

NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, MI

August 27, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

John Nelson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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>
DeDie, William	X (4:12 pm)			Negro, Mari	X(phone)		
Dehn, Janet		X		Nelson, John	X		
Freeman, Peggy	X(phone)			Peretto, Patti	X		
Hofer, Millie	X			Phillips, Patricia		X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X			Spence, Christine	X		
Martin, Ann	X			Zevitz, Michael, Dr.	X		

REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION: J. McCarty, B. Adrian, M. Wendt

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments

APPROVAL OR AMEND AGENDA

Chair Nelson asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by: J. Luhtanen, supported by M. Hofer to approve the agenda.

Chair Nelson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no additions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There were no additions to the August 13, 2015 Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Moved to approve the August 13, 2015 Board meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by: M. Hofer, supported by P. Freeman. A. Martin and C. Spence abstained. **Motion carried unanimously**

PRESENTATION - No presentation

ACTION ITEMS

• **Finance**

- a) Check Disbursement Report-Period through August 5, 2015

Bill Adrian asked if there were any questions regarding the check disbursement report. No discussion.

ACTION: A motion was made by C. Spence, supported by M. Zevitz to approve the August 5, 2015 check disbursement report. No discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Jennifer McCarty conducted New Business as follows:

NEW BUSINESS (Discussion only)

• **Finance**

- a) Check Disbursement Report through August 19, 2015

Jennifer McCarty asked if there were any questions regarding the check disbursement report. Bill Adrian reviewed the following: #75147-\$100 for lawn services and #75175-\$7,956.00 for 4 months of speech therapy services. Consensus of the Board is that this item will move forward to the next meeting for approval.

- b) Contracts August 27, 2015

Jennifer McCarty asked if there were any questions regarding the following contracts:

#	Name of Contract	Contract Type	Date of Contract	Old Rate	New Rate	Change
A.	Anderson, Tackman & Co. PLC	Fiscal Intermediary	8/1/15-7/31/16	\$190/mo.	\$200/mo.	\$10/mo. increase
This is a renewal for fiscal intermediary services for one Individual.						
B.	Cornerstone/Hernandez AFC	Specialized Residential	10/1/15-9/30/16	\$190-\$250/day Rate is dependent on the home and staffing pattern	same	n/a
This is a renewal for Specialized Residential services for 3 Individuals at this time.						
C.	Beacon Residential Services	Specialized Residential	10/1/15-9/30/16	\$219/diem PC & CLS, \$39.50/unit- Targeted Case Management, \$200/encounter-Med. Review, \$400/encounter-Psych Eval. \$120 /encounter-Indiv. Therapy, \$125/diem for Lifestyles Recovery Apt., \$1400-Behav. Plan & Monitoring, \$120/encounter-DBT/Substance Abuse Therapy, \$70/encounter-Group Therapy	Same	n/a
D.	Trico	Vocational Services	9/1/15-8/31/15	n/a	\$10.88/hr.	n/a
This is an addendum to the current Trico contract for one Individual to receive intensive skills coaching.						

No discussion. Consensus of the Board is that the contracts will move forward to the next meeting for approval.

c) Financial Statement-July 2015

Jennifer McCarty asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statement. Bill Adrian stated at this point in time there is \$841,000.00 in revenue over expenditures and the General Fund (GF) has been cut dramatically over the last 18 months.

W. DeDie - present at 4:12 p.m.

Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Adrian. Consensus of the Board is that the July 2015 financial statement will move forward to the next meeting for approval.

- **Longevity Pay**

Jennifer McCarty stated that a copy of the Longevity Pay Policy was provided to the Board for their review and at this time the Board needs to look at whether or not to approve longevity pay for staff this year. The amount of longevity pay that will need approval is \$62,000.00. Ms. McCarty asked the Board for a discussion regarding payment of longevity for staff this year. Millie Hofer stated that she had asked what percentage of longevity pay was from Medicaid versus GF. Bill Adrian stated that the GF portion would be approximately 7% and the Medicaid portion would be approximately 93% for the longevity payment based on numbers through June 2015. Mr. Adrian further stated the 7% GF portion would be approximately \$4,000.00. Joan Luhtanen stated it is

important there is good morale among staff and she would personally like to see longevity pay continue as long as Northpointe can financially afford it. Discussion ensued and miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Adrian. Consensus of the Board is that longevity pay will move forward to the next meeting for approval.

- **Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) Fall Conference**

Jennifer McCarty stated the MACMHB annual fall conference is in October. Board members should let Mary Wendt know by September 18 if they will be attending this conference so registrations can be sent in for them. Ms. McCarty stated that she would like to point out that at the fall conference there is a State legislative panel scheduled as the Board was interested in talking with politicians and this may be an interesting opportunity to participate in this at the conference. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. McCarty.

- **CEO Report**

Jennifer McCarty stated her CEO report was in Board packets and provided the following additions: TRICO will be presenting at the September 10 Board meeting along with a tour of TRICO at 3:30 before the Board meeting. Ms. McCarty asked that if anyone is interested in attending this tour to let Mary Wendt know. Ms. McCarty stated at the last Board meeting it was discussed that the Board is interested in having a politician attend a meeting. Ms. McCarty stated she has talked with Paul Burns, who works with Representative McBroom, and they are willing to entertain the idea to come and speak with the Northpointe Board. Representative McBroom covers Delta, Dickinson and Iron Counties for his constituency; however, he is doing work in Menominee County at this time looking at transportation concerns with local communities. Ms. McCarty stated if the Board is interested in having Representative McBroom attend a meeting they will have to decide when to have him attend a meeting. In the fall months, Representative McBroom works in Lansing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and would be available to meet with the Board early on a Monday or on a Friday. Ms. McCarty stated that since Representative McBroom can only meet on a Monday or Friday would the Board like to meet with Representative McBroom on one of these days instead of having a Board meeting or meet with him in addition to a Board meeting. Ms. McCarty also stated that an agenda of potential talking points that the Board would be interested in discussing with Representative McBroom would need to be compiled and there needs to be an assurance there would be good Board attendance at this meeting. John Nelson stated that the court system and law enforcement would also have an interest in this meeting and should be invited to it. Discussion ensued. Ms. McCarty asked Board members to send her any talking points they would like to discuss with Representative McBroom and then at the September Board meeting talking points and a meeting date will be further discussed. Ms. McCarty stated that the Operations Team will begin looking at strategic planning for the proposed Autism benefit expansion that is to begin in January 2016. There is talk that the service age currently being served, children with an Autism diagnosis from ages 0 to 5, will be expanded to potentially up to age 18 or 21. Ms. McCarty stated that the children's waiver service program in the State of Michigan will be restructuring which will hopefully allow some children, who potentially use GF dollars, to be covered under Medicaid. Patti Peretto provided information from a Department of Human Services meeting she recently attended regarding a grant from Easter Seals that Scott Parrott found out about. The grant is to have 8 trauma centers for youth in Michigan with hopefully 1 of these trauma centers located in Ishpeming. Ms. Peretto stated that collaboration will be needed from a lot of different entities, it would be good for the Northpointe Board to collaborate on this, and provided Mr. Parrott's contact information to Ms. McCarty. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. McCarty.

John Nelson, Chairperson, assumed the Chairperson position

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS - No committee reports

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments

BOARD COMMENT

- Joan Luhtanen provided information on a YouTube video regarding post-traumatic stress disorder: Hometown Battle Field by J.P. Cormier.
- Ann Martin stated that Dickinson County recently wrote a letter to NorthCare regarding the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Agency as she was under the understanding that NorthCare was going to take over substance abuse for the U.P. Patti Peretto stated that she is on the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Board and they will no

longer be an agency with their last meeting being in September 2015. Ms. Peretto provided information on how funding may now be allocated.

- John Nelson stated that he is on the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Board and at their last meeting suggested that Judi Brugman, from NorthCare Substance Use Services, attend the County Board meetings to provide information on substance abuse funding. Mr. Nelson also stated that his mom is not well and he would appreciate it if everyone would think about her.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by C. Spence, supported by M. Hofer to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **September 10, 2015 in Kingsford, Michigan at 4:00 p.m.**

John Nelson, Chairperson

Mari Negro, Secretary

Mary Wendt, Board Secretary