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Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024

Present: A. Palmer; J. Ackley; J Goetz; R. Tillotson; H. Terrill; D. Reed; N. Wilson; D. Stimpson; T. Kelly;

Absent: N. Smith; E. Starlin; N. Eaton Gordon

Staff: K. Szewczuk; J. Bradley; B. Briggs; H. Owen; T. Gerdeman

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by Amy Palmer, Board Chair.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve previous minutes dated December 20, 2023. **SUPPORTED BY H. TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was given by Dina Vannice.

4. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATION**

Stephen Mitchell presented the annual Recipient Rights Training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Consumer Action Committee**

Committee reviewed and made additions to the annual Work Plan. There are 3 members who need to renew their terms, Jennifer Durell, Jim Thompson, and Suzanne Nowicki. There has been one application to join the committee.

MOTION BY N. WILSON to approve the proposed term renewals of Jennifer Durell, Jim Thompson, and Suzanne Nowicki. **SUPPORTED BY D. STIMPSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION BY D. REED to approve the nomination of Tamaris Henagan to the Consumer Action Committee as a member-at-large. **SUPPORTED BY J. Ackley. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. **Operations & Budget Committee**

a. **Policy# B-308 Workplace Violence**

Updated to include Joint Commission language and to ensure the policy is enforceable.

MOTION BY N. WILSON to approve Policy B-308 Workplace Violence. **SUPPORTED BY D. REED. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. **Policy # A-237 Emergency Alert Messaging System**

New local policy to address LCMHA's emergency alert messaging system that will be put in place.

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to approve Policy A-237 Emergency Alert Messaging System. **SUPPORTED BY D. STIMPSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

1. **Contracts**

a. **Locum Tenens**

Current contract for Telehealth Psychiatrists. A service for individual counseling/therapy is being added to address the waitlist.

MOTION BY N WILSON to approve the Locum Tenens contract. **SUPPORTED BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Data Report**

Kathryn reported that in December we had 71 mental health inquiries. 20 were initially referred out. 50 intakes were scheduled, 1 declined or had no need. 46 initial assessments were completed with 11 found to be ineligible, 34 eligible and receiving services, and 1 declined services. 59% Medicaid, 18 % Healthy Michigan, 24% (8) General Fund.

Substance use disorder inquiries in December totaled 36, 2 were referred out with benefits, 5 declined or had no need, 1 did not return call. 28 were authorized. 18 Healthy Michigan, 7 Medicaid, 3 block grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 22 admitted to hospital in December. 50% Medicaid, 50 % Healthy Michigan. 54% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 32% were previously unknown to us. 5 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 8 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 6. 14 went in on petition. 1 no show for a follow up appointment, 1 left against medical advice.

3. Finance Report

We are 17% through the fiscal year, at 13% spent, 3% under budget. Slightly over budget in a few categories, but no concerns. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$131,000 to the fund balance, including the repayment from FMC. Both investment accounts saw an increase for the month.

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the finance report and accounts payable report. **SUPPORTED BY D. REED. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Attorney Discussion

Current attorney is moving to a new firm effective February 1st. Kathryn is proposing that we continue to work with her.

MOTION BY D. REED to approve changing law firms from Abott Nicholson to Dawda Mann to continue working with Kristin Baiardi. **SUPPORTED BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Reviewed Governor's State of the State.
- The House lost two Democrats, and is not currently Democratic majority. There will be a special election in April.
- CMHAM will be pursuing changes in social work licensure due to the difficult licensing exam as well as paid social work internships
- CMHAM is pushing to adjust Open Meetings Act due to required in person attendance.
- Medicaid reenrollments have caused a lot of individuals to lose coverage. Spenddowns amounts have had a large increase that many can't afford.
- Challenges continue with the County regarding lack of communication. Kathryn has requested a meeting with County Administration.
- eRace the stigma will be on May 19th and registration is open!

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

None

REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

No January meeting

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm.

D. Reed
Secretary

Date