

Region 10
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GROUP MEETING: SUD Oversight Policy Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – 3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI / Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
DATE: February 7, 2023
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PRESIDING: Kenneth Briggs

Present: Kenneth Briggs, Bobbie Umbreit, Todd Anglebrandt, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Michael Slater, Jeff Stoner
Absent: Ryan Ashley, Cheryl Clark
Also Present: Jim Johnson, Region 10 Chief Executive Officer, Rusmira Bektas, Region 10 Substance Use Disorder Director, Cindy Eckert, Region 10 SUD Administrative Coordinator; Jenna Mercurio, Region 10 Recording Secretary
Guests: Scott Masi, UFAM, Dante Jennings, GHS, Carrie Chanter, GHS, Heather Wayne, MDOC, John St. Pierre, Alex's Saints Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairperson Briggs and roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary.

2. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

3. INTRODUCTION – R10 SUD DIRECTOR

Mr. Johnson introduced Ms. Rusmira Bektas as Region 10's new Substance Use Disorder Director. He noted that Ms. Bektas has experience in the area of Substance Use Disorder services, and that she will attend the SUD Oversight Policy Board moving forward.

4. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

5. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Action)

It was moved by Ms. Shewmaker, seconded by Ms. Umbreit, to approve the December 6, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Todd Anglebrandt, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Bobbie Umbreit. Nays: None. Michael Slater and Jeff Stoner abstained.

6. ALEX'S SAINTS FOUNDATION – TYLER BETTELON – FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN

John St. Pierre of Alex's Saints Foundation presented information about how Alex's Saints Foundation was started in tribute to, and in honor of, his son, to help individuals, receive Substance Use Disorder services. Chairperson Briggs added that Alex's Saints Foundation supports those in treatment and recovery and is crucial in helping individuals with Substance Use Disorder. Mr. St. Pierre noted that his website (<https://alexssaints.org>), as well as flyers, are available with more information.

7. UFAM – SCOTT MASI

Scott Masi of United to Face Addiction Michigan (UFAM) presented on an annual event. It takes place on the lawn of the Michigan state capital building on the third Thursday, in the month of May, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Masi noted that this event provides an opportunity for stakeholders to network with other organizations. Mr. Masi described the event, advising of services such as integrated therapy, yoga, acupuncture, massage and Naloxone training. Mr. Masi hopes to work with PIHPs throughout the state, and gain support for this year's event.

8. GHS PA2 FUNDING REQUEST

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Ms. Eckert presented on Genesee Health Systems PA2 Funding Request (GHS). She advised that GHS is requesting funding to support a 2-hour community wide training focused on "Menthol Cigarette Marketing: Predatory Effects on Black Communities", presented by Minou Jones.

Mr. Jennings of GHS gave an overview of the presentation, as well as statistics to support the need for this training in Genesee County. It was moved by Chairperson Briggs, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the GHS PA2 funding request in the amount of \$9,000. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, Kimberly Shewmaker.

9. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Eckert presented the Region 10 PIHP SUD Oversight Board 2023 Board Members document, noting that Ryan Ashley, Cheryl Clark, Kimberly Shewmaker, and Jeff Stoner all have terms expiring on 03.31.2023. Ms. Eckert noted that Ryan Ashley has resigned, effective immediately. Ms. Shewmaker deferred her decision to continue on the board, until March 2023.

It was moved by Chairperson Briggs, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker, to extend the terms of Gary Jones and Jeff Stoner to 03.31.2026. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Todd Anglebrandt, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Michael Slater, Jeff Stoner, Bobbie Umbreit. Nays: None.

10. CEO UPDATE

Mr. Johnson indicated that at the federal level, an appropriations bill was signed in December 2022, detailing a compromise to decouple the Public Health Emergency from continuous Medicaid eligibility and the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). Mr. Johnson noted that the Public Health Emergency artificially inflated the number of Medicaid enrollees, leading to PIHPs lapsing Medicaid dollars to a large extent. He added that the Public Health Emergency is set to end on May 11, 2023. Mr. Johnson advised that he does not anticipate that this will cause radical changes to our system this fiscal year.

Mr. Johnson reported that the State of Michigan is rolling out a pilot next year, for recovery incentives (formerly known as contingency management), through the Medicaid program, for individuals recovering from Stimulant

Use Disorder, that may broaden to Opiate Use Disorder. This program is funded through Medicaid and matched with Opioid Settlement Funds. Mr. Johnson noted that Region 10 is interested in running this program in our region.

Mr. Johnson advised that the State of Michigan has announced that they are providing infrastructure grants through Opioid Settlement Dollars. He noted that there will be four grants, each grant will award up to \$495,000. Mr. Johnson advised that these grants would come out through EGRAMS, allowing providers to bid on them directly, and that these grants will not come through the PIHP.

11. BUDGET

A. Monthly Financial Report – October 2022

No report available.

B. Monthly Financial Report – November 2022

Mr. Johnson presented the November 2022 Monthly Financial Report noting that we are still in the process of receiving Medicaid based on inflated Medicaid numbers. He noted that updates for June of 2023 should show a reduction in Medicaid revenues.

Block grant and SOR 3 funding are being fully utilized, with no anticipation of any problems relating to this.

Mr. Johnson noted a change in PA2 (Liquor Tax) legislation, including a reduction of facilities debt, and an increase in the amount of Liquor Tax dollars available. Mr. Johnson states that previously, counties needed to provide 50% of Liquor Tax dollars to the PIHP, but moving forward, counties will be providing at least 40% (and not less than the amount provided in 2022) of Liquor Tax dollars to the PIHP. Mr. Johnson anticipates a modest gain in PA2 dollars for the PIHP from Genesee and St. Clair Counties.

12. PROVIDER NETWORK UPDATE

Ms. Eckert recognized Ms. Heather Wayne from MDOC as a guest. Ms. Eckert noted that in addition to the new Substance Use Disorder Director, the PIHP has hired Ms. Jacqueline Gallant as an OHH and SOR Administrative Coordinator, as well as a new SUD Administrative Technician.

Ms. Eckert advised that the in-person Substance Use Disorder Provider Network meeting, was successfully facilitated.

Ms. Eckert noted that planning is underway for the in-person Women's Recovery Conference, scheduled for August 10, 2023.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

14. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairperson Briggs, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Mercurio
Recording Secretary