

NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, MI

April 24, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Karen Raether, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Mary Wendt, Board Secretary, conducted the roll call.

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u> <u>Absent</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u> <u>Absent</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Connors, Peggy	X			Martin, Ann	X		
DeDie, William	X (4:40 pm)			Negro, Mari	X		
Dehn, Janet	X			Nelson, John	X		
Freeman, Peggy	X			Raether, Karen	X		
Hofer, Millie		X		Spence, Christine	X		
Luhtanen, Joan	X			Zevitz, Michael, Dr.		X	

REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION: K. Thekan, B. Adrian, T. Wendt, L. Dionne, M. Wendt
G. Takala (video-television conference-Iron River office)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

(Consent agenda items are being presented for review and action by a single vote without discussion. If a member believes that an item requires discussion, then a request is made to pull that one item from the Consent Agenda and to add it to the regular agenda as an item to be discussed).

- a. Approval of the Minutes-March 27, 2014 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- b. Finance Committee Meeting Report-April 21, 2014
- c. Recipient Rights Committee Meeting Report-April 21, 2014
- d. Planning Committee Meeting Report-April 21, 2014

ACTION: The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by: P. Freeman, supported by M. Negro. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

(Request for additional agenda items).

The agenda was amended to add CEO Report to the agenda.

ACTION: Moved to approve the amended agenda as presented.

Motion by: A. Martin; supported by J. Luhtanen. **Motion carried unanimously**

PRESENTATION: Northpointe Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Annual Audit Report-Mr. Alan Stotz

Karen Raether introduced Mr. Alan Stotz, an auditor from Anderson, Tackman & Company. Mr. Stotz reviewed the Northpointe FY2012-13 audit report. Questions were addressed by Mr. Stotz.

Karen Thekan, Northpointe CEO, took over the meeting as election of officers took place

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Nominations from the Floor

- Ms. Thekan opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

ACTION: A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Martin to nominate Karen Raether for Chairperson.

Ms. Thekan called for any other nominations three times.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Negro to nominate John Nelson for Chairperson. Mr. Nelson stated at this time he would respectfully decline this nomination.

ACTION: A motion was made by C. Spence, supported by J. Luhtanen to close nominations for Chairperson and cast a unanimous ballot for Karen Raether as Chairperson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Karen Raether as newly elected Board Chairperson, assumed the Chairperson position.

- Chairperson Raether opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson.
ACTION: A motion was made by J. Nelson to nominate Mari Negro for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Negro stated that she would decline this nomination.
Chairperson Raether called for any other nominations three times.
ACTION: A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Martin to nominate Joan Luhtanen for Vice-Chairperson.
ACTION: A motion was made by A. Martin, supported by P. Freeman to close nominations at this time and cast a unanimous ballot for Joan Luhtanen as Vice-Chairperson. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Chairperson Raether opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary.
ACTION: A motion was made by C. Spence, supported by J. Luhtanen to nominate Peggy Connors for Secretary.
Chairperson Raether called for any other nominations three times.
ACTION: A motion was made by A. Martin, supported by J. Luhtanen to close nominations at this time and cast a unanimous ballot for Peggy Connors for Secretary. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Chairperson Raether opened the floor for nominations for the position of Treasurer.
ACTION: A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by J. Luhtanen to nominate Chris Spence for Treasurer.
Chairperson Raether called for any other nominations three times.
ACTION: A motion was moved by P. Connors, supported by J. Luhtanen to close nominations at this time and cast a unanimous ballot for Chris Spence as Treasurer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Raether stated that there are no rules or regulations regarding appointments to the NorthCare Board and, at this time, Mari Negro, Dr. Zevitz and she are serving on the NorthCare Board. Ms. Raether further stated that she, Ms. Negro, and Dr. Zevitz have again signed up to be on the NorthCare Board and Ms. Luhtanen and Mr. Nelson have also signed up to be on this board. The NorthCare By-Laws do not list a special time that delegates are named to their board but states that there needs to be three U.P. Community Mental Health (CMH) board members on the NorthCare Board. Ms. Raether stated that if a CMH Board is happy with the three individuals serving on the NorthCare Board they can continue to serve on it with no term limit. Ms. Raether also stated that the Northpointe By-Laws do not contain language regarding Northpointe Board members serving on the NorthCare Board. Discussion ensued and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Raether and Ms. Thekan. Consensus of the Board is that the Planning Committee should update Northpointe Board By-Laws to include language regarding Northpointe Board members serving on the NorthCare Board and that Ms. Raether, Ms. Negro, and Dr. Zevitz should continue serving on the NorthCare Board.

W. DeDie present at 4:40 p.m.

CEO REPORT

Karen Thekan stated that her April 2014 CEO Report was in Board packets; she provided the following updates and highlights:

State/Federal Activity:

- Healthy Michigan was implemented on April 1 and as of a week ago approximately 100,000 individuals had signed up with a target of signing up over 300,000 in the State of Michigan. The rate is still uncertain as to what will be paid per member/per month as the State is waiting to see how many individuals are signed up by April 30. Medical Care Access Coalitions (MCACs) are the approved navigators to sign up individuals for Healthy Michigan and were at the Kingsford Northpointe office on April 22 to assist individuals to sign up for Healthy Michigan. There were 19 individuals that were signed up on April 22, MCAC will now be assisting the Iron River Northpointe office to sign up individuals for Healthy Michigan on April 29 and in Menominee, MCAC has opted to work on their own. The U.P. CMH directors recently met with the legislators in Marquette and Ms. Thekan invited them to attend a future Northpointe Board meeting. Mr. Haveman, CMH Director, provided at a recent meeting that CMH's will be 99.5% Medicaid by 2015 and this is who CMH's will be serving. Ms. Thekan stated that when talking about General Fund (GF) and expanding Northpointe services to other individuals she feels that a slow approach should be taken to see how everything plays out.

Ms. Thekan further stated that she does not want to start a service to begin serving individuals and 12 months from now have to say that these individuals can no longer be served. Discussion ensued and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.

P. Freeman excused at 4:48 p.m.

- The implementation date for the Dual Eligible Project (Medicare/Medicaid) has now been moved to January 2015. The U.P. and Southwest regions will be in Phase 1 of the implementation.

Local Activity:

- This year there will not be a NAMI/Northpointe lunch and Northpointe instead will be supporting the consumer recovery conference that is being sponsored by NorthCare in Marquette.
- It has been approved to implement crisis stabilization services in Menominee starting June 1. This is a mandated Medicaid State plan service and with the implementation of this service, Northpointe will have all State mandated Medicaid services to offer.
- The USDA federal grant (\$119,000) that was previously denied to expand Northpointe's tele-video capabilities has now been approved. This grant is for upgrading and adding sites (group homes) for teleconferencing capabilities. Northpointe has three years to implement this grant. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (MACMHB)-DUES AND BUDGET

Karen Raether stated at the spring MACMHB conference that the MACMHB dues and budget will be voted on by CMH voting delegates. Ms. Raether further stated that she, Karen Thekan and Millie Hofer will be attending the conference, are the voting delegates, and asked for a discussion on how they should vote on these issues. Ms. Thekan reviewed the MACMHB dues and budget information and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Raether and Ms. Thekan. Mari Negro asked if it was too late to sign up for the conference and since it was not she will now also be attending the conference.

ACTION: A motion was made by M. Negro, supported by P. Connors to approve that the Northpointe voting delegates vote affirmative on the MACMHB proposed dues and budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS – No new business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- General Fund and Additional Services
Janet Dehn stated that she understands Ms. Thekan's thinking about not wanting to provide additional services and then, at some point in time, having to say that these services can no longer be provided. Dr. Dehn further stated that at the present time, with respect to GF monies, Northpointe is not in a position to say what they have and do not have to spend money on but does not want this issue forgotten. Ms. Thekan stated that she does understand Dr. Dehn's concern. Discussion ensued and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.
- Board Per Diems
Karen Thekan stated that a final letter regarding Board per diems has been received from Northpointe's attorney, Clark Hill, who provided that they cannot give an opinion either way – whether Board members should become a Northpointe employee or continue to receive per diems which is currently being done. Ms. Thekan further stated that as a Board a decision needs to be made whether per diems will be kept as is or if Board members should become a Northpointe employee.
ACTION: A motion was made by A. Martin, supported by P. Connors that Board per diems be kept as is. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NORTHCARE REPORT

Mari Negro stated at the April 9 NorthCare Board meeting Dr. Zevitz asked (from questions put forth by the Northpointe Board) whether or not NorthCare is just another layer of governmental bureaucracy. Ms. Negro stated a good thing is that NorthCare is available for the possibility of consolidating services should the CMH's determine that this is something they would like to do. This may be a place for some cost savings for CMH's down the road but consolidating is not something that NorthCare will dictate to the CMH's. Ms. Negro stated that NorthCare is another layer but does have the potential to be something better and can actually help cut back on

expenses for CMH's. Discussion ensued. Consensus of Northpointe Board members is that a deadline should be asked for to have a beginning financial balance from Pathways for NorthCare.

J. Nelson excused at 5:20 p.m.

Karen Raether stated at NorthCare meetings there now will be a Board education presentation for members. Ms. Raether stated that the integration of substance abuse continues to be worked on and a substance abuse advisory board needs to be implemented by August 2014. The next NorthCare Board meeting is scheduled for May 14. Ms. Thekan stated that NorthCare Board meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend them.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – K. Raether

- The spring MACMHB conference is scheduled for May 19-21 and Ms. Thekan, Ms. Raether, Ms. Hofer, and Ms. Negro will be attending it.
- Northpointe committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 19 and Board members attending the MACMHB conference can participate, via the telephone, in the committee meetings if they wish to do so.
- The following committee appointments were made:

Finance Committee

Chris Spence, Chairperson
John Nelson
Millie Hofer
Peggy Connors
Karen Raether

Personnel Committee

Peg Freeman, Chairperson
Joan Luhtanen
Ann Martin
Janet Dehn
Mari Negro
Karen Raether

Planning Committee

Joan Luhtanen, Chairperson
Millie Hofer
Janet Dehn
Karen Raether

Recipient Rights Committee

Mari Negro

Parliamentarian

Ann Martin

BOARD PREROGATIVE/AMBASSADOR MOMENT

- Ann Martin stated at Kingsford High School the Student Against Drunk Driving (SADD) group sponsored a suicide awareness week and provided information on this event.
- Janet Dehn asked how the Mental Health First Aid Training went that was recently held in Menominee. Ms. Thekan stated that there was a good turnout and the training went well.
- Chris Spence stated that she was pleased to see the thank you note from an individual who received Northpointe endowment fund money to use in an emergency situation. Ms. Spence also stated that she was glad that it was decided to take money from the endowment fund for individuals to use in an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Raether stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 29, 2014** in Kingsford, Michigan at **4:00 p.m.**

Karen Raether, Chairperson

Peggy Connors, Secretary

Mary Wendt, Board Secretary