

**NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, Michigan**

**March 20, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Karen Raether, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.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>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b> <b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
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:** K. Thekan, M. Wendt, B. Reid, D. Block (via video television conference (VTC) from Menominee office)

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

Karen Raether stated that she wanted to extend on behalf of the Northpointe Board of Directors' their sympathy on the recent passing of Mary Wendt's father and Peggy Connor's mother.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No public comments

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** There were no additions to the agenda.

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

**Motion by:** J. Luhtanen; supported by M. DeGrave. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the Regular Board of Directors meeting on February 21, 2008.

**ACTION:** A motion was made to dispense with reading the minutes from the February 21, 2008 Regular Board of Directors meeting and approve as written.

**Motion by:** J. Pomeroy; supported by M. DeGrave. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION:** Great Start Collaborative – Lisa Temple

Lisa Temple stated that the Great Start Collaborative is an early childhood initiative that covers birth through the age 5 population and also provides support to their families. In 2004, the governor formed the children's cabinet and the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC). ECIC is a public/private corporation with a lot of their funding coming from private dollars such as grants from the Kellogg Foundation, Kresge Foundation and corporations but they also receive some funding from the state budget, Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH), Michigan Department of Education, and Department of Human Services (DHS). A grant was applied for the Great Start Collaborative through the Intermediate School District (ISD) which serves as the fiduciary for the grant. The Great Start Collaborative is made up for representatives from the community; i.e., Northpointe, DHS, ISD, Chamber of Commerce, Michigan 4C's, private child care providers, the Dickinson Community Foundation, etc. Ms. Temple provided and reviewed a report of the comprehensive strength and needs assessment that was done in the community for Great Start to find out what that status of young children in the community was. Ms. Temple stated that Great Start has a website: [www.greatstart4kids.org](http://www.greatstart4kids.org) if anyone would like further information on their program. Questions were addressed by Ms. Temple.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** – J. Pomeroy

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

1. **ISSUE:** Bills and Payroll

Bills and payroll in the amount \$1,432,781.12 were reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Pomeroy, supported by M. DeGrave 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		Luhtanen, Joan	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Martin, Ann		
Connors, Peggy			Pomeroy, Judy	X	
DeDie, William	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine		

**Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **ISSUE:** Financial Statement – February 2008

The committee reviewed February 2008 financial statement and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Pomeroy, supported by M. DeGrave to approve financial statement ending February 2008 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		Luhtanen, Joan	X	
Berger, Floyd	X		Martin, Ann		
Connors, Peggy			Pomeroy, Judy	X	
DeDie, William	X		Raether, Karen	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Spence, Christine		

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** – A. Babladelis

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

1. **ISSUE:** Medical Care Access Coalition (MCAC)

Information on MCAC was presented by Benjamin Wood, MCAC’s Director, and Bill Reid: the MCAC provides medical services for the uninsured, five agencies serve the U.P., and the U.P. has received national recognition for the coalition because it serves the largest geographic area in the country and for its model design.

**ACTION:** Information

2. **ISSUE:** Northpointe Annual NAMI Luncheon

Bill Reid provided that Northpointe’s Annual NAMI luncheon will be held on May 9 at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain. **ACTION:** Information

3. **ISSUE:** Recipient Rights Advisory Ad Hoc Committee Report & Review Recipient Rights Applications for Vacancies on Recipient Rights Committee

Karen Raether provided that the Recipient Rights Advisory Ad Hoc committee met on March 6 and reviewed the Ad Hoc committee’s report/recommendations to fill the two vacancies on the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee. Planning Committee members reviewed the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations and applicants to fill the vacancies and provided their recommendations for Board approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by J. Luhtanen, supported by F. Berger to approve the reappointments of Debbie Eichhorn and Carolyn Hanson each for a 3 year appointment on the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **ISSUE:** Employee Satisfaction Survey Results Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

The Employee Satisfaction Survey results for FY2007 were reviewed by Karen Thekan. Ms. Thekan provided that Lisa Dionne will be compiling a 3 year comparison of employee satisfaction survey results for review at the April Planning Committee meeting. **ACTION:** Information

5. **ISSUE:** NorthCare Update

**DISCUSSION:** Karen Thekan provided the following NorthCare updates:

- Steve Sheldon has accepted the NorthCare CEO position. Mr. Sheldon is from Ann Arbor, is the current Deputy Director for Washtenaw Healthcare Organization, and will begin his employment as CEO in June 2008.
- Northpointe will soon be setting up a timeline to transition to the electronic medical record that the region

chose: PCE.

- NorthCare is investigating two corporate compliance issues: Northpointe's alleged conduct during the RFP process for the electronic medical record and the regions' decision on how to pay out the wage pass through monies to direct care staff.
- Northpointe is still planning to transition to NorthCare's centralized access system in mid-May.

**ACTION:** Information

#### 6. **Miscellaneous**

- Karen Thekan provided that Pines Group home is under quarantine and two consumers have been hospitalized due to the flu virus.
- Karen Thekan announced that David Block has accepted the position of Menominee County Director. Ms. Thekan introduced Mr. Block, via VTC from the Menominee office, and stated that he will begin his new duties on March 31.
- Joan Luhtanen asked for an update on Belgium Pointe and whether or not consumers/guardians are receiving adequate communication about the moves. Ms. Thekan reassured her that communication is ongoing and Ann Babladelis shared a recent letter she received from Laurie Whear. Ms. Luhtanen asked if there was any staff that would lose their job in the transition to Belgium Pointe. Ms. Thekan stated that there is some staff that have chosen not to transfer to Belgium Pointe and there are no staff that have lost their job in the move to Belgium Pointe. The Open House for Belgium Pointe will be scheduled in the summer to allow for adequate adjustment time for the consumers.
- Karen Thekan informed the committee that CARF will be coming in mid-June for Northpointe's 3 year accreditation survey. More details will follow once the schedule is set.

#### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** - K. Raether

- Christine Spence was reappointed by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners to a 3 year term on the Northpointe Board of Directors.
- Ms. Raether named a nominating committee consisting of Ann Babladelis, Judy Pomeroy, and Peggy Connors. Ms. Babladelis will be the chair of this committee and they will meet and then provide a report at the April Board meeting a slate of officers for election.
- A committee sign-up sheet was provided for Board members to sign up for committee assignments which will be announced at the April Board meeting.
- The spring Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) conference is scheduled for May 19-21 in Dearborn, Michigan. If any Board member is interested in attending this conference, they will need to let Mary Wendt know by the April 17 Board meeting.
- A memo that was sent to David Schultz at NorthCare regarding improving communication; a memo from Jim Moore, a Hiawatha Board Member; and a memo to the two NAMI organizations regarding donations were reviewed by Ms. Raether

#### **MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION of COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS (MACMHB) WINTER CONFERENCE REPORT** – K. Thekan & K. Raether

- Karen Thekan stated that one of the main themes of the conference was on the national report that came out regarding individuals with a mental illness die 25 years younger than the general population. There were a lot of workshops and information that focused on this topic. Another theme that was focused on was General Fund dollars which will be received under the new General Fund contract must be used for services for those individuals without resources or who are under-insured, i.e., General Fund dollars will not be allowed to supplement Medicaid services.
- Karen Raether stated that integration of services was also a main theme at the conference: integrating mental health services, primary care, and dental care all together and provided information on this. Ms. Raether attended a pre-conference workshop, "How to Teach an Old Dog New Tricks", Board Works sessions, a Leadership Fundamental workshop, and the legislative breakfast. Ms. Raether stated that if anyone would like information from the conference workshops she attended they can contact her.

#### **CEO REPORT**

Ms. Thekan stated that her February 2008 CEO report was in Board packets; she provided the following updates and highlights:

#### **Federal/State Activity:**

- Michael Head was hired on March 17 as the interim director Deputy Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration, replacing Patrick Barrie.
- A technical advisory was received from DCH regarding determining eligibility for children for the public mental health system which loosens up services for children to become effective immediately. Hopefully, now in the future more children will be served in the moderate range.

**Regional Activity:**

- Ms. Thekan attended NorthCare CEO interviews via phone which were held to replace Doug Morton.
- Nance Benson is currently in the process of meeting with NorthCare about Northpointe's transition to their centralized access in mid-May.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business

**NEW BUSINESS** – No new business

**BOARD PREROGATIVE** – No Board prerogative

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Melody Beres stated that she owns and operates two groups homes: one in Marquette Michigan and one in Quinnesec, Michigan and was present at today's Board meeting to thank the Northpointe Board of Directors for being such a well run Board. She also stated that has a deep appreciation for all of the hard work and understanding that the Northpointe Board provides. Ms. Beres stated that she appreciates all of the services she has received through Northpointe and recently experienced a problem at one of her group homes. She met with Laurie Whear, Northpointe DD Supervisor, and Luanne Guiliani, Northpointe Contract Manager, regarding this problem and stated that their approach to help her was very professional and well received. Ms. Beres stated once again her thanks to everyone at Northpointe for their help.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rather stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008, in Kingsford, Michigan beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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Karen Raether, Chairperson

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Anastasia Babladelis, Secretary

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Mary Wendt, Board Secretary