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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: May 21, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PRESIDING: Lori Curtiss, Chairperson

PRESENT: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson

ABSENT: Ronald Barnard, Wanda Cole, Bobbie Umbreit

ALSO PRESENT: *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, CEO; Kelly VanWormer, COO; Richard Carpenter, CFO; Kristen Potthoff, Compliance Officer; Lauren Bondy, Quality Manager; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

CMH Staff: Dan Russell, GHS; Wil Morris, Sanilac County CMH

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. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Ms. Boles, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Robert Kozfkay, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

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

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the April 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Robert Kozfkay, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

V. FINANCE

A. FY2021 Budget

1. Monthly Finance Report – February 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter.

2. Monthly Payment Report – February 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter.

3. Monthly Finance Report – March 2021 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the report. Eligibility and revenue continue to trend up, primarily due to the federal policy where individuals do not fall off Medicaid. This is anticipated to last until at least the end of this fiscal year. The increase in revenue in November was due to the Direct Care Wage (DCW) increase for October – December. The increase in February is also related to the Direct Care Wage Increase for the months of January and February. Mr. Carpenter noted that the Direct Care Wage increase for March through September will be spread equally throughout those months, rather than in one large payment.

Traditional Medicaid had a surplus of \$27.6 million in March. Healthy Michigan had a surplus of \$5.5 million. The ISF and Savings for both Medicaid and Healthy Michigan are actual amounts as reported in the final submission to the Department. Mr. Carpenter anticipates a fully funded ISF and Medicaid Savings at the end of this fiscal year.

It was moved by Dr. Dani, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the Monthly Finance Report for February 2021 and the Monthly Finance Report for March 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

4. Monthly Payment Report – March 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter who noted that the Hospital Rate Adjuster (HRA) payments are on the report this month.

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Monthly Payment Report for February 2021 and the Monthly Payment Report for March 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

B. FY2021 SUD Treatment Service Rate – Transportation (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented a change to the SUD Treatment Service rate for non-emergency transportation (bus) from \$50 to “actual cost”.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Mr. DeElla Johnson, to approve the FY2021 SUD Treatment Service Rate – Transportation as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

C. FY2021 Budget Amendment No. 1 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the amendment and stated that the revenue for the year has been re-estimated due to the increased eligibility as well as the increased rates received October 1st. The increase in revenue equals approximately \$29.3 million. The expenses have increased also, due to receiving updated budget projections from all four CMHs, a significant portion of which are related to Direct Care Wage expenses; ASAM reimbursements totaling approximately \$100,000, as detailed below; and provider recognition payments, as detailed below.

With this budget amendment, Mr. Carpenter stated we are still anticipating approximately \$15.5 million of unspent Medicaid funds related to MH/DD services, about \$4 million of unspent Healthy Michigan related to MH/DD services, and about \$3.5 unspent Medicaid/Healthy Michigan in the SUD network. We are still anticipating fully funding the Medicaid Savings and ISF at the end of this fiscal year.

D. Regional Staff COVID Response Recognition (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented a memo proposing a \$500 recognition payment for all employees who are working at locations within the region during the pandemic. Providers who choose to participate would be reimbursed for payments made to their employees, plus 12% for administration costs. This would equal approximately \$4.9 million and is included in the budget amendment above. Mr. Carpenter will work with regional CFOs to clarify eligibility for this payment.

E. ASAM Provider Relief (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented a memo proposing a payment to providers of \$500 per clinician trained on the new ASAM Assessment. The estimated total cost would be \$100,000 and is included in the budget amendment above.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the proposed Regional Staff COVID Response Recognition payments and the proposed ASAM Provider Relief payments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

It was moved by Dr. Dani, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the FY2021 Budget Amendment No. 1 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

VI. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

A. FY2021 PIHP – CMH Contract Amendment No. 1 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the summary showing the changes to the PIHP – CMH contract and reviewed each of the changes listed. The changes are primarily based on Department changes to the PIHP contract.

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the FY2021 PIHP – CMH Contract amendment No. 1 as presented. Ms. Boles inquired if the CMHs have reviewed the changes. Mr. Johnson explained that the amendments are discussed at the regional CEO meeting before coming to the board for approval, so all CMHs are aware of the changes. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

B. FY2021 PIHP – SUD Treatment Services Amendment No. 1 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the summary showing the changes to the PIHP – SUD contract and reviewed each of the changes listed. The changes are primarily based on Department changes to the PIHP contract.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Boles, to approve the FY2021 PIHP-SUD Treatment Services Amendment No. 1 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson; Nays: None.

VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Curtiss asked Mr. Jones to chair the Committee, and Ms. Joyce Johnson, Ms. Thomson, and Mr. Strandberg to participate on the Committee to prepare a slate of officers and review reappointments to present at the June Board meeting.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recovery Housing: Mr. Johnson followed up on a question from the last meeting regarding the length of authorizations for recovery housing. Mr. Johnson reported that the current process is authorizations in increments of 4 months for up to a year. After a year, individuals can still be authorized for an additional length of time in one month increments with discussions on the person's progress towards transitioning to an independent setting. The Region 10 Access Centers have confirmed that the pandemic has been a contributing factor in stays lasting longer than a year.

SUD Block Grant: Mr. Johnson stated that, in addition to the \$52 million SUD block grant awarded to Michigan for 2021-2023, additional funds have been awarded under the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$45.3 million for the time period of September 1, 2021, to September 30, 2025. The state is required to submit a plan of how the dollars will be spent.

COVID: The Governor has agreed not to pursue making the MIOSHA COVID workplace rules permanent in exchange for more executive branch involvement in budget discussions with the legislature. MDHHS will be issuing revised COVID rules related to opening up and removing restrictions. MIOSHA will also be issuing a revised set of workplace rules on Monday.

Budget: The House and Senate budget proposals have been released. Both proposals include funds for Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) implementation. Also, the KB lawsuit (which has to do with access to mental health services for children) is currently going through settlement negotiations; the Governor's budget proposal has included \$90 million, and the Senate's proposal includes \$45 million to support changes that may be needed according to the final settlement. The House proposal does not include any funding in this area.

We are keeping an eye on these sections of the boilerplate:

- Section 236: Requires the same reimbursements for telemed services as for face-to-face services.
- Section 908: Requires uniform credentialing that would hopefully eliminate administrative burdens when people work in different regions or counties but do the same jobs.
- The Governor eliminated funding for the Salvation Army Harbor Light in the proposed budget; the Senate and House have retained in their budgets.

- Section 928: Regarding the local draw down; the five-year plan to eliminate it a few years ago had not been funded, but the Senate has included it in their budget proposal again this year.
 - Section 974: Would allow individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to choose a provider other than a CMH for their supports and services. The PIHPs would be required to empanel and pay those providers.
 - System Redesign:
 - Shirkey Redesign Plan – Senator Shirkey has issued a redesign proposal that contains a lot of the elements of the old “298” proposals and also adds in some of the “SIP” model proposals that former MDHHS Director Gordon introduced. The end result is still the same with the Medicaid Health Plans being responsible for the management of the public behavioral health care system.
 - Whiteford Redesign Plan – Representative Whiteford has submitted a redesign proposal that would eliminate managed care. A single Administrative Services Organization (ASO) would be created to manage the behavioral health care program for the state and would revert the CMH system to a fee-for-service network.
- Both proposals would require changes to the Social Welfare Act and the Mental Health Code.
- PIHP Board Meetings: Mr. Johnson stated that if any of the counties in our region are still under a state of emergency, we can still meet virtually. As those state of emergencies are rescinded, we will go back to meeting in person at Lapeer and other locations according to the schedule.
 - Everybody vs. Stigma T-Shirts: If anyone is interested in a t-shirt, please let Ms. Kalbfleisch know today.
 - Region 10 new location: Mr. Johnson reported that the search for a new location has been on hold due to the pandemic. We have not been able to explore new locations and have also been waiting for updated MIOSHA rules to make sure our new workstations are designed as required. Work on this should pick up this summer.

A. CMHA Virtual Annual Summer Conference

Mr. Johnson referenced the flyer for the upcoming summer conference. Those who are interested in attending should let Ms. Kalbfleisch know by next Wednesday. The Fall Conference will be in person and more details will be provided in the future.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None

X. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch
Recording Secretary

Wanda Cole
Region 10 Board Secretary

