

COPPER COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | 5:00 PM

Rice Memorial Center - Boardroom
901 W. Memorial Drive
Houghton, MI 49931

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Richard Bourdeau, Roy Britz, Katherine Carlson-Lynch, Randy Eckloff, Gale Eilola, Barry Fink, Richard Herrala, Mike Koskinen, Linda Pelli (*via phone*), and Pat Rozich.

OTHERS: Mike Bach, Dawn Gibson, Leslie Griffith, Susan Serafini, and Angela Cline.

ABSENT: James Tervo.

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: by Mr. Koskinen, seconded by Mr. Herrala, that the agenda be approved with no additions, deletions, or amendments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Mr. Koskinen, seconded by Mr. Herrala, that the Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting be approved with no additions, deletions, or amendments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for February 2025

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Bourdeau, that checks numbered 73556 to 73787 in the amount of \$3,257,404.40 and Combined Cash Investments Report for February 28, 2025 totaling \$7,763,954.48 are accepted and placed on file. YES: Bourdeau, Britz, Carlson-Lynch, Eckloff, Eilola, Fink, Herrala, Koskinen, and Rozich.

Comments from the Public

Chip Johnston, CEO of Centra Wellness Network, stated he is here to provide Red Book training tomorrow.

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

Executive Director Performance Report – Mr. Rozich presented the Executive Director Performance Report and stated Board members answered yes in every area, all comments were positive, and Board members unanimously approved the performance of Executive Director, Mike Bach. The Board appreciates the excellent work of the Director and his team.

NorthCare Governing Board Delegates Appointments/Re-Appointments – Mr. Rozich stated NorthCare Governing Board Delegates, Mr. Koskinen and himself, have agreed to continue their appointments as delegates to the NorthCare Governing Board and Mr. Eilola has agreed to be appointed as a delegate to replace Mr. Tervo.

MOTION: by Mr. Herrala, seconded by Mrs. Fink, to approve the re-appointments of Mr. Koskinen and Mr. Rozich, the appointment of Mr. Eilola, as NorthCare Governing board delegates and the appointment of Mr. Tervo as a NorthCare Governing Board delegate alternate. YES: Bourdeau, Britz, Carlson-Lynch, Eckloff, Eilola, Fink, Herrala, Koskinen (no to the appointment of Mr. Eilola), and Rozich.

GLRMHA Officer Nominations – Mr. Rozich presented the Great Lakes Rural Mental Health Association's GLRMHA officer nominations. The current officers are Jim Tervo – Chairperson, Jay Martin – Vice Chairperson, and George Beninghaus – Treasurer. There is also a request for nominations for the open Secretary position. There were no nominations, and the Board supports the current slate of officers.

Mr. Rozich stated Mr. Tervo would also like to ask the Board to review GLRMHA's By-laws and to let him know if there are any changes they would like to see made.

Mr. Rozich stated the Northern Lights Clubhouse Coordinator, Chad Johnson, has offered to present to the Board and to also host the May Board meeting. The Board unanimously agreed.

Annual Review of Mission Statement – Mr. Rozich presented the Copper Country Mental Health Services Board Mission Statement, which must be reviewed each year.

MOTION: by Mr. Herrala, seconded by Mr. Eilola, that the Board approves the Copper Country Community Mental Health Services Mission Statement with no additions, deletions, or amendments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates

Job Openings Data - Dawn Gibson presented job openings data and stated the OBRA Coordinator/Nurse position will be open, and it was offered to a former employee who has accepted. The Project Assistant position at the Institute will be open in May and the agency is recruiting for an accountant, a Case Manager in Baraga, and a clinician/therapist in Outpatient. We are currently interviewing for a Parent Support Partner and have interviewed a nursing student for the current open nursing position in Houghton. There are openings for five full-time Direct Care Staff (DCS).

Mrs. Fink asked for an update regarding the in-person psychiatrist and Mike Bach responded that Dr. Astbury will be starting at the agency in July.

Competitive Procurement Process for PIHP Contracts – There are ten PIHPs for the forty-six Michigan CMHs which was an arrangement made under the Mental Health Code. MDHHS feels they should open it up for competition and the concern is that this is a step toward privatization. MDHHS Surveys have gone out to staff, consumers, the Board, and community providers and we will wait to see the results.

Update on Lawsuit – There are five PIHPs who have signed the lawsuit and have filed a request for injunctive relief. The Inspector General responded to the request. The PIHPs requested a clarified response and are waiting to hear back. Mike stated he will keep the Board updated.

Finance Director's Report: Susan Serafini, Finance Director, presented the Finance Director's Report.

Susan Serafini stated she received the final Anderson, Tackman, & Co., PLC report this week and therefore not able to get it into the Board meeting packets, so Angela Cline will email a copy of the report to the Board. The report will be submitted to the State before its due date on March 31, 2025. There were no findings or Plans of Correction.

Facility Projects Bid Results – Rice House & Ontonagon OBI Building Siding Replacement Bids – Susan stated Rice House and the Ontonagon OBI building will be resided and she is recommending the low bid, for both projects, from George Jaehnig in Chassell, MI, of \$25,400 for Rice House and \$20,500 for the Ontonagon OBI building.

MOTION: by Mr. Koskinen, seconded by Mr. Britz, that the Board approves the low bid results from George Jaehnig to reside Rice House in the amount of \$25,400 and the Ontonagon OBI building in the amount of \$20,500, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Statements for February 2025- Susan reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures by funding source report as of February 28, 2025. All funding sources continue to run at a surplus except for Healthy Michigan, whose deficit is less than last year. Susan reviewed the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2025. The total cash at the end of February 2025 was \$7,763,954.48 compared to January 2025 of \$10,659,820.02, which is a decrease of \$2,895,865.54. This is due to the One-Time Pay Adjustment in February and the Medicaid and Healthy Michigan payments for February were not received until March. The total net income of all funds through February 2025 is \$446,579 compared to January 2025 of \$555,277 which is a decrease of \$108,698. The General Fund is reporting a net income of \$336,847 which is a decrease of \$44,765 compared to \$292,082 in January 2025. The Equipment fund has a small loss due to the timing of collecting our mileage logs and expensing them appropriately, but is not a concern. Susan reviewed the General Fund's Income Statement. The revenues would have a variance of 41.67% to be on budget. Revenues are 1.4% under budget. There are areas where there is a one-time payment, such as the performance payment, which the agency will receive at a later time. Expenditures are 2.9% under budget. The agency continues to be under budget in Contract Residential services and on budget in areas for services to children.

Old / New Business

Mr. Rozich stated there was an item for review presented tonight from CMHA regarding training for Boards, as CMHA would like to make changes and update it. He will contact CMHA's Executive Assistant, Monique Francis, on the Board's behalf to let her know that this Board is in agreement with the proposed changes, or updates, to the trainings held at their conferences.

Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Koskinen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Rozich at 5:41 PM.

Submitted by,

Pat Rozich, Board Vice Chairperson

Michael Koskinen, Board Secretary