

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness
(Ionia County Community Mental Health)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2024, 1 p.m.
375 Apple Tree Drive
Ionia, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chairperson Nancy Patera called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.; Vice Chair Deborah McPeek-McFadden took roll call.

Member(s) Present:

Mary Barker, Andrew Dinehart (zoom), Clinton Galloway, Nancy Haga, Mariah Lab, Melissa McKinstry, Deborah McPeek-McFadden, Linda Purcey

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present: CEO Kerry Possehn, Chairperson Nancy Patera

Members Absent: David Hodges, Ron Thomas

Staff Present:

Brenda Charles, Nathan Derusha, Julie Dowling, Amanda Eveleth, Nathan Gelderbloom, Zach Heiden, Jennifer Jenks, Jenny Lumley, Lisa Lubenow, Teresa Martin, Jodi Mohr, Jennie Morgan, Melissa Peterson, Sarah Reeder, Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen, Kristin Vlahakis, Jen Ziomkowski

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

New employees were introduced. Jen Ziomkowski is Jail Diversion Case Manager; Jennifer Jenks is Adult Case Manager; and Kristin Vlahakis is Children Case Manager.

4. November 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Nancy Haga and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden to approve the November 18, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5. November 25, Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Mariah Lab to approve the November 25, 2024 Board meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to accept the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7. Financial Statements – November 2024

CFO Nathan Derusha presented and reviewed the November 2024 financial statements.

8. Pending Contracts – December 2024

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the December 2024 contracts as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9. Policy Review

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve Policies F-239 Advanced Payments and Reimbursements; F-255 Procurement; G-203 Rights of the Public; G-204 Board Member Development; HR-519 Conflict of Interest; HR-523 Competency and Performance; HR-534 Leaves of Absence; HR-591 On-Call Crisis Emergency Coverage; ITIS-411 Penetration Testing; RR-100 Definitions; RR-102 Recipient-Consumer Rights; and RR-124 Property and Funds as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9a. Generator at Belding Location

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the purchase and installation of a generator system at the Belding office location.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10. Election of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness Board Officers for 2025

MOVED by Nancy Haga and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden to elect Nancy Patera as Board Chairperson. Nomination was called three times for the position of Board Chairperson. Clinton Galloway made motion and Melissa McKinstry supported for a unanimous ballot. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Clinton Galloway to elect Deborah McPeek-McFadden as Board Vice Chairperson. Nomination was called three times for the position of Board Vice Chairperson. Melissa McKinstry made motion and Clinton Galloway supported for a unanimous ballot. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOVED by Clinton Galloway and SUPPORTED by Mariah Lab to elect Mary Barker as Board Secretary. Nomination was called three times for the position of Board Secretary. Clinton Galloway made motion and Mariah Lab supported for a unanimous ballot. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

11. Base Wage Adjustment – Calendar Year 2025

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve a base wage adjustment of 2.5% to the salary scale.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

12. Quality Improvement

There was no report given.

13. FY 24 Satisfaction Surveys – Contractor, Med Services, Peer Support and Post Services

CEO Possehn reviewed the surveys.

14. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

There was no report given.

15. CMHA Report

Board Member McKinstry reported that CMHA is advocating for residential services.

16. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that there is action being taken within the system regarding lawsuits toward the state department for issues with internal service fund language and CCBHC related language as well as rates not being passed down to the foster care homes. CEO Possehn also informed the Board there is no update about CFAP, the department continues to work with CMS. She also discussed the Tipping and Sick Time Acts that have been proposed in the Legislature. There is no update on the investigation of the CMH system by the Department of Justice regarding state inpatient hospitalizations and discharges. She reminded the Board that Alan Bolter, Associate Director of CMHA, will be attending our January Committee of the Whole meeting. CEO Possehn informed the Board that Liz Thelen has been in contact with Gryphon about some issues with the after hours crisis line and is doing some “mystery shopper reviews”. CEO Possehn will email Board members possible dates for a Board retreat in January or February. She also notified the Board that a Board Member application has been submitted to the County Board of Commissioners for approval to fill the current vacancy.

17. Other

Board Chairperson Nancy Patera thanked coordinators/caterers for the luncheon and gave holiday wishes.

18. Board Meeting Wrap-Up November 2024 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from November 2024 were included in the packet.

19. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board Chairperson Patera encouraged members to complete the form.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer