:** Pat Rozich, Chairperson, presented the Chairperson's Report.

**NorthCare Governing Board Meeting – August 14, 2019** – Mr. Rozich stated meetings have been uneventful. Rates from MDHHS were supposed to be sent out prior to July 24, 2019. NorthCare will be relocated in another building by November and the move will take place in September and October.

**GLRMHA Fall Conference – September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Houghton** – Mr. Rozich stated the GLRMAH Conference is September 9 – 11, 2019.

**CMHAM Fall Conference – October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Traverse City** – Mr. Rozich stated the CMHAM Fall Conference is being held October 21 – 22, 2019 in Traverse City and this is a nice time of year to attend.

**Director's Report:** Cari Raboin, Executive Director, presented the Director's Report.

**Ontonagon County Center Update** – Mick Sheridan introduced CCMH staff, Sue Kempen, to present to the Board about the Ontonagon County RICC and pocket park. Sue Kempen stated she is from the Ontonagon County RICC program and CCMH Day Program and thanked everyone who had donated to

the RICC pocket park last year. Sue Kempen pointed out the pictures of the RICC pocket park available on the bulletin board and stated so far, they have installed benches and signs, made the bump-outs larger to accommodate wheelchair accessibility and landscaped with topsoil and seed around the outside. The Village of Ontonagon helped to finish this. Picnic tables have been ordered, some are memory benches, and next they will put in flower boxes at the ends which will act as barriers so that the park is still open but won't allow vehicles. Sue Kempen stated people can watch the Labor Day parade from the park which is located between the fitness center and the museum. They would like to do memory wall plaques and put up artist work. A mural will go up on the museum wall but not until next spring. It will have to do with the history and mining days of Ontonagon County. Space has been reserved on the other side of the wall for anyone else who wants to do artwork. The pocket park was inspired by the Veteran's park in Bessemer. A lot of fundraising was held and the first donation was from the Rotary Club from the log races held on Labor Day. They also received a WUPPDR loan for the bricks. Fundraising was done themselves and included local donations and a Patronicity campaign, which is how they received the money for the tables and benches. The RICC met their match of \$7,600 after one week and people are still donating. The other project that the RICC is doing is the beach access site that goes down to the park on Lakeshore Drive. There are two access sites and people with mobility issues will really enjoy it. The received a grant from the Portage Health Foundation. RICC members are also doing volunteer work in the community. The Board thanked Sue for her presentation.

Mick Sheridan stated the Ontonagon County Center has had some turnover and he has invited some of the new staff. Mick Sheridan introduced new program supervisor, Aunica Bolen, who replaced Rachel Gustafson, Jessica Huntzinger, RN, who replaced Carrie Ann Thompson, RN, receptionist, Stephanie Blodgett, who replaced Becky Pantti and new Case Manager, Mary Lou Weed.

### Updates

Cari Raboin stated NorthCare is looking at the end of the fiscal year and they may have excess Medicaid funds. They are recommending we add approximately \$260,000 of Medicaid funds to a One-Time Pay Adjustment to staff. A One-Time Pay Adjustment is a fiscally responsible way to spend the money and a way to reward staff for a good job they do. When we look at doing our own, we will consider this amount as well.

Cari Raboin stated we are looking at union negotiations being scheduled for September 19 – 20, 2019, or the following week, depending on when Attorney Bonnie Toskey can join us.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Submitted by



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Pat Rozich, Board Chairperson



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Michael Koskinen, Board Secretary

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