

## WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

1. Call to Order: The West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors met for its regular meeting in person at the Oceana County Services Building, located in Hart, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Chairperson Jim Prince presided.
2. Roll Call: The following members were present: Mary Alway, Linda Baierl, Pat Bettin, Ron Bacon, Dr. Jennifer Branning, Todd Dancz, Dawn Martin, Jim Prince, Andy Sebolt, Kay Seng, and Larry VanSickle. Absent: Lucinda Shafer (excused). A quorum was present. CMH staff members present were: Lisa Williams, Michele Condit, Ellen Plummer, Josh Snyder, and Kimberly Goodrich. Ione Myers, the CIO from the LRE was present via phone.
3. Introductions: Since the board hasn't met in person for 15 months, Dr. Williams asked everyone to introduce themselves officially to our newest Board member.
4. Delegations, Communications and Expressions from the Community: There were none.
5. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sebolt, that the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried via roll.
6. Conflict of Interest Question: Mr. Prince asked if any board member wished to declare a conflict of interest regarding any matter to be considered by the West Michigan Community Mental Health governing body. No such declarations were made.
7. Consent Agenda: Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sebolt, to approve the item on the consent agenda:
  - 7.1 Minutes from the 5/18/21 WMCMH Board of Directors Meeting. The motion carried.
8. Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. Prince stated that the report is attached for review and items will be covered under other agenda items. There were no action items from the committee.
9. Finance Committee Recommendation: Mr. VanSickle reported that the Finance Committee reviewed a list of contracts over \$20,000. Dr. Williams provided some additional information for the three contracts that are for specialized residential services, and one for our Medicaid Eligibility worker from the Department of Human Services. That person helps our consumers enroll and maintain Medicaid. Mr. VanSickle made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Seng, to approve the contracts over \$20,000 as presented. The motion carried.

Mr. VanSickle stated that the Finance Committee also reviewed a request for additional capital expenditures. Ms. Condit explained that it is already in our capital budget for some parking lot work at our 920 Diana Street building, and in order to do that, we have to replace some curbs and connecting sidewalks, as well as some brick retaining walls.

Mr. VanSickle made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bacon, to approve the additional capital budget expenditures as presented. The motion carried.

10. Clinical Services Report: Ms. Plummer reported that we hired a Veteran's Navigator. She will be doing community outreach to our veterans in our three counties. We moved this position to the service delivery side as a means to connect with consumers who are veterans and already in service as well.

Mr. Snyder provided a brief update on the DOJ Jail Diversion Grant. The funds have been released and things are finally starting to move. We are hiring two clinical positions to provide services in the jail. There has been a restart to our community meetings, with involvement from law enforcement, courts, jails, attorneys, etc. It technically started on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but the funds didn't get released until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Snyder reviewed a proposed policy revision that the Clinical Oversight Committee (COC) reviewed as part of its annual policy review. The policy describes the role of COC, and the changes just refines what the committee does. Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Seng, to approve the proposed revisions to the policy as presented. The motion carried.

Dr. Branning arrived at 5:43 pm.

11. Chief Financial Officer's Report: In Ms. Sherfinski's absence, Dr. Williams reviewed the financial services report through the period ending April 30, 2021, seven months of the fiscal year. We are starting to see some of the budget lines align and even out. We have a bit of excess revenue due to not having all our posted positions filled, as well as getting little pockets of COVID money. Nothing unusual report at this time.
12. Chief Operations Officer's Report: Ms. Condit highlighted some new signage that is up at Progressions in Hart and Dimensions Unlimited in Ludington. It ensures our image, brand, and logo are consistent at each of our sites and will hopefully bring community awareness of those sites.

Ms. Condit reviewed the MMBPIS report for the quarter ending March 30, 2021. We either met or exceeded all of the targets so no concerns.

13. Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM): Dr. Williams reported on some of the legislative activity that is going on. The legislation that Sen. Shirkey is proposing has not officially hit the floor of the Senate, but his integration language is continuing to be discussed and promoted. Advocacy against it is strong in the CMH/PIHP system and with advocacy organizations, but it is strongly supported by Michigan Hospital Association and Michigan Association of Health Plans. Rep. Whiteford from Allegan Co actually presented her proposed legislation for some modified regulation for the CMH system to the House Health Policy Committee. Her legislation proposes that there would be one ASO that the state would contract with, and that entity would have an oversight committee that would be appointed by the legislature for the entire state. The system would leave CMHs intact (sort of—significant change in language about CMHs in the mental health code) but would eliminate PIHPs. It also proposes a change in the capitation system, going to a managed fee for service system. There is nothing in the language that requires the ASO to contract with CMHs. CMHAM is trying to manage advocacy around both proposals and create a unified response.

14. Lakeshore Regional Entity Update: Dr. Williams reported that we haven't heard from the State regarding the correction plan the LRE put forward, nor on the financial settlement plan. The LRE board meets on Thursday and Ms. Dumas may have an update from her meeting with the Department yesterday. Sen. Bumstead has been actively pushing on the Department to get this moving.
15. Director's Report: Dr. Williams reported that as of Monday all WMCMH staff are back in the office approximately 50% of the time (along with those who have been in office full time for most of COVID). We are going at 50% capacity due to the fact that our buildings aren't big enough to ensure social distancing if all of us are in the facilities. All reports so far indicate that it's going well, and our hope is that staff exposure rates stay at zero. If staff exposures stay low, we'll peel back some of the requirements we have on those in the office, such as allowing vaccinated staff (and board members) to not wear masks.

Dr. Williams stated that we excluded the strategic planning update this month after a lengthy discussion with the Executive Committee last week. It's quite likely that the strategic planning data is what the SMT needs to drive and operate the organization, but that the board might really need something else—a different kind of information that allows you to feel confident that the organization is achieving what the org needs to achieve. Dr. Williams would like to have a discussion on what is useful for the board and at what frequency you might want it to do your job as the governing board of the organization. Dr. Williams will take the brainstormed ideas and work with the Senior Management Team to incorporate it into our planning over the next couple of months. If you have any additional thoughts, please email Lisa and Kim and we'll incorporate it into our planning over the next couple of months.

Dr. Williams reported that the July board meeting will be in Baldwin in the County Commission meeting room of the Lake County Courthouse. More details will be provided as we get closer to that meeting.

16. Upcoming Committee Meetings:
  - LRE Board Meeting – June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 via Teams
  - Executive Committee – Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in Ludington
17. WMCMH Board Member Comments, Questions, Clarifications and Critique of Meeting: There were none.
18. Delegations, Communications and Expressions from the Community: There were none.
19. Executive Session: There was none.
20. Adjournment: Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Seng, that the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors adjourn its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Kimberly Goodrich  
Recording Secretary

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James Prince  
Chairperson