

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
3111 Electric Avenue
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

GROUP MEETING: SCC Community Mental Health Board
SUBJECT: Regular Meeting
PLACE: St. Clair County Community Mental Health
3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron
DATE: March 2, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PRESIDING: Nancy Thomson, Chairman

CALL/VIDEO IN: L. Ames, J. Bligh, A. Essian, J. Jowett-Lee, M. Partipilo, M. Paulus, E. Priemer, K. Schieweck, J. Totty, A. Tucker, N. Thomson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Guests Video Conference: R. Kiehler, A. Bolter (6 :36pm)
Staff: K. Farr, K. Gallagher, M. Measel-Morris, D. Johnson, K. Prowse, T. Goyette

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomson.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Alan Bolter, CMHAM

Mr. Bolter joined tonight's meeting virtually to conduct a special presentation of updates from the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan.

On Friday, January 22nd Robert Gordon resigned from his position as Director of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Ms. Elizabeth Hertel as Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Ms. Hertel previously served as the Senior Chief Deputy Director for Administration for MDHHS, where she oversees External Relations and Communications, Finance and Administration, Legislative Services, Legal Affairs, Policy & Planning, Strategic Integration, Organizational Services, Workforce Engagement and Community and Faith Engagement.

Mr. Bolter noted that there has been a lot of activity with the budget and reviewed that activity. The Governor recently proposed a \$5.6 billion COVID FY21 supplemental budget. (\$575 million would be state funds - \$275 million GF/\$300 million school aid). The bill must be negotiated with legislature. House republicans released their proposal which was about \$2 billion less than the Governor's plan.

Mr. Bolter reviewed four bills that were passed by the house last week. House Bill 4019, House Bill 4047, House Bill 4048 and House Bill 4049.

This week, the Michigan Senate introduced Senate Bill 114, which provides \$1.3 billion Gross (\$560 million General Fund/General Purpose) in FY21 supplemental appropriations funding for the state's COVID-19 response and recovery.

The measure seeks to provide supports for the state's public health response as well as businesses and schools. Mr. Bolter reviewed noteworthy items.

Mr. Bolter reviewed the FY22 Executive Budget. The budget includes \$90 million gross (\$30 million general fund) to recognize new costs related to the implementation of policy changes associated with the KB v. Lyon lawsuit settlement. These caseload costs will come from program changes aimed at increasing consistency in access to behavioral health services for Medicaid enrollees and those served through the child welfare system. The board discussed the lawsuit with Mr. Bolter. The result of the lawsuit is enhanced children's services.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)

On August 5, 2020 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that the states of Kentucky and Michigan have been selected as additional participants in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration. As part of the state implementation and roll out of the demonstration program, Michigan will be required to put up a small amount of state match dollars to draw down federal support for the program.

Substance Use Disorder Items

In November of 2020 PIHPs were informed that the substance use disorder block grant program will be taking a \$15 million reduction in FY21 (permanent reduction moving forward) due to an over-allocation of funds (lapse funds) by the state in past years. In addition, PIHPs were recently informed that federal opioid response grant dollars would also be reduced in FY21. These reductions have caused an immediate and drastic hole in the SUD budget for the current and upcoming fiscal years. In December 2020 – Congress passed the last COVID stimulus package of \$900 billion, included in that package was an additional \$1.7 billion for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Response Grants.

The board discussed with Mr. Bolter the issue of not enough hospital beds for psychiatric patients. Mr. Bolter reported that the department did do a study on this and it was determined that there are enough hospital beds however psychiatric units do have the option of denying admission. Adding more beds, will not solve that.

The board thanked Mr. Bolter for his time and were extremely appreciative of the presentation.

III. AGENDA CHANGES – None

IV. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- A. It was moved by Mr. Schieweck, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting of the SCCCMH Board. A roll call vote took place and all members were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

V. PRESENTATION OF RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS & ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS

- A. It was moved by Ms. Ames, seconded by Ms. Jowett-Lee, to approve the January 2021 Receipts/Disbursements and Electronic Transfers, as presented. A roll call vote took place and all board members were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

VI. **PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

It was moved by Ms. Jowett-Lee, seconded by Mr. Schieweck, to approve the Bills to be Paid for January 2021 in the total amount of \$3,998,634.88, as presented. A roll call vote took place and all board members were in favor of approving the Bills to be Paid. **MOTION CARRIED**

VII. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

A. **Alexander AFC Contract**

Ms. Measel-Morris presented the Alexander AFC Contract. The home is newly opened in St. Clair County. There is space for five individuals – licensed for both MI & DD. The home would be able to accommodate females and males. The estimated annual budget for the home is approximately \$32,033.00.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the agency given there are five beds available and a high need within St. Clair County for placements.

It was moved by Ms. Jowett-Lee seconded by Ms. Ames, to approve the Alexander AFC Contract, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VIII. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Funding Bucket Report**

Ms. Farr presented the January FY 21 Funding Bucket Report

- Year-To-Date Expenditures are running approximately \$44,500 under the Original Budget.
- Payroll costs are running approximately \$407,500 under the Original Budget. Mainly in CCBHC and Adult Services.
- Contractual costs are running approximately \$412,000 over the Original Budget. Mainly in the Autism department and CCBHC.
- Residential and Supported Housing running approximately \$177,000 over the Original Budget.
- Hospitals are running approximately \$110,000 over the Original Budget.
- Technology, Software, Network expenditures and building related expenditures are collectively running approximately \$177,500 under the Original Budget.

Region 10 PIHP Contract Funding

- YTD Medicaid Expenditures are running approximately \$426,000 over the Original Budget, with a YTD deficit of approximately \$387,000.
- YTD HMP Expenditures are running approximately \$118,000 under the Original Budget, with a YTD Surplus of approximately \$121,000.

The Total YTD Net Deficit due from Region 10 PIHP Funding is approximately \$266,000.

St. Clair CMH GF Contract Funding

- YTD GF Expenditures are running approximately \$221,500 under the Original Budget with a YTD surplus of approximately \$288,000.
 - YTD COFR Expenditures are running approximately \$111,000 under the Original Budget. Deficit spending of approximately \$10,000 covered by Medicaid.
- The Total YTD Net Surplus for St Clair CMH GF Contract Funding is \$288,000. \$80,371 maximum to be carried forward to FY 2022.

St. Clair CMH Other Funding

- YTD Expenditures for Earned Contracts are running approximately \$103,000 over the Original Budget, with no YTD deficit.
- YTD Local / Other Expenditures are running approximately \$14,000 over the Original Budget, with a YTD Surplus of approximately \$71,000.
- YTD CCBHC Expenditures are running approximately \$163,000 under the Original Budget. Redirected SUD deficit of \$73,500 is being covered by CCBHC funding.
- YTD SUD Expenditures are running approximately \$26,000 over the Original Budget, with a YTD deficit of approximately \$73,500 covered by CCBHC funding.

Ms. Farr stated that a revised budget will be presented to the board at the April Board Meeting. The revised budget will include the Direct Care Worker wage increase and new programming.

B. Program Operations

1. Program Updates

Ms. Gallagher provided an update of happenings within CMH Programs. We are looking into providing a Specialized AFC home. Three of our family run AFCs are going to be closing due to the home operators retiring.

CMH is contracting with New Oakland. They will be providing Outpatient services and a Partial Day Program. They are located in Port Huron.

2. Pen Pals with a Purpose

St. Clair County Community Mental Health (SCCCMH) is excited to start the Pen Pals for A Purpose program with the goal of creating multigenerational connections in the community. We hope our volunteers will be able to develop a relationship with someone they otherwise would not have been introduced to. Children and adults will be paired together as pen pals and each write six letters focused on different uplifting and positive topics. Letters will be sent to SCCCMMH to ensure that all confidential information will remain private and guarantee anonymity and safety for all participants.

Ms. Bligh questioned if there could be an email option for this. Ms. Gallagher will follow up with Ms. Zultak.

C. Administrative Services Update

1. Dr. Sial

Ms. Prowse reported that as a result of Psychiatrist recruitment efforts we are moving forward with an onsite visit with Dr. Sial. Dr. Sial is from Georgia and has 20+ years' experience in Child, Adult, SUD and has Medical Director experience.

D. Region 10 PIHP Update

Mr. Priemer stated that Mr. Bolter covered much of the happenings at the Regional level in his presentation. He added that Region 10 is talking about doing a study regarding Provider incentive payment for counties that worked during the pandemic.

E. Annual Awards Committee Report

Prior to tonight's Board Meeting the Annual Awards Committee met and reviewed materials for the upcoming Annual Awards Recognition event to be tentatively held Friday, May 21, 2021. If able to have in person the Annual Awards Event would have a limited number of people that would include last year's award recipients and a plated breakfast.

The itinerary for the event is as follows:

Date: Friday, May 21, 2021
Location: Blue Water Convention Center
Time: 8:00 am
Theme: "Hope Lives Here"
Cost: \$0

- The Board concurred with the Committee's recommendations for the recipients of the following awards:
- Community Service Award – Mr. Justin Westmiller
- Organization Award – The St. Clair County Health Department
- Employee of the Year and - Mr. Michael Kelmmer
- Team of the Year – The CMH Information Technology Department and the CMH/Riverbend Team
- Rights Champion of the Year – TBD

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Community Education / Public Relations Report & Upcoming Trainings

Ms. Johnson presented on what Community Related activities CMH has been participating in. Recently Ms. Johnson was interviewed by Ms. Jessie Wiegand from WGRT on our Veterans Services. We have been working with The Keel to connect them with people who want to share their recovery stories for an article they will be doing.

Ms. Johnson shared with the board that a simpler billboard design is coming out across the county, including digital billboards.

There are going to be a lot of up coming trainings. Information on the trainings can be found on the SCCCMH website and facebook page.

Social Media:

- Facebook: Page Likes: 2,841
- Instagram: Followers: 148
- LinkedIn: Followers: 81
- YouTube: Subscribers: 33
- Website: Page Views: 10,884

B. Community Mental Health Association Business:

1. Weekly Update

The CMHA Weekly Updates are available online for board member review.

C. COVID Updates

The last COVID numbers were 20 -25 new cases per day. Currently it is looking like everyone who wants to be vaccinated will be by July of this year. All CMH Staff who wanted the vaccine have received it.

D. Other

A. Ms. Johnson shared that she was asked by Keewadhin School to be a celebrity reader. She was recorded reading “Spaghetti on a Hot Dog Bun.” The video will be available for view on our facebook page.

X. BOARD FORUM

A. Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

The Advisory Council met and attendance was a combination of in person and virtual. The minutes properly reflect the meeting.

B. Nominations Committee Appointments

Ms. Ames, Ms. Bligh and Ms. Jowett-Lee created the following proposed 2021 Slate of Officers:

Chairman: Nancy Thomson
Vice Chairman: Julie Jowett-Lee
Secretary/Treasurer: Martha Partipilo

The Election of Officers will be held at the next meeting with nominations accepted from the floor.

XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Bligh expressed how much she enjoyed the presentation from Mr. Bolter.

Ms. Ames asked about having Program Supervisors present at the upcoming board meetings so that board members can gain more knowledge about services provided. Ms. Gallagher will arrange that.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Paulus, seconded by Ms. Tote, to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED.** With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Goyette, Recording Secretary

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