

NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, MI

March 27, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Karen Raether, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Cindy Adrian, Administrative Assistant, conducted the roll call.

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absent</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absent</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Connors, Peggy	X			Martin, Ann	X		
DeDie, William		X		Negro, Mari	X		
Dehn, Janet	X			Nelson, John	X (4:20 pm)		
Freeman, Peggy	X			Raether, Karen	X		
Hofer, Millie	X			Spence, Christine	X		
Luhtanen, Joan	X			Zevitz, Michael, Dr.	X (4:05 pm)		

REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION: K. Thekan, B. Adrian, T. Wendt, L. Dionne, C. Adrian

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-February 27, 2014 Regular Monthly Board Meeting
- b. Finance Committee Meeting Report-March 17, 2014
- c. Planning Committee Meeting Report-March 17, 2014

ACTION: The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by: P. Connors, supported by J. Dehn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

(Request for additional agenda items).

The were no additions to the agenda.

ACTION: Moved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

M. Zevitz present - 4:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Healthy Living - Dale Schmeisser

Dale Schmeisser provided a Power Pointe presentation on nutrition services that are provided for Northpointe individuals, the dietary/nutrition training that is provided to staff, and what the role of the dietician is at Northpointe.

J. Nelson present- 4:20 p.m.

Mr. Schmeisser also provided a folder handout with information on “Enjoying the Taste of Eating Right”. Questions were addressed by Mr. Schmeisser.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - DAY/TIME

Millie Hofer stated that in order to draw working Board members, that cannot take off work for committee meetings, the Board should accommodate them in order for them to attend committee meetings. Ms. Hofer further stated that committee meetings could be changed to a later time in the day for working members to attend them. Mari Negro stated that there is a lot missing in committee meeting minutes as she does not get the whole picture for issues

being discussed in committees if she is not a member on a committee. Ms. Negro also stated that she feels there should be two meetings a month, eliminate committee meetings, and eliminate educational presentations. Joan Luhtanen stated that before a consent agenda was implemented that committees were reported out in full at the Board meeting and now this is no longer done since a consent agenda was implemented. Peggy Connors also stated that when committees were previously reported on at a Board meeting that, at times, this opened the door for discussion on certain issues that were unclear to Board members who were not at that committee meeting. Discussion ensued. **ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by J. Luhtanen to continue with the committee meetings and Board meeting structure as is with adjustment of meeting times if needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MEMBERS	YES	NO	MEMBERS	YES	NO
Connors, Peggy	X		Martin, Ann	X	
DeDie, William			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

Motion carried: 6 ayes; 5 nays.

CEO REPORT

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

State/Federal Activity:

- The supplement was passed to add General Fund (GF) dollars but everyone was told last week that there was going to be an \$88 million cut to GF dollars in the State of Michigan. Information was received today that the reduction in GF dollars, for the rest of this year, for Northpointe is approximately a \$530,000.00 decrease. Northpointe individuals that currently are GF individuals need to sign up for Healthy Michigan which goes into effect April 1 so the month of April will be crucial for Northpointe. Northpointe staff have been asked to prioritize, as of April 1, to assist individuals that do not have insurance to sign up for Healthy Michigan. Also, any individual with a spend-down, who does not have Medicare but is a Medicaid spend-down, has to go through the process of signing up for Healthy Michigan as spend-down limits are changing. Discussion ensued and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan and Mr. Adrian.

Regional Activity:

- At the April 8 U.P. Community Mental Health (CMH) regional directors’ meeting there is a luncheon scheduled with the regional CMH directors and the legislators.
- Julie Hautala, Gogebic CMH Director, will be retiring at the end of June.

Local Activity:

- Northpointe is advertising for a parent support partner in Iron River which is an off-shoot of peer support services. This position will help parents work with other parents with Serious Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children.
- Northpointe has sent out letters to all the families that receive Northpointe occupational therapy services in hopes to try and get the families more involved in their individual’s OT service.
- A flyer inviting everyone to the open house for the Drop-In Center was provided to Board members.
- The Northpointe financial audit report was provided to Board members. Mr. Stotz, from Anderson Tachman, will be reviewing the audit report at the April Board meeting.
- The Northpointe Dickinson Dialectic Behavioral Therapy (DBT) team was reviewed today by the State reviewer regarding the fidelity to their model. DBT is an evidence based practice and the reviewer was very impressed with the Dickinson team and what they are doing. Northpointe’s DBT services and team will be used as a “pilot” to look at the challenges that a rural area has.
- John Nelson asked if it was possible to have the State representatives attend a Northpointe Board meeting as when there is legislation that affects Northpointe it should be explained to them what their policies are doing. Ms. Thekan stated that she will invite the representatives to attend a Northpointe board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- General Fund and Additional Services – Tabled
- Board Per Diems

Karen Thekan stated that an e-mail was provided to Board members with Clark Hill's response regarding Board members becoming employees. Ms. Thekan stated that she is waiting for one further clarification regarding this issue. Discussion ensued and this agenda item will be tabled.

J. Dehn excused 5:25 p.m.

NORTHCARE REPORT

- Karen Raether stated that work continues to be done to separate Pathways and NorthCare finances.
- Dr. Zevitz will provide the NorthCare Board meeting agendas and minutes to the Northpointe Board members for their information.
- Karen Thekan stated that she, along with Judy Brugman and Bill Slavin from NorthCare, attended a recent Dickinson County Commissioner meeting to provide information on the coordinating agency and integration of substance abuse into NorthCare. Ms. Brugman and Mr. Slavin will be attending an upcoming Iron County Commissioner meeting and have already attended a Menominee County Commissioner meeting to provide this same information.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT - K. Raether

- The Board Association spring conference is scheduled for May 19-21 in Dearborn, Michigan. Mary Wendt will send an e-mail to Board members to inform them of the deadline to sign up to attend the conference.
- There is a NorthCare Board meeting scheduled for April 9.
- Work continues on securing speakers for the Great Lakes fall conference.

BOARD PREROGATIVE/AMBASSADOR MOMENT

- Joan Luhtanen stated that Northpointe is lucky to have Dale Schmeisser as an employee as he is very helpful with families and their individuals.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Raether stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 24, 2014 in Kingsford, Michigan at 4:00 p.m.**

Karen Raether, Chairperson

Peggy Connors, Secretary

Cindy Adrian, Administrative Assistant

Mary Wendt, Board Secretary

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