

# NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Regular Monthly Meeting MINUTES 715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, Michigan September 20, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Karen Raether, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Raether asked that a moment of silence be observed in honor of Lloyd Benson, Northpointe Board member, who recently passed away.

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>
Babladelis, Ann	X			Martin, Ann	X		
Berger, Floyd	X			Pomeroy, Judy		X	
Connors, Peggy	X			Raether, Karen	X		
DeDie, William	X			Plumley, Robert	X		
Hofer, Millie	X			Spence, Christine	X		
Luhtanen, Joan	X						

REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION: K. Thekan, B. Adrian, T. Wendt, L. Dionne, J. Pelc, M. Wendt

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was amended as Karen Raether requested to add under New Business: Election of New Treasurer/Finance Chair and Karen Thekan requested that the Board move into closed session under the Personnel Committee meeting report to discuss Ms. Thekan's contract.

**ACTION:** Moved to approve the agenda as amended.

**Motion by:** A. Martin; supported by P. Connors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors meeting on August 17, 2007 or the Board Planning meeting on August 17, 2007.

**ACTION:** A motion was made to dispense with reading the minutes from the August 17, 2007 Regular Board of Directors meeting and Board Planning meeting on August 17, 2007 and approve as written.

**Motion by:** A. Martin; supported by P. Connors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### PRESENTATION: Person Centered Planning-Phil Gardiepy-Hefner

Phil Gardiepy-Hefner stated that Person Centered Planning (PCP) is about the consumer and helping them make the right choices. Mr. Gardiepy-Hefner provided information on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) which is part of PCP and reviewed an exercise on LEP with Board members. Questions were addressed by Mr. Gardiepy-Hefner.

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - K. Raether

Ms. Raether highlighted the following from the Endowment Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Northpointe's foundation fund for quarter ending June 30, 2007 is \$39,766.09 and the amount available for disbursement is \$1,357.11. Committee members had previously decided not to disburse any funds until the disbursement amount reached \$5,000.00 and will discuss the amount for disbursement to maybe be changed to a lesser amount at their next Endowment Committee meeting
- The Northpointe annual bocce tournament was held on August 19 and went very well. The consumers enjoyed the event and committee members decided that the event will be continued. The trophies for the event were donated by Gary and Linda Mainville.

- A Met Life presentation workshop will be held at Northpointe's Kingsford office on October 4 at 6:30 p.m. and then at Northpointe's Menominee office on October 9 at 6:30 p.m. These workshops are for parents/guardians of special needs dependents in planning for their future and are open to the public.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** – P. Connors

Ms. Connors highlighted the following from the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:

1. **ISSUE:** New Chairperson for Finance Committee

This will be discussed under New Business.

2a. **ISSUE:** Paper Saver

Information on a paper saver reduction program for the human resource and finance departments was reviewed by Bill Adrian and Josef Pelc. This program would be tied into the Great Plains program that both of these departments currently use. The cost to purchase the program would be approximately \$8,000.00 for the licenses, software, training, and maintenance. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Pelc and Mr. Adrian.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by R. Plumley, supported by J. Luhtanen to approve the purchase of the paper saver reduction program at an approximate cost of \$8,000.00.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

2b. **ISSUE:** Replace Entry and Security Systems-Kingsford Offices.

Information on replacing the entry and security systems as a pilot project at the Northpointe Kingsford offices was reviewed by Josef Pelc. Mr. Pelc provided that the entry/security systems at the Kingsford offices are antiquated and in need of upgrading. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Pelc.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by F. Berger to approve the purchase for the pilot phase of the entry/security system to be contracted within this fiscal year from Martin Systems at a cost of \$12,104.00 for the Northpointe Kingsford offices.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **ISSUE:** Bills and Payroll

Bills and payroll in the amount \$1,299,125.99 were reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Babladelis to approve bills as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **ISSUE:** Financial Statement - August 2007

The committee reviewed August 2007 financial statement and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Babladelis to approve financial statement ending August 2007 as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ISSUE:** Review Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 Budget

The committee reviewed the revised FY2006-07 budget and recommended for approval. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Adrian

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Babladelis to approve the revised FY2006-07 budget.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously**

5. **ISSUE:** Contract(s)/Agreement(s)

The following contract(s)/agreement(s) were reviewed and recommend for renewal/approval:

- a) Dr. David Van Holla – This is a renewal agreement for psychiatric services through self determination and single case agreements. The rates are \$210.00 for an evaluation and \$105.00 for a medication review. Currently 3 consumers use this service.
- b) Gogebic CMH – This is a renewal agreement for specialized residential services provided by NBHS to one Gogebic consumer.
- c) Combined Management and Marketing Services – This is a renewal agreement for consultative services. The rate remains \$125.00 per hour.
- d) LK Industries – This is a renewal agreement for Stockbridge AFC and Lakeview AFC. The daily rate remains \$150.00.
- e) Marquette Clinic, IR – This is a renewal agreement with Dr. Kearney to provide physician services to Boyington. The rate remains \$300/month.
- f) MGH Behavioral Health – This is a renewal agreement for psychiatric services from Dr. Holzgang to an individual at Teaching Family Homes through a single case agreement. Reimbursement will be at the Medicaid rate.
- g) NuStar – This is a renewal agreement for staffing for a person on the Children’s Waiver. The rate remains the same at \$18.20 per hour.
- h) Lawrence Pollack – This is a renewal agreement for fully licensed psychologist services. The rate remains \$135.00 per hour.
- i) Trico Opportunities - This is a renewal agreement for vocational services. The rate remains \$30.00 per job coach hour of individual placement, \$20.00 per hour for enclave/mobile crews and \$8.00/ hour for the workshop.
- j) Northern Michigan Hospital - This is a renewal agreement for psychiatric hospital services. There is a 3% increase, going from \$679 to \$699.35.
- k) Pathways – This is a renewal agreement for Recipient Rights coverage for Newlin AFC home. The rate will increase from \$30/hour to \$32.45 per hour.
- l) Family Ties – This is a renewal agreement for dementia day treatment services. The rate remains \$62,000 per year.
- m) Oak Crest Assisted Living – This is a renewal agreement for specialized residential. The rate remains \$68.33/day for long term care and \$85.00/day for short term/respite.

Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Bill Adrian.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Babladelis to approve all contracts/agreements as noted above.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously**

6. **ISSUE:** Reimbursement of Business Expenses Policy & Regional Community Mental Health (CMH) Reimbursement Information

Northpointe’s Business Expenses Policy and a comparison of reimbursement data from the U.P. Regional CMH’s was reviewed by Bill Adrian. Finance Committee member discussed changes to meal allowances reimbursement, mileage rate reimbursement, and Board per diem rates.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Martin to approve the change to meal allowances reimbursement in the Reimbursement of Business Expenses Policy and adopt one set of reimbursement rates: Breakfast-\$7.00; Lunch-\$8.00; and Dinner-\$15.00.

**DISCUSSION:** Rob Plumley asked if it was clarified for when a staff/Board member is eligible to receive reimbursement for lunch. Terri Wendt stated that lunch reimbursement is now only clarified on Northpointe’s travel reimbursement voucher. Bill Adrian stated that this clarification will need to be added to the policy.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously**

7. Miscellaneous

- Bill Adrian provided that the state budget has not yet been approved and if not approved by October 1 Medicaid payments may not be received. Karen Thekan stated that she received an e-mail from the state on September 20 which stated that they are still at a stalemate over the budget and Medicaid payments for October will be delayed.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** - A. Babladelis:

Ms. Babladelis highlighted the following from the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes:

1. **ISSUE:** Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting Report

The following from August 13, 2007 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting that was held in the Kingsford office was highlighted by Lisa Dionne: NorthCare’s chart review audit results were reviewed; a peer support presentation was presented by Robert Doty, Peer Support Specialist; suggestions for improvement and grievances were reviewed; CEO reports were reviewed; George Wiedenhoef announced his retirement to the stakeholders at the meeting; information on Paxil regarding children under the age of 18 was presented; and the annual summer cook-out potluck was held. **ACTION:** Information

2. **ISSUE:** QI Outcomes Report-3rd Quarter

The 3rd Quarter Outcomes QI Report was reviewed by Lisa Dionne. Ms. Babladelis stated that overall the report was very good. One area discussed on the report was the increase in hospitalizations. A hospitalization focus workgroup has been formed to review why there has been an increase in hospitalizations and what can be done in regards for alternate choices for hospitalizations. The workgroup is looking into having a respite bed available in a nursing or AFC home in each of the three counties to use when an individual is in crisis and deemed appropriate for this respite placement and is also gathering data for a report to review when individuals are pre-screened and hospitalized. Millie Hofer asked if a community needs assessment has been done yet. Karen Thekan that one has not yet been done as Northpointe is looking at different formats that would be effective to conduct a community needs assessment. Ms. Thekan stated that the community needs assessment will be an agenda item at the October Planning Committee meeting for further discussion. **ACTION:** Information

3. **ISSUE:** ACT & Home Based Survey Results Fiscal Year (FY) 2007  
 The focus satisfaction survey results for ACT & Home Based for FY2007 were reviewed by Lisa Dionne. Ms. Dionne provided that these surveys were mandated by the state. Karen Thekan stated that the two nurses on the ACT team recently left employment with Northpointe within the same time period and a requirement of ACT is that there is a full time nurse on the team so the ACT team in Kingsford has been temporarily disbanded. There is still one clinical staff person on the team and the consumers have had continuity with him in regards to services. It is now being looked at how to rebuild the team and what best meets the consumers' needs.  
**ACTION:** Information
4. **ISSUE:** Preliminary Data Results from Michigan Department of Community Health Audit (MDCH) for all Regional U.P. Community Mental Health Agencies (CMH's)  
 The preliminary chart review data results from the August 2007 MDCH audit that was conducted for the regional U.P. CMH's were reviewed by Lisa Dionne. Northpointe received 100% on all but one of their charts that were reviewed and NorthCare, as the regional PIHP, also received a high score. **ACTION:** Information
5. **ISSUE:** Annual Board Evaluation & Board Self Evaluation Results  
 The 2007 Annual Board Evaluation and Board Self Evaluation results were reviewed by Karen Raether. Consensus of committee members was that the evaluations are worthwhile and should continue to be done on a yearly basis. **ACTION:** Information
6. **ISSUE:** Reimbursement of Business Expenses Policy & Regional Community Mental Health Agencies (CMH's) Travel Reimbursement Information  
 This agenda item was discussed above under Finance Committee Report.
7. **ISSUE:** Board Policies  
 The changes regarding meal allowances reimbursement to one set of rates in the Board Policies for Board members was reviewed by Karen Thekan: \$7.00 for breakfast, \$8.00 for lunch, and \$15.00 for dinner. Planning committee members also reviewed the mileage reimbursement rate and Board per diem rates and consensus was to not change either of these rates.  
**ACTION:** A motion was made by A. Babladelis, supported by R. Plumley to approve the changes to meal allowances reimbursement as stated above in the Board Policies. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. **ISSUE:** Board Presentation Topics for 2008  
 A list of presentation topics for Board meetings from the last three years was provided to committee members for their information. Karen Thekan asked for input for presentation topics for 2008 Board of Directors' meetings. Board members provided they would like to see presentations on family psycho education, Board Works, annual board trainings, information regarding Northpointe's group homes, how Northpointe works with the local school systems, and a tour of a local group home. Ann Babladelis stated that if anyone has further input for presentations contact Mary Wendt. **ACTION:** Information
9. **Miscellaneous**
- Joan Luhtanen asked if family members/guardians have been informed that two group homes will be closing when the new transitional AFC home is built in Norway. Karen Thekan stated that she did contact Laurie Whear, DD Supervisor, and Ms. Whear provided that they were waiting until approval from the state to begin building was received before they began informing family members/guardians. Ms. Thekan stated that approval from the state to begin building the home has just been received and construction will start soon. Ms. Whear will now be contacting family members/guardians and consumers about moving to the new home. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.
  - Joan Luhtanen provided information on a member of the community that had contacted her regarding services for their child as the referring agency had told them to contact her because she was a Board member. Ms. Luhtanen provided that she referred the parent to Greg Takala, Iron County Site Director, to obtain information on receiving services for their child. Karen Thekan provided that that if a Board member receives a call regarding obtaining services for an individual the best thing to do is refer them to the county site directors for follow-up.
  - Karen Thekan provided that Medicaid recently came out with new rules which will be effective October 1, 2007 with some areas of concern: bachelor level staff cannot bill for crisis intervention services but can do pre-admissions and only licensed social workers can do supports coordination for Hab Waiver consumers. Ms. Thekan stated that clarification has been received on these above two issues. The issue of bachelor level staff billing for crisis intervention services will need legislative action and the amount of crisis intervention services billed by this group of individuals is minimal and is not a big issue for Northpointe. The bigger issue is the type of social worker who is permitted to do supports coordination and involves two staff (one in Dickinson County and one in Iron River County) who will have to transfer some cases because they cannot provide Hab Waiver services any longer.

William DeDie excused at 5:30 p.m.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT** - P. Connors

Ms. Connors highlighted the following from the Personnel Committee Meeting:

1. **ISSUE:** Wage Scale Recommendation

The changes in the salary wage scale ranges for all direct care paraprofessionals and professionals: RN, BSN, DD Care Manager, MI Care Manager, and Clinical Care Manager/Behavioral Psychologist were reviewed. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Terri Wendt and Karen Thekan.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by J. Luhtanen to approve the salary wage scale changes for the above stated job categories.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William			Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously**

2. **ISSUE:** Update on Personnel Issue

An update regarding the employee who previously sent an e-mail to Board members was provided by Terri Wendt. Ms. T. Wendt stated that Karen Thekan and the former employee provided depositions on September 19. The case is being handled by Northpointe's risk insurance company, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association. **ACTION:** Information

**ACTION:** A motion was made by A. Martin, supported by R. Plumley to move into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing Karen Thekan's periodic personnel evaluation and to include Ms. Thekan and Mary Wendt present for the closed session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William			Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 5:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Babladelis, Ann	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William			Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

3. **ISSUE:** CEO Annual Evaluation from Board Members-Continued Discussion

Karen Thekan's annual evaluation from Board members was reviewed. **ACTION:** Information

4. **ISSUE:** Karen Thekan's Contract Proposal

Karen Thekan's contract proposal was reviewed by Personnel Committee members and presented for Board approval. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by F. Berger to approve a two year contract for Karen Thekan with a 1.5% increase to her base salary effective October 7, 2007, a 1.5% increase to her base salary effective October 7, 2008, and reimbursement for her social worker licensure fee.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Babladelis, Anastasia	X		Martin, Ann	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Connors, Peggy	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeDie, William			Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine	X	
Luhtanen, Joan	X				

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** - K. Raether

- The Fall Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) conference is scheduled for October 22-23 in Traverse City, Michigan. Karen Thekan, Millie Hofer, and Karen Raether are attending the conference and if any other Board member is interested in attending they should contact Mary Wendt as soon as possible.
- Karen Rather stated that a new member needs to be named to each the Personnel and Finance Committees. Ms. Raether further stated that she talked with Rob Plumley in regards to his being named to the Personnel Committee and he agreed to this.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by A. Babladelis, supported by J. Luhtanen to approve Rob Plumley being named to the Personnel Committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Raether asked Millie Hofer if she would agree to be named to the Finance Committee. Ms. Hofer stated that this would not work for her and declined to be named. Ms. Rather then stated that the Finance Committee, for now, will sit one committee member short.

**GREAT LAKES RURAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (GLRMHA) FALL CONFERENCE REPORT**

- Joan Luhtanen stated that there were two very good presenters at the conference. One presenter was from Beacon Residential Services and the other presenter was from Eli Lilly. Information received at both of these presentations was very informative.
- Karen Raether stated that time was spent with Dave Schultz, Pathways Board Chair, Pathways, and Gogebic discussing the letter that Northpointe had recently sent to NorthCare. Karen Thekan reviewed the letter that was sent to NorthCare and their response back to Northpointe. Ms. Thekan stated that she and Karen Raether will now be attending NorthCare Board meetings that are held quarterly. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.
- Floyd Berger stated that he attended the same presentations as Ms. Luhtanen did and also found them very informative.

**CEO REPORT**

Ms. Thekan stated that her September 2007 CEO report was in Board packets; she provided the following updates and highlights:

**Regional Activity:**

- At the U.P. Directors' meeting it was announced that Mr. Nemacheck, Marquette General Hospital's (MGH) CEO, is retiring and an interim CEO will be hired. It is hoped that during this interim period a contract can now be worked out between MGH and NorthCare.
- Staff, from across the region, have been attending Electronic Medical Records (EMR) demonstrations in the last several weeks as the region is moving forward on this project.

**Local Activity:**

- Phil Gardiepy-Hefner will be attending a national train the trainer program for suicide prevention training to become a national trainer. After the training he will be available to present this program to the community and schools. Ann Martin stated that this could also be a potential Board presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS** - No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Election of New Treasurer

Karen Rather stated that a new treasurer needs to be elected. This individual is also chairperson of the Finance Committee and a member on the Endowment Committee.

As Board Chairperson, Ms Rather, opened the floor for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Luhtanen, supported by A. Martin to nominate Peggy Connors for the position of Treasurer. Ms. Raether called for any other nominations three times. Ann Babladelis nominated Judy Pomeroy for Treasurer. By a show of hands: 7 votes cast for Peggy Connors; 1 vote cast for Judy Pomeroy.

Ms. Raether declared Peggy Connors as the new Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairperson, and a member on the Endowment committee. Ann Martin stated that both of these individuals were excellent candidates for treasurer and it was not an easy to have to make a choice.

## **BOARD PREROGATIVE**

- Ann Martin asked Bill Adrian if he could provide information to the Board at the next Board meeting regarding Northpointe's fund balance for the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Adrian stated that he will present this information at the next Board meeting.
- Joan Luhtanen asked why the Night Hawks program in Iron River has been discontinued. Karen Thekan stated that she did not know that this program was discontinued and will check into this and provide an update.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No public comments

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rather stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2007 in **Kingsford, Michigan** beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

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Karen Raether, Chairperson

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Ann Babladelis, Secretary

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Mary Wendt, Board Secretary