

## WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

1. Call to Order: The West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors met for its regular meeting in person in the Conference Room at the Lakeshore Resource Network, located in Ludington, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Vice-Chairperson Larry VanSickle presided.
2. Roll Call: The following members were present: Mary Alway, Ron Bacon, Linda Baiert, Pat Bettin, Todd Dancz, Dawn Martin, Andy Sebolt, Kay Seng, Lucinda Shafer, and Larry VanSickle. Absent: Dr. Jennifer Branning and Jim Prince (both excused). A quorum was present. CMH staff members present were: Lisa Williams, Michele Condit, Ellen Plummer, Josh Snyder, Jane Shelton, and Kimberly Goodrich.
3. Introductions: Dr. Williams introduced Mary Marlatt-Dumas, CEO of the Lakeshore Regional Entity. Ms. Dumas was present to provide an update on LRE activities.
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.
6. Conflict of Interest Question: Mr. VanSickle 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: Mrs. Bettin made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Seng, to approve the item on the consent agenda:
  - 7.1 Minutes from the 10/18/22 WMCMH Board of Directors Meeting. The motion carried.
8. Executive Committee Meeting Report: Mr. VanSickle reported that the Executive Committee's report is available for review. There were no action items or questions from the board.
9. CCBHC Advisory Committee Report: Mrs. Seng reported that the Committee met last week and were provided an overview of the Expansion Grant, the Demonstration Grant, and the CCBHC-IA grant. There are now over 500 CCBHCs in the country. The list of strategic goals was reviewed as they are tied to CCBHC goals. The CCBHC-IA grant will help cover the gaps in funding for non-Medicaid services as well as for services that aren't currently Medicaid covered services under the Demonstration. We are meeting or exceeding the identified targets for all six of our Quality Based Performance Metrics, which means we will be eligible for the Quality Bonus payment for year 1 of the Demonstration.

10. Healthcare Integration and Clinical Services Report: Ms. Plummer highlighted that we reached a letter of understanding with the union on a revised crisis model. We have positions that have started, and we are working on getting the rest of those positions filled. Also, our region is implementing the MiCare Open Beds Registry, which will enable us to have access to how many psych beds are open in the state and where they are.

Mr. Snyder provided an overview of the Mason County Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF). There is recognition that services in the school setting are important but can also be very fragmented. The ISF is a process to create a more streamlined approach to providing mental health services in the schools. The Health Endowment Fund issued the grant to Mason County. The Health Department is the fiduciary with educational and community agencies involved. The desired outcome is to help kids who have mental health issues. We are a year into the grant and have laid a lot of the groundwork. WM is a partner organization and provides services in the schools.

11. Chief Financial Officer's Report: Ms. Shelton reviewed the financial report through the period ending September 30, 2022. The LRE grants came in higher than anticipated, specifically CCBHC ARPA funding to help support the non-MCD population, and the CCBHC Demonstration PPS Supplemental payment. We didn't know what to expect from the State in this first year of CCBHC implementation and we were pleasantly surprised. She noted that these are preliminary statements as we haven't been through our audit yet.

Ms. Shelton also reviewed the Cash and Investment Report as of September 30, 2022. Interest rates have been extremely low until recently, but we are seeing some slight improvement.

12. Chief Operations Officer's Report: Ms. Condit highlighted a new logo wear program that has rolled out. Logo wear can now be purchased any time online. Ms. Condit provided the link in case board members were interested in purchasing WMCMH logo wear for themselves.

13. Community Mental Health Association of Michigan Update: Dr. Williams, Mrs. Seng, and Ms. Shafer attended the Fall Conference at the end of October. They enjoyed the speakers, and there were lots of workshops that stressed the need for kids' programs. Senator Stabenow was present and was advocating for children's programs as well as CCBHC. One speaker stressed talking about mental illness with family members and not hiding when mental health issues exist. Dr. Williams added that Senator Stabenow emphasized that the biggest mental health bill that has ever passed, passed this summer with \$81 million being pushed directly into the nation's mental health system. Although this occurred without much fanfare or news, it was bipartisan legislation with unprecedented support in both the Senate and the House. The Senator believes that CCBHC is the future of mental health across the country. She emphasized that CCBHC sites across the country have a common mental health benefit that show improved access and outcomes to people and communities where CCBHCs exist. The Senator was also emphatic in her language about privatization of the mental health system in Michigan. She will do everything she can to fight a carve in in the State of Michigan.

14. Lakeshore Regional Entity Update: Ms. Dumas provided an update on the historical deficit. The LRE filed a Declaratory Action with the Court of Claims in October. The

State had to reply by October 31<sup>st</sup> and filed a cross motion that the LRE has until December 12<sup>th</sup> to respond to. The goal is that the judge orders the LRE to pay the three CMHs the past deficit (it has the money). If the judge sides with the State of Michigan, it will be the end of the road and no payment will go to the CMHs and there will be no more options to exhaust. It could be up to a year before the judge makes the decision. She also reported that LRE and N180 are having some disputes over the changes in the bylaws and operating agreement. They will be entering into mediation to have formal discussions.

Ms. Martin left the meeting at 6:11 pm.

15. CEO's Report: Dr. Williams reported that there have been no changes to COVID protocols. She reminded board members that if you are feeling ill at all, to please not come to meetings in person. It's especially pertinent as we go into the cold and flu season and activities move inside. This has been stressed to our employees over and over as well.

Dr. Williams stated that the election results bode very well for the system redesign efforts. We understand that what was very active work prior to the election to drop a revised bill in the house are completely stalled out at this time. Due to the makeup of the House and Senate going forward, we have been told that lame duck will be very quiet. That doesn't mean that we don't still need think creatively about our future and think about concerns that prompted the bills. We need to find solutions and work together to address those barriers that continue to prompt this kind of legislation.

Dr. Williams reported that Kimberly has submitted her notice of retirement effective 12/22/2022. We will celebrate Kimberly's retirement prior to the December 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting from 4 – 5 pm and then we'll have the Years of Service Reception following. Dr. Williams will be interviewing candidates for the position soon.

16. Upcoming Committee Meetings:
  - LRE Board Meeting – Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in Muskegon
  - Executive Committee – Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in Ludington
17. WCMCH 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: With no additional business, Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bettin, to adjourn the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Kimberly Goodrich  
Recording Secretary

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Larry VanSickle  
Vice-Chairperson