

WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

1. Call to Order: The West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors met for its regular in person meeting in the Conference Room at the Harold E. Madden Center, located in Ludington, at 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Vice-Chairperson VanSickle presided.
2. Roll Call: The following members were present: Mary Alway, Ron Bacon, Linda Baierl, Pat Bettin, Todd Dancz, Kay Seng, Lucinda Shafer, Larry VanSickle, Robert Walker, and Clyde Welford. Absent: James Prince and Dr. Jennifer Branning. A quorum was present. CMH staff members present were: Lisa Williams, Michele Condit, Ellen Plummer, Bethany Sherfinski, Josh Snyder, and Kelly Hein.
3. Introductions: Dr. Williams introduced Devon Hernandez, WMCMH's Director of Corporate Compliance and Risk Management. She is presenting the Compliance Report tonight.
4. Delegations, Communications and Expressions from the Community: There were none.
5. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Bettin that the Board 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: Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Bettin, to approve the item on the consent agenda:
 - 7.1 Minutes from the 02/20/2024 WMCMH Board of Directors meeting. The motion carried.
8. Devon Hernandez Compliance Report: Ms. Hernandez reviewed the Semi-Annual Compliance Overview for FY23 & FY24. She noted that under one investigation there could be numerous allegations. Recommendations (if any) go to the Department affected and she follows up that all were carried out. She completed 23 audits during this timeframe. These are proactive audits designed for CMH staff to ensure they are following CMH policies and procedures.
9. Executive Committee Report: Mr. VanSickle shared that the Executive Committee's report is available for review.
9. Finance Committee Recommendations: Mr. VanSickle reported that the Finance Committee did not meet but electronically reviewed and is recommending three contracts over \$50,000 to the Board. Ms. Sherfinski stated that first is for a new contract provider for

a consumer who is not new to specialized residential. The second is for an individual who is new to specialized residential, the projected expenditure is in addition to the existing contract previously approved. The third contract is for 2 individuals who are not new to specialized residential, but the services are new to this location. Mr. Bacon made the motion, seconded by Ms. Bettin, to approve the list of contracts over \$50,000 as presented. The motion carried.

10. Healthcare Integration and Clinical Services Report: Ms. Plummer provided an update on the Conflict Free Access planning. She noted the state has a meeting April 1 regarding the decision for the model we have been waiting on.

Mr. Snyder provided an update on our new autism provider. The new provider started at our Baldwin Site on 2/26/24. The transition has gone very well. They provide ABA Technician Services and provide the master's level BCBA services.

11. Chief Financial Officer's Report: Ms. Sherfinski reviewed the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2024. There is nothing unexpected to report at this time. Medicaid re-enrollment continues to be below expected numbers which long-term will affect revenue. MDHHS is meeting next week with the PIHP's to discuss any potential rate adjustments.
12. Chief Operations Officer's Report: Ms. Condit updated the Board on the new art work in the training room with the tagline: "Renew. Rebuild. Recover." It is now proudly displayed on the wall in our Ludington Training Room. She discussed that not only does it look amazing, but it's a reminder for all who use this space that recovery is possible. We are looking to do something similar in the future in our other two office locations.
13. Lakeshore Regional Entity Update: Mr. Bacon reported that there was not a quorum for the February LRE Board meeting, primarily due to the weather. Dr. Williams updated on the LRE-WMCMH contract; while we have made progress on the discussions surrounding the contract, we are all agreed (LRE and members) that we need more time to get a solid contract in place. We have all agreed to amending the current contract through the end of the FY (September 30, 2024) so we have time to work through the remaining issues in the new contract. She is hopeful the amendment will be here for next month's board meeting.
14. CEO Report:
Dr. Williams discussed the public policy/system redesign update. She stated much like what Mr. Bolter described last month that there are several pending legislations affecting behavioral health with the primary focus being on budget, medical social work licensing, and physical management regarding Children's residential settings.

Dr. Williams reminded the board that next month is the annual meeting where all members will need to fill out their annual required paperwork and review the results of the board survey that was sent out this week, committee assignments, and board bylaws.

15. Upcoming Committee Meetings: Mr. Prince
 - LRE Board Meeting—Wednesday, March 20th (Muskegon Innovation Hub—see Lisa for address if you'd like to attend)
 - Executive Committee - Tuesday, April 9th at noon in Ludington

- Governance Committee – To be scheduled in April
16. WMCMH Board Member Comments, Questions, Clarifications and Critique of Meeting:
There were none.
 17. Delegations, Communications and Expressions from the Community:
 18. Executive Session: There was none.
 19. Adjournment With no additional business, Ms. Shafer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Welford, to adjourn the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Kelly Hein
Recording Secretary

Larry VanSickle
Vice-Chairperson