

Region 10
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GROUP MEETING: Region 10 PIHP Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP
1570 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer, MI
Date: April 15, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PRESIDING: Lori Curtiss, Chairperson

PRESENT: Ron Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Lori Curtiss, Joyce Johnson, Bob Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Bobbie Umbreit

ABSENT: Wanda Cole, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Gary Jones, Chad Polmanteer, Nancy Thomson

ALSO PRESENT: *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, Chief Executive Officer; Kelly VanWormer, Chief Operations Officer; Richard Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

CMH Staff: Wil Morris, Sanilac County CMH; Lauren Emmons, Lapeer 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*)

Chairperson Curtiss changed item V.C. to SUD Network “Recruitment”. It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Ms. Mills, to approve the revised meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

It was moved by Mr. Strandberg, seconded by Mr. Barnard, to approve the March 18, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

V. FINANCE

A. FY2022 Budget

1. Monthly Finance Report – February 2022 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the monthly finance report for February 2022. He stated that TANF eligibles have decreased. He will be reaching out to the state to see why this has occurred as our understanding was that there would not be anyone removed from the Medicaid rolls during the Public Health Emergency. The Public Health Emergency was extended for another 90 days and will now expire on July 15th. Eligibles will stay high through that date and for 6-12 months after it ends. Under revenue, the Traditional Medicaid surplus is approximately \$13 million. Healthy Michigan surplus is about \$4 million. St. Clair CMH numbers are estimates as they are still figuring out how the CCBHC works into their budget.

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Ms. Umbreit, to approve the Monthly Finance Report for February 2022 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Monthly Payment Report – February 2022 (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the monthly payment report for February. He noted there are Hospital Rate Adjuster (HRA) payments on this report.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Joyce Johnson, to approve the Monthly Payment Report for February 2022 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. SUD Max Service Rates (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the updated rates that were modified to add certain codes with an asterisk in the max rate column. They are listed this way because, under our Medicaid contract, if an individual is eligible for Medicare / Medicaid, we are required to pay the deductible and co-pay. We are unsure what these amounts will be because they are new Medicare covered services. There is no history and there is variation in beneficiary coverages within the Medicare program.

It was moved by Ms. Umbreit, seconded by Mr. Strandberg, to approve the SUD Max Service Rates as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

C. SUD Network Staff Recruitment

Mr. Johnson stated that our SUD network across the region is having significant problems with staffing, including retaining and attracting staff. This is also occurring across the state and Mid-States PIHP has rolled out a plan that asks providers to recommend strategies for helping them get staff in the doors. We would also like to do something similar with our SUD network and ask them to submit proposals for using available Medicaid funds to help recruit staff at all levels. Ideas could be sign-on bonuses, advertising, more visibility in the community, etc. We would like to collect proposals and then come back to the Board with specific requests for approval. Mr. Johnson is asking for an endorsement from the Board that this is an acceptable use of Medicaid funds. There was a consensus among the Board members that it would be appropriate to use Medicaid funds for recruitment and staffing in our SUD network.

VI. **BUILDING UPDATE**

Ms. VanWormer reported that we are in the design and planning stages for the new building. We are focusing on process requirements, such as facilities, deliveries, and storage of supplies that we currently do not have processes in place for as St. Clair CMH handles those processes in our current location.

We are also determining employee needs and creating attractive and welcoming spaces for workstations and collaboration areas. There have been meetings taking place with engineers regarding data lines, electrical, and HVAC. There have been preliminary decisions made on interior finishes. The goal is to have the design plans completed by the end of May and then start the bidding process for construction. St. Clair County RESA will be providing fiber to the building and Comcast will be backup. Also taking place in the next couple of weeks is an IT assessment for equipment needs and furniture selection. There was additional discussion regarding budget and the likely effect of the current economy on the cost and timing of completion.

VII. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

A. Meeting Minutes (4.5.22)

Mr. Johnson presented the SUD Oversight Policy Board Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2022. He reported that Ms. Cole is resigning from the Region 10 PIHP and SUD Oversight Policy boards effective immediately. GHS will appoint another representative to the PIHP Board.

B. PA2 Funding Request – Genesee County

Mr. Johnson reported there were two PA2 funding requests: one for Genesee Health System – Hurley Consultation in the amount of \$61,077 and another for St. Clair County – BWROC in the amount of \$120,717. Genesee County representatives on the SUD Oversight Policy Board endorsed the Genesee County request. The St. Clair County PA2 request was not endorsed for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Barnard, seconded by Mr. Strandberg, to approve the Genesee Health System – Hurley Consultation PA2 funding request in the amount of \$61,077 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Opioid Settlement: The state has received the first \$16 million in opioid settlement funds, which are the result of a number of lawsuits against companies contributing to the opioid epidemic. The funds will be managed through the Attorney General's office at the state level. Most of the dollars are going to "subdivisions", or local units of government. Almost every subdivision in the state has applied to be a part of the settlement, and the state is starting to meet with the subdivisions to discuss the parameters for use of those dollars. The subdivisions have been given contact information for their local PIHP if they need assistance for identifying resources.

Inpatient Rates State Workgroup: This workgroup has been meeting regarding standardizing hospital inpatient rates across the state. They are working on developing a set of tiered rates with different levels based on certain criteria related to complexity of care.

Conflict Free Access and Planning Workgroup: Mr. Johnson stated that there is a Conflict Free Access and Planning workgroup that has been meeting for the past few months. This workgroup is looking at the conflicts of interest that are inherent when a single organization is involved in determining eligibility, assessing a person's needs, and providing a service. They are also looking at areas where there is a potential for conflict of interest from a financial perspective.

1915(i): There was a public notice put out by the Department that they are formally asking CMS for a delay of 1915(i) implementation to October 2023. The Department is required to manage eligibility determinations for any (i)waiver services across the state by October 2022, but they are not ready to do that yet.

System Redesign: There is no new news regarding the redesign proposals. There is also no news on the departmental restructuring. Many of the functions and responsibilities did not change, but the lines of authority have. We will provide updates when they are received.

American Rescue Plan Act: We are looking into using ARPA funds to add peer recovery support staff in the Access centers and to support recovery community organizations. We would like to support existing RCOs and assist in the establishment of RCOs in our region. The Department is clear that establishing new RCOs is the primary goal of these funds. There are currently two RCOs in our region: Serenity House in Flint and Blue Water Recovery and Outreach Center in Port Huron. We have received initial approval and have submitted a more formal plan and are now just waiting to hear back from the state before rolling out to the network.

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. Joyce Johnson to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch
Recording Secretary

Region 10 PIHP Board
Secretary / Designee