

**NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Planning Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**Country Inn & Suites**  
**2005 South Stephenson Ave.**  
**Iron Mountain, MI**  
**August 22, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Raether called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mary Wendt, Board Secretary, conducted the roll call.

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

**REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION:** Operations Team Members - Karen Thekan, Bill Adrian, Laurie Whear, Terri Wendt, Jill Doll, Bill Reid, Greg Takala, Theresa Harvey, Renee Lupini, Dave Block, Laurie Bal, Josef Pelc, Deb Davis, Patty Webber, Mary Wendt

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments

**TOPIC:** Opening Activity

Karen Thekan asked everyone to take each letter of their first name and use a word that would describe or tell something about themselves. Each member then shared this information with the group.

Ms. Thekan reviewed information on the “Future Direction of the Public Mental Health System” contained in the “Concept Paper” from Michael Head, Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration; and an Input Summary from Consumer/Stakeholders/Employee/Contract Providers annual surveys. Ms. Thekan then reviewed the 7 goals from Northpointe’s Fiscal Year(FY) 2006-08 Strategic Plan. Ms. Thekan stated there is a new CARF standard regarding receiving input from all stakeholders and this will be a new goal added to the 2008-10 Strategic Plan. Ms. Thekan asked group members to begin thinking about additional new goals for the 2008-10 Strategic Plan. These goals will then be discussed in detail at the afternoon session of the Board retreat.

**TOPIC:** Gail Hall, CEO-Pathways/NorthCare, Regional Planning

Karen Thekan introduced Gail Hall, new CEO for Pathways/NorthCare. Members of the group then introduced themselves to Ms. Hall.

Ms. Hall stated that she has been going to each of the regional U.P. Community Mental Health Agencies (CMH) to get to know each CMH and ask them what they felt were the highlights and low lights regarding NorthCare. Ms. Hall also stated that Michael Head will be a presenter at the Great Lake Fall Conference in Copper Harbor and will be discussing in detail the “Concept Paper”. The Board Association is going through a tremendous change as their director that has been there for over 25 years is leaving and they are in the process of filling this position. Discussions with the Pathways Board have been ongoing regarding a regional Advisory Council and how it should be structured. It was decided to implement an Advisory Council which will consist of the CEO and all Board members from each regional CMH who will be invited to attend NorthCare meetings on a quarterly basis. In the past there was a separate Board meeting for Pathways and NorthCare and it has now been decided to fold the NorthCare business back into Pathways monthly Board meetings. Ms. Hall stated that NorthCare Board packet information will be shared with all regional Board members and this will hopefully start by October. Ms. Hall also stated that NorthCare will be mapping out priorities with timeframes to provide a visual for the regional CMH’s on upcoming projects. The biggest project that is now on the table is the regionalization and implementation of electronic medical records (EMR). Ms. Hall stated

that Pathways will be implementing the EMR on October 1, 2008 with the rest of the regional CMH's implementing the EMR by October 1, 2009. Questions were addressed by Ms.Hall.

**TOPIC: 5 Year Data Warehouse Presentation**

A power point presentation was provided by Deb Davis on the following information: comparative data on clients served/costs over a 5 year period; Medicaid eligible consumers from January 2006 to January 2008; number of Medicaid clients served for FY07 and FY08 as of 8-19-08; FY2008 costs for the highest clients serviced; and data on the number of consumers served from all the U.P. regional CMH's. Questions were addressed by Ms. Davis.

**TOPIC: Strategic Plan Update**

Karen Thekan, along with group members, reviewed and discussed Northpointe's goals for the 2008-10 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will be now further discussed with Operation Team members to form objectives for each goal that was set. Questions were addressed by Ms. Thekan.

**BOARD PREROGATIVE**

- Joan Luhtanen provided information on a movie entitled "Tropic Thunder" which is a film that contains scenes that are offensive and demean an individual with intellectual disabilities. The Special Olympics is asking for support in boycotting the film.
- Karen Raether stated that she appreciated all the work that Karen Thekan and her staff have done in preparation for the Board Retreat and thanked everyone for attending the Board retreat.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No public comments

Chairperson Rather stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Karen Raether, Chairperson

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Anastasia Babladelis, Secretary

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Mary Wendt, Board Secretary