

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness
(Ionia County Community Mental Health)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 22, 2023, 4 p.m.
375 Apple Tree Drive
Ionia, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chairperson Deborah McPeek-McFadden called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. with roll call taken by Linda Purcey.

Member(s) Present:

Clinton Galloway, David Hodges, Mariah Lab, Melissa McKinstry (Zoom), Gretchen Nyland, Nancy Patera, Linda Purcey, Ron Thomas

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

CEO Kerry Possehn and Board Chairperson Deborah McPeek-McFadden

Member(s) Absent:

Mary Barker (excused), Andrew Dinehart (excused), Nancy Haga (excused)

Staff Present:

Kari Couture, Nathan Derusha, Julie Dowling, Amanda Eveleth, Mackenzie Geisen, Darsie King, Teresa Kiser, Teresa Martin, Jodi Mohr, Melissa Peterson, Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen, Sandra Tiffany

Guest Present:

Nick Lehman

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

New staff members Kari Couture, Darsie King, Mackenzie Geisen, and Sandra Tiffany were introduced by their supervisors. Kari, Darsie, and Mackenzie are Children Case Managers while Sandra is an Access Therapist.

Linda Purcey reported that she attended a soccer game in Belding on Saturday that was a fundraising event for mental health awareness as part of May is Mental Health month. Linda

would like to encourage the promotion of The Right Door, and she stated that when events such as this are held board members would be willing to represent the agency. She also informed the Board that there is a family friendly event “River City Improv” scheduled for Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Belding High School with proceeds going to the Listening Room, a resource at Belding High School for mental health needs.

Melissa Peterson introduced Nick Lehman, person served by the agency, who shared his success story of after serving time in prison for trouble he encountered due to his mom’s passing, he requested services of The Right Door which was a seamless process. With help from the agency, he obtained a job at Herbruck’s which he rode his bike to and from work each day. Nick emphasized the need for increased transportation services within the county.

4. April 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the April 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5. April 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Gretchen Nyland and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to approve the April 24, 2023 Board meeting minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7. Financial Statements – April 2023

CFO Nathan Derusha presented and reviewed the April 2023 financial statements.

8. Pending Contracts – May 2023

MOVED by Gretchen Nyland and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the May 2023 contracts as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9. Policy Review

MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to approve policies C-312 Trauma Informed Care, C-332 Provider of Choice, F-225 Cash, F-232 Employee Expense, F-249 Credit Card, F-290 External Audit, HR-542 Scope of Practice, RR-135 Unusual Incident Report, RR-138 Consumer Advisory Council, RR-990 Stakeholder Participation, and RR-991 Consumerism as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10. Person Served Success Story

Board members thanked Nick for telling his story and recognized the need for a more accessible or additional transportation system in the county as he discussed.

11. Approval to Close Independent Bank Account

CFO Nathan Derusha requested approval to close an account at Independent Bank which is no longer in use for normal business operations. The account balance of around \$250,000 will be put into CDARS.

MOVED by Mariah Lab and SUPPORTED by Nancy Patera to approve CFO Derusha close the inactive account at Independent Bank

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12. Approval of Computer Purchase

MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by Mariah Lab to approve the purchase of 30 laptop computers at a cost of \$31,139.10.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

13. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards presented the MMBPIS Summary Report for Quarter 1 of FY 23.

14. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Gretchen Nyland reported the MSHN Board met on May 9 for the regular board meeting and strategic planning. They reviewed the four options MDHHS is presenting for changes within the mental health system related to conflict free planning and access. None of the options are person served friendly. MSHN created a resolution stating their opposition to the possible changes; they

will send the resolution to state representatives, workgroups, and many other state officials.

15. CMHA Report

There was no report.

16. CEO Report

CEO Possehn further discussed the four options for conflict free access and planning being discussed as changes in the CMH system and MSHN's resolution opposing the options. She will draft a similar resolution for The Right Door Board of Directors to review and adopt opposing the conflict free access and planning options currently being proposed by MDHHS. CEO Possehn also stated that, as published in Gongwer, Senator Shirkey's previous bills are being resurrected by Marianne Hull and Representative VanderWall. While there is little action with the bills currently, she wanted everyone to be aware of this new action. She reminded Board members of the CMHA Board summer conference scheduled for June 5 – 7. CEO Possehn distributed a list of optional dates for the Strategic Planning meeting to be held later this summer.

17. Other

Melissa McKinstry informed the Board of a free online training "Psychosis REACH: Recovery by Enabling Adult Carers at Home" on June 2 sponsored by NAMI.

18. Board Meeting Wrap-Up April 2023 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from April 2023 were included in the packet for review.

19. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board members were encouraged to complete the wrap-up questionnaire form which was included in the packet.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jenny Scheurer