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Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2025

Present: J. Goetz; H. Terrill; E. Starlin; J. Ackley; A. Palmer; N. Wilson; R. Tillotson; T. Kelly; N. Smith; N. Eaton Gordon

Absent: D. Reed; D. Stimpson

Staff: K. Szewczuk; T. Good; H. Owen; N. Feller; J. Bradley; B. Briggs

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Amy Palmer, Board Chair.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION BY J GOETZ to approve previous minutes dated February 27 2024. **SUPPORTED BY N EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Chris Christenson was presented with a 5-year Service Award

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Consumer Action Committee**

Met on March 19th. Discussed the MDHHS survey due March 31st. Mental Health Awareness Night at the Toledo Mud Hens and a booth at the Lenawee County Fair. Arts and Crafts show is April 25th at the Learning and Resource Center.

a. **Recipient Rights Advisory Committee**

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee met on March 18th. Stephen Mitchell reported that in the 1st quarter 2025 there were 12 complaints received which involved 19 allegations, 3 of which had no right involved. 16 allegations were investigated with 7 allegations substantiated. There were 3 allegations of Class II Abuse, 1 was substantiated; there were 2 Class II Neglect with 1 substantiated. Stephen trained the committee on the Consent to Treatment and Services policy, and provided an update about the additions to the Recipient Rights page on the LCMHA website.

Operations & Budget Committee

1. Policies

- a. RR-607 Office of Recipient Rights
- b. RR-619 Consent to Treatment and Services
- c. R-808 Corporate Compliance
- d. R-826 Financial Audits of Contractors
- e. R-828 Performance Improvement
- f. R-831 Ability To Pay
- g. R-836 Peer Review
- h. R-851 Emergency Post Stabilization Services

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve policies RR-607 Office of Recipient Rights, RR-619 Consent to Treatment and Services, R-808 Corporate Compliance, R-826 Financial Audits of Contractors, R-828 Performance Improvement, R-831 Ability To Pay, R-836 Peer Review, R-851 Emergency Post Stabilization Services. **SUPPORTED BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. GF Contract Amendment

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve the GF Contract Amendment. **SUPPORTED BY J. GOETZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. 457 Plans

Current contracts with LPL and Nationwide. Request from staff to add a Roth option, which Nationwide can do for no additional cost to the agency. No action required.

4. Data Report

Kathryn reported that in February we had 85 mental health inquiries. 21 were referred out, 63 intakes were scheduled. 41 initial assessments were completed with 8 found to be ineligible, 32 eligible and receiving services. 53% Medicaid, 44% Healthy Michigan, 3% (1) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in February totaled 35, 3 referred out with benefits, 2 had no needs, 1 was not eligible for services. 30 were authorized. 26 Healthy Michigan, 3 Medicaid, 1 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 21 admitted to hospital in February. 48% Medicaid, 52% Healthy Michigan. 62% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 52% were previously unknown to us. 5 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 13 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 5. 15 went in on petition. 2 no show for a follow up appointment.

5. **Finance Report**

We are 33% through the fiscal year, at 28% spent, about 5% under budget. No outliers, trending similar to recent months. Slightly overspent in Healthy Michigan, but there is enough carry-over to cover the gap. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$94,000 to the fund balance. Both accounts saw an increase.

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the finance report and accounts payable report. **SUPPORTED BY N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- Director’s Forum March 26-27. Job cuts were announced at the Federal DHHS, effecting many organizations.
- ARPA funds have been cut, and Medicaid cuts are still being discussed. 28% of people in Lenawee County are covered by Medicaid.
- Procurement of PIHPs was announced on February 28th by MDHHS. A survey to get consumer feedback was sent out. The Department has not provided any additional information to the CMHs.
- LCMHA received the Mobile Crisis Grant – some amendments are needed. We may use the new building as a dispatch center.
- Opioid Settlement Committee – Kathryn has been invited, but the meetings take place at the same time as Operation and Budget Committee, and cannot be moved. Tim Kelly has agreed to attend the committee in Kathryn’s place.
- RFP for Opioid Settlement funding has been announced.
- Kathryn was accepted to Kiwanis and will be attending orientation soon.
- Alan Bolter from CMHAM is attending the April Board meeting.

7. **REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR**

a. **Board Reappointments**

- i. Nate Smith
- ii. Nancy Eaton Gordon
- iii. Tim Kelly
- iv. Erin Starlin

b. Slate of Officers

Chair: Amy Palmer

Vice Chair: Nic Wilson

Secretary: Deidre Reed

O and B Chair: Nate Wilson

MOTION BY N. EATON GORDON to approve the slate of officers. **SUPPORTED BY J. GOETZ.**

8. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

No meeting in March.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.

D. Reed
Secretary

Date