

**NORTHPOINTE HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**715 Pyle Drive, Kingsford, Michigan**  
**June 18, 2009 - 4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Karen Raether, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Raether once again introduced Northpointe's new Board member from Dickinson County, Elizabeth Farragh, and introductions were made by the Board of Directors. 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>
Connors, Peggy	X			Luhtanen, Joan		X	
DeDie, William	X			Martin, Ann	X		
DeGrave, Marylee	X			Pomeroy, Judy		X	
Farragh, Elizabeth	X			Raether, Karen	X		
Hofer, Millie	X			Plumley, Robert	X		
Lang, Bernie	X			Spence, Christine	X		

**REPRESENTING ADMINISTRATION:** K. Thekan, B. Adrian, L. Dionne, 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:** There were no additions to the agenda.

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

**Motion by:** M. DeGrave; 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 May 28, 2009.

**ACTION:** A motion was made to dispense with reading the minutes from the May 28, 2009 Regular Board of Directors meeting and approve as written.

**Motion by:** M. DeGrave; supported by P. Connors. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION:** Supported Employment - Luanne Guiliani

Luanne Guiliani, Contract Manager for Northpointe, provided a power point presentation on Northpointe's Supported Employment program. Ms. Guiliani stated that Northpointe contracts with two employment services: Trico Opportunities in Dickinson and Iron Counties and Goodwill Industries in Dickinson, Iron, and Menominee Counties. There are two types of employment: organizational and supported employment. Trico employs 98 consumers, Goodwill employs 79 consumers, and some supported employment sites are: Aramark, Pine Grove, AmericInn, and a few medical clinics throughout all three counties. Ms. Guiliani stated that supported employment is monitored through annual site reviews, tour of the physical plant, clinical records reviewed, staff and consumer interviews, and making sure that the contract's specific requirements are met. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Ms. Guiliani and Bill Adrian.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** – P. Connors

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

1. **ISSUE:** Cell Phone Proposals

Bill Adrian stated that Northpointe has been in the process of reviewing proposals for cell phone services. Cell phones are used in the group homes, by on-call staff, in transportation, by site directors, and by the IT department. Mr. Adrian stated that a proposal from Alltel was unable to put anything further towards Northpointe's buyout so the recommendation is to go with the AT&T proposal. Mr. Adrian stated that AT&T was the only other company to provide a proposal and reviewed it. The AT&T proposal base rate charge will be \$1628.00/month.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by R. Plumley to approve AT&T for Northpointe's cell phone services at a monthly base rate charge of \$1628.00. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Mr. Adrian.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Connors, Peggy	X		Luhtanen, Joan		
DeDie, William	X		Martin, Ann	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Farragh, Elizabeth	X		Raether, Karen	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Lang, Bernie	X		Spence, Christine	X	

**Motion carried unanimously.**

2. **ISSUE:** Bills and Payroll

Bills and payroll in the amount \$1,479,799.15 were reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, 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>
Connors, Peggy	X		Luhtanen, Joan		
DeDie, William	X		Martin, Ann	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Farragh, Elizabeth	X		Raether, Karen	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Lang, Bernie	X		Spence, Christine	X	

**Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **ISSUE:** The committee reviewed May 2009 financial statement and recommended for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by A. Martin to approve financial statement ending May 2009.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Connors, Peggy	X		Luhtanen, Joan		
DeDie, William	X		Martin, Ann	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Farragh, Elizabeth	X		Raether, Karen	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Lang, Bernie	X		Spence, Christine	X	

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a) Changing Season - To provide outpatient services through a Single Case Agreement at \$125/session
- b) Copper Country CMH – To provide services to a youth placed in their area at the regional rates.
- c) Dr David Van Holla – To provide psychiatric services at \$114 for a 15 minute med. review or \$165 for a 50 minute med. review.
- d) Michigan Department of Community Health – Amendment to the General Fund Contract from \$2,798,309.00 to \$2,670,774.00 for a total reduction of \$127,535.00 received for the period of October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by P. Connors, supported by M. DeGrave to approve all contracts/agreements as noted above. Miscellaneous questions were addressed by Bill Adrian.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Connors, Peggy	X		Luhtanen, Joan		
DeDie, William	X		Martin, Ann	X	
DeGrave, Marylee	X		Pomeroy, Judy		
Farragh, Elizabeth	X		Raether, Karen	X	
Hofer, Millie	X		Plumley, Robert	X	
Lang, Bernie	X		Spence, Christine	X	

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** – K. Raether

- The Great Lake Executive Committee recently met and plans were finalized for the Great Lakes fall conference. The conference is scheduled for September 14 & 15 and will be held at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Presentations for the conference are currently being worked on and the conference brochure information will be sent out soon to Board members. If anyone would like to attend this conference they will need to let Mary Wendt know by the July Board meeting.
- Information from the Community Mental Health (CMH) Board Association on the PAC 2009 annual campaign was provided and reviewed.

### **CEO REPORT**

Ms. Thekan stated that her June 2009 CEO report was in Board packets; she provided the following updates and highlights:

#### **Federal Activity:**

- On June 18 a conference phone call was held by Mike Head with all the state CMH directors to discuss the next year's budget which starts October 1. The governor has proposed a \$40 million cut and the Senate, on June 17, came out with a \$62 million cut proposal and there will be quite a negotiation process throughout the summer months as to where the cuts will come from.
- The House is currently taking up two bills that deal with parity for autism in the State of Michigan and will not be considering mental health parity anytime in the near future. The Board Association's position is not that they disagree with parity for autism but want parity for every disorder.
- The Member Services Committee meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for September. The Board Association's Children Committee meetings and Member Services Committee meetings are attended via phone by Ms. Thekan.

Rob Plumley excused at 5:05 p.m.

#### **Regional Activity:**

- The U.P. regional CMH directors recently met and some issues discussed were: Pathways GF issue; corporate compliance training, standardizing jail mental health services in the U.P., and the upcoming HSAG audit in July for the region. A guide on Corporate Compliance for Board Members was provided to Board members for their information.

#### **Local Activity:**

- Greg Takala, Iron County Site Director, celebrated 25 years of employment with Northpointe and Ms. Thekan thanked Greg for all of his hard work and dedication.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Board Retreat  
Karen Thekan stated that for the past three years a planning retreat was held with Board members and the Northpointe management team each year in August. Ms. Thekan proposed that a planning retreat now be held every other year and this year, as the off year, Northpointe's Strategic Plan would be reviewed by the full Board at an upcoming meeting. Then when the new Strategic Plan needs to be done for Fiscal Year 2010 a planning retreat will be planned. Discussion ensued and consensus of Board members is to hold a planning retreat every other year and just review the Strategic Plan at an upcoming meeting this year.

### **BOARD PREROGATIVE**

- Ann Martin asked if there were any new updates regarding the purchase of Northpointe's two group homes from the owner of these two homes. Bill Adrian stated that there are no new updates to provide at this time.
- Karen Raether provided a reminder that the July Board meeting will be held on July 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Iron River office. Karen Thekan stated that if any Board member would like to carpool to this meeting to contact her or Mary Wendt.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No public comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Rather stated the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2009, in **Iron River, Michigan beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

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Karen Raether, Chairperson

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Peggy Connors, Secretary

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Mary Wendt, Board Secretary