COPPER COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | 5:00 PM
Baraga County Center
15644 Skanee Road
L'Anse, MI 49946

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Richard Bourdeau, Katie Carlson-Lynch, Randy Eckloff, Gale Eilola, Barry Fink, Richard Herrala, Mike Koskinen, and Pat Rozich.

OTHERS: Mike Bach, Angela Cline, Eric Coon, Leslie Griffith, Gabe Rayner, and Susan Serafini.

ABSENT: Roy Britz, Zach Edgerton, Linda Pelli, and James Tervo.

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Koskinen, that the agenda be approved with one addition to the agenda, *Habilitation Supports Waiver Environmental Modification*, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Koskinen, that the Minutes of the March 25, 2026 meeting be approved with one amendment to reflect Mr. Eilola as absent, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for March 2026

MOTION: by Mr. Herrala, seconded by Mr. Koskinen, that checks numbered 76708 to 77017 in the amount of $1,390,402.69 and Combined Cash Investments Report for March 31, 2026 totaling $10,329,595.27 are accepted and placed on file. YES: Bourdeau, Carlson-Lynch, Eckloff, Eilola, Fink, Herrala, Koskinen, and Rozich.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public in attendance.

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

NorthCare Governing Board Meeting – April 8, 2026 – Mr. Rozich stated NorthCare Board Report was provided in the Board meeting packets. CMHs must continue to be aware of the activities in Lansing about privatizing mental health.

CMHA Annual Summer Conference – June 9th & 10th, 2026 – Grand Traverse Resort – The CMHA summer conference information was provided in the Board packet. Mr. Rozich noted there will be another conference held in October.

<u>Director's Report:</u> Mike Bach, Executive Director, presented the Director's report.

Kristy Strom, Program Director – Baraga County Center Update/Presentation – Mike Bach introduced Kristy Strom as the new Program Director of the Baraga County Center. Kristy spoke about her experience working at CCMHS since 2005 and Ontonagon County Center Program Director, Aunica Bolen, spoke about supervisory changes occurring in the Community Supports programs, working with the KBIC to provide shredding services, updates to offices and the phone system, staffing, and the HAB Waiver program.

Quality Improvement Program Report – 2nd Quarter FY 2026 - The 2nd quarter FY26 Quality Improvement quarterly report was provided in the Board meeting packets.

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Report – April 7, 2026 – The April 7, 2026 Recipient Rights Advisory Committee meeting report was provided in the Board meeting packets.

Updates

Job Openings Data – Gabe Rayner reported the Program Manager position in Houghton has now been filled which has opened a Children's Case Manager position but are hoping to make an offer soon. The Youth Peer Support position is now filled and that individual will be starting on Monday. Openings include one new Direct Care Staff position in Houghton, an ACT therapist position, two ABA positions, and the Employment Coordinator position.

Resolution to Protect Rural Access to Behavioral Health Services – The purpose of the *Resolution to Protect Rural Access to Behavioral Health Services by Adopting Proposed FY 2027 Boilerplate Language* is to use a consistent definition of "rural" and work with MDHHS to receive notification about new projects before they are rolled out, so CMHs can provide input. Management is requesting Board approval and once approved, Mike will send it to local Legislators and the counties.

<u>MOTION:</u> by Mr. Koskinen, seconded by Mr. Herrala, that the Board approves the *Resolution to Protect Rural Access to Behavioral Health Services by Adopting Proposed FY 2027 Boilerplate Language,* as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Senator McBroom Plan for One U.P. CMH – Senator McBroom's plan for one U.P. Regional Entity would eliminate NorthCare and all CMHs in the U.P. There also would not be any consumer representation. Mike stated that several Directors are putting something together about this to share with the counties.

MDHHS / PHIP Contract Litigation – NorthCare Executive Director, Megan Rooney, attended a hearing downstate in the Court of Claims. There is no ruling yet and it will likely go into litigation.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Lawsuit Update – There was an April 13, 2026 hearing with Judge Yates who will likely dismiss the case as moot. We are hoping if it is dismissed, it will be without prejudice. MDHHS has announced they will be submitting another RFP in May that will be in compliance with the Mental Health Code.

Quality Improvement Committee Matrix – The Quality Improvement Committee matrix was reorganized so the Board can better understand what is being done in the committee.

Mike stated the group home bathroom remodels are almost done. There are two more bathrooms to be completed.

Leslie Griffith provided an update on the FY26 2nd Quarter Access review. Access was being managed by three staff, but it has now been moved to the Acute Services department.

Finance Director's Report: Eric Coon, Finance Director, presented the Finance Director's Report.

Janitorial Services Bid Results – Eric reviewed the bid results for janitorial services at the Rice Memorial Center. Management is recommending Board approval of the low bid from D&L Janitorial Services for a monthly cost of $3,935.

MOTION: by Mr. Koskinen, seconded by Mrs. Fink, that the Board accepts Management's recommendation to approve the low bid from D&L Janitorial Services for a monthly cost of $3,935, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW) Environmental Modification – Eric reviewed the bid results for a HSW consumer's bathroom accessibility modification. Management is recommending Board approval of the low bid from Shorewood Construction in the amount of $11,056.20.

MOTION: by Mr. Rozich, seconded by Mr. Herrala, that the Board accepts Management's recommendation to approve the low bid from Shorewood Construction in the amount of $11,056.20, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rice Center Flooring Bid Results – Eric reviewed the bid results for flooring at the Rice Memorial Center. Management is recommending Board approval of the sole bid from Kirkish Furniture in the amount of $165,510.

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Eilola, that the Board accepts Management's recommendation to approve the sole bid from Kirkish Furniture in the amount of $165,510, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. YES: Bourdeau, Carlson-Lynch, Eckloff, Eilola, Fink, Herrala, Koskinen, and Rozich.

Anderson, Tackman, & Co., PLC Audit Report FY 2025 – Susan Serafini stated the agency received an audit finding for the first time in many years. If a Board member would like to speak with Anderson, Tackman, & Co., a meeting can be arranged. The finding is on page 52-53 of the audit report regarding wages and salary. With staff turnover within the Accounting department, wages were overstated and the agency's Plan of Correction is to ensure it is reconciled at least quarterly.

Financial Statements for March 2026 - Eric reviewed the Revenues and Expenditures by funding source report as of March 31, 2026. The agency remains in a strong financial position through the end of March. Medicaid and Healthy Michigan do not reflect the FY25 savings and a cost settlement with NorthCare will likely happen in June. The General Fund also does not reflect the $61,000 carryforward from FY25. Eric reviewed the Balance Sheet and stated the total cash at the end of March 2026 was $10,329,595.27 which is an increase of $72,106.54 from February 2026 of $10,257,488.73. The total net income of all funds through March 31, 2026 is $888,577 compared to $757,542 in February 2026 which is an increase of $131,035. The General Fund is reporting net income of $690,068 which is an increase of $96,520 from February 2026 of $593,548. All other internal service funds are reporting net income or have broken even. The agency will likely see the net income in the Building and Grounds fund decrease as we continue to work on projects. The budget variance to be right on budget is 50%. Revenues are running close to 3% ahead of budget. This is mainly due to utilizing more Medicaid, the General Fund carry forward and receiving investment income. Expenditures are running approximately ¼% under budget. Health insurance premiums increased as of January 1, 2026.

Old / New Business

There was no old or new business to note.

Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Carlson-Lynch that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was declared adjourned by the Vice Chairperson at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Pat Rozich, Board Vice Chairperson

Michael Koskinen, Board Secretary