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Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 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; 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 March 27 2024. **SUPPORTED BY N EATON-GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- Alan Bolter from the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan came to discuss State and Federal updates. Budget shortfalls that the public mental health system are facing, and proposed solution were presented. Alan Bolter also discussed the MDHHS procurement request and proposed solutions. Requests from the Association to the Director of MDHHS have not been addressed.
- Trevor Kapp from RPC presented the results from the FY2024 financial audit.
MOTION BY N. SMITH to accept the findings of the FY2024 Financial Audit.
SUPPORTED BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Consumer Action Committee**

Committee secured tickets for The Mental Health Awarenesss Month game at the Toledo Mud Hens on May 29th. Committee will have a booth at the Lenawee County Fair in July, will need volunteers to work in shifts.

b. Operations & Budget Committee

1. Data Report

Kathryn reported that in March we had 99 mental health inquiries. 34 were referred out, 62 intakes were scheduled, 3 declined. 55 initial assessments were completed with 12 found to be ineligible, 43 eligible and receiving services. 67% Medicaid, 26% Healthy Michigan, 7% (3) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in March totaled 60, 1 referred out with benefits, 2 had no needs identified, 4 declined services. 53 were authorized. 29 Healthy Michigan, 18 Medicaid, 6 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 34 admitted to hospital in March. 65% Medicaid, 35% Healthy Michigan. 41% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 44% were previously unknown to us. 8 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 14 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 6, 1 placed in crisis residential. 14 went in on petition. 2 no show for a follow up appointment.

2. Finance Report

We are 42% through the fiscal year, at 36% spent, about 6% under budget. No outliers, trending similar to recent months. Slightly overspent in Healthy Michigan, but there is enough Medicaid to cover the gap. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$167,000 to the fund balance. Both investment accounts saw an increase. Taylor will be on maternity leave starting in June, reports may look different. Kathryn will oversee finance in Taylor's absence. Accounts payable report will continue as usual.

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve the finance report and accounts payable report.
SUPPORTED BY H. TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.

6. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Bridging the Gap committee had the first meeting last week.
- Kathryn met with Senator Bellino with Lisa Graham from Monroe CMH.
- Kathryn and Jackie Bradley will be meeting with Senator Bellino, Bronna Kahle, and Nancy Jenkins-Arno and other human service non-profits in the area to voice concerns about state and federal changes.
- Lenawee Transportation Authority is still facing financial challenges due to state and federal budget cuts.
- LCMHA received a grant for Mobile Crisis Unit. Positions will be posted soon- Kathryn is in communication with the sheriff and police chief.
- Increased infant mental health services, we will have a staff member who will specialize in it.

7. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

- Association is looking at making changing to BoardWorks programs- presentations are online and fewer will be at conferences.
- Summer conference June 10th and 11th- let Kathryn know if you are interested in attending.

8. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

- No items requiring action.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 pm.

D. Reed
Secretary

Date