

Region 10
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GROUP MEETING: Region 10 PIHP Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – Summit Conference Room
3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI / Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
Date: February 19, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PRESIDING: Lori Curtiss, Chairperson

PRESENT: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani (arrived 9:25 a.m.), DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson, Bobbie Umbreit (arrived 9:18 a.m.)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, CEO; Richard Carpenter, CFO; Kristen Potthoff, Compliance Officer; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

CMH Staff: Dan Russell, GHS; Wil Morris, Sanilac County CMH; Lauren Emmons, Lapeer County CMH (arrived 9:15 a.m.)

GUESTS: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Curtiss. Roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

III. AGENDA CHANGES (*Action*)

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Joyce Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (*Action*)

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

V. FINANCE

A. FY2021 Budget

1. Monthly Finance Report – December 2020 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the report and stated that eligibles continue to stay stable. DAB was lower due to the 6 months of retroactive eligibility but this will come back up. The state anticipates there will be an eligibility dip sometime during the fiscal year due to the current policy of keeping people on Medicaid, and it may last through the entire fiscal year. We will keep our eyes on this. Revenue shows an increase in November due to the direct care wage increase. There will be another increase in February.

There is a Medicaid surplus of \$16.4 million and a Healthy Michigan surplus of \$3.6 million. There have been ongoing conversations with CFOs about spending plans. All PIHPs are experiencing more revenue than anticipated due to the eligibility staying higher for a longer period of time.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the Monthly Finance Report for December 2020 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

2. Monthly Payment Report – December 2020 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the December report and stated there was an extra payment to the CMHs due to the timing of payments over the holidays.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Monthly Payment Report for December 2020 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

B. Direct Care Wage Increase Extension (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented a memo requesting an extension of the Direct Care Wage Increase for the Region 10 provider network. He summarized that last September this board had approved an extension to the increase through March 31st for our region, which was prior to the approval of additional funding from MDHHS. Since then, MDHHS and the state legislature provided funding for October through December, and from January - February. We are recommending to and requesting approval from the board to extend the \$2.00 premium pay for the entire SUD and CMH provider network through September 30th of this fiscal year in the event that the legislature does not provide it. Criteria to be eligible for the \$2.00 premium pay will be consistent with the guidance received from MDHHS related to the increase provided through February 28th. The potential financial impact to extend the increase for seven months is estimated to be about \$10.5 million.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the Direct Care Wage Increase through September 30th, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

C. Provider Incentive Payments (*Action*)

Mr. Johnson stated that we are very appreciative and supportive of the direct care wage increase that we have been able to provide throughout our system, but we are aware that this is only provided to select individuals. We are appreciative of everyone in the system who helped ensure the ongoing availability of the safety net for the vulnerable people in our region. We would like to explore providing a small recognition payment to all staff in our provider network who have worked through the pandemic that would not be limited to those who qualify for the direct care wage increase. We are requesting tentative approval from the board to continue to move forward in determining the feasibility of this recognition payment. This would require working with our SUD and CMH provider network to determine how many people this would involve, and Region 10 would then determine what level of recognition we would provide. Mr. Carpenter stated he has discussed with the CFO group and they are very supportive and ready to start gathering information from their provider networks. Once the data has been gathered and reviewed, a recommended amount will be brought to this board for approval.

It was moved by Ms. Cole, seconded by Mr. Kozfkay, to approve moving forward with the exploration of provider incentive payments for staff in our provider network. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

D. Sanilac County and Lapeer County PA2 Reports

Mr. Johnson reported that he has received confirmation from Lapeer and Sanilac counties that the PA2 funds they received were used for outpatient substance use disorder recovery services (Lapeer County) and substance use disorder counseling services (Sanilac County). We will start getting reports from them annually.

E. Audit Plan

Mr. Carpenter presented the Audit Plan document that is required communication from the auditors to the Board about their plan to perform the annual financial audit. Preliminary work began in December and the audit will continue through March.

Mr. Carpenter left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

VI. CONTRACTS

A. CEO Contract Amendment (*Action*)

Mr. Johnson stated that HR staff noticed that the benefits section of his contract states that benefits should be consistent with those provided to other Region 10 employees, but the PTO section had specifics that were different than the agency policy. The PTO section is being updated to state: "Employee shall accrue and carry PTO days in accordance with Region 10 HR policies and standards for employees consistent with the terms of the personnel manual."

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the CEO Contract Amendment as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda

Cole, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson, Bobbie Umbreit; Nayas: None.

VII. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

A. Meeting Minutes (2/9/21)

Ms. Cole and Mr. Johnson briefly listed discussions that took place at the SUD meeting.

VIII. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Curtiss stated that we need another member of the Board to participate in the Regulatory Compliance Committee which meets quarterly. There is a meeting immediately following this meeting. Ms. Boyles volunteered to serve on this committee.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) – Michigan has been approved to have a state CCBHC demonstration project. There are currently 14 approved CCBHC sites in Michigan – 11 CMH agencies and 3 non-profits. The Michigan demonstration is required to have at least one urban and one rural site, although they are hoping to have all 14 included within the demonstration. The demonstration will be operated through the PIHPs; currently the CCBHC's relationship is with the federal government, including all funding, reporting, and monitoring. A draft plan is currently being put together by the state.

Opioid Health Homes – Region 10 will be in the 3rd cohort of the Opioid Health Home (OHH) project. There are other regions who are currently operating Opioid Health Homes or who are currently developing them in their regions. Opioid Health Homes provide more integrated care for those recovering from or being treated for opioid use. The PIHP will be the lead entity and will be charged with developing a network of Opioid Health Homes across the region, which could consist of CMHs, FQHCs, hospital-based clinic practices, licensed OTP providers, rural health clinics, routine SUD treatment and recovery service providers, or tribal health centers. The Department would like us to have at least one OHH provider by October to be able to start this. Opioid Health Homes will receive funds for putting a coordinator or care manager in place to make sure that individuals who are receiving treatment are connected to physical health care and other community agencies that can address other social determinants that can interfere with the recovery process. This process is still in the early stages and we will keep this board updated as we move forward.

SUD Block Grant – Mr. Johnson stated that the SUD block grant funding was reduced by approximately 40% beginning in FY21. In October, there was an appropriations bill signed by the President that included over \$1 billion of block grant funding and Michigan will receive \$52 million in SAPT block grant funding through FY22. This will likely mean \$13 million for this year and \$39 million for FY22. The state is waiting to learn what the terms and conditions will be before they roll out to the regions.

FY22 Budget - The Governor released her budget proposal last week. Highlights include a \$2.00 Direct Care Wage Increase for the rest of this fiscal year; \$91 million to improve access and consistency of care in behavioral health; \$26.5 million to support CCBHCs; \$1.6 million to support the Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) office; \$15 million for one time maintenance and capital improvements at state psychiatric hospitals. The House and Senate will separately weigh in and provide their own budget proposals and a committee will be put together to arrive at the final budget.

COVID Relief Bill – The \$1.9 trillion bill should go to the House floor next week, and then, if approved, will go to the Senate. This bill includes an incremental minimum wage increase to \$15.00 per hour by 2025. It includes relief checks in the amount of \$1,400 per person according to income caps. In addition, it would extend unemployment through August, and boost the benefit from \$300 to \$400 per week. There is also \$14 billion that would go towards vaccines and vaccine rollout, and \$350 billion allocated to state and local governments to go towards the pandemic response and to cover the financial impact that the pandemic has had on state and local governments.

X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None

XI. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Mills to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch
Recording Secretary

Wanda Cole
Region 10 Board Secretary