

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: CMH Board Administration ~ Summit Room, 2nd Floor
3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, MI
DATE: April 3, 2018
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PRESIDING: Edwin J. Priemer, Chairman

PRESENT: L. Ames, S. Armstrong, J. Bligh, M. Paulus, E. Priemer, E. Rieves, M. Serafin, M. Smith, N. Thomson
CALL IN: No one
ABSENT: J. Jowett-Lee, V. Lock, S. White
ALSO PRESENT: Staff: T. Pingitore, K. Gallagher, M. Measel-Morris, L. Gauthier

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Serafin conducted the Election of Officers. She stated that the Nominating Committee met and developed the Slate of Officers that was presented at the last Board meeting. The Slate of Officers is as follows: Chairman – Mr. Edwin J. Priemer; Vice Chairman – Ms. Nancy Thomson; Secretary/Treasurer – Ms. Julie Jowett-Lee; each have indicated a willingness to serve.

The Election of Officers was then conducted beginning with the Office of Chairman. The Nominating Committee has recommended Mr. Edwin J. Priemer. Ms. Serafin asked if there were any nominations from the floor, three times. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Ames, to close the nominations and unanimously accept the 2018-19 Slate of Officers, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Officers of the St. Clair County Community Mental Health Board for 2018/19 are:

Chairman: Edwin J. Priemer
Vice Chairman: Nancy Thomson
Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Jowett-Lee

IV. AGENDA CHANGES – None

V. PRESENTATION OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rieves, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 CMH Board Meeting, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Appointments to Board Committees

Presented by Chairman Priemer was the 2018-19 CMH Board Committee Appointments as follows:

Annual Awards:

Julie Jowett-Lee
Ed Rieves
Martha Serafin

Advisory Council:

Nancy Thomson, Chairman
Ed Rieves (Area of Representation: SUD)
Martha Serafin (Area of Representation: Intellectual/Developmentally Disabled Adults)
Mark Paulus (Area of Representation: Mentally Ill Adults)

Personnel Committee:

Ed Rieves
Mike Smith
Martha Serafin

Region 10 PIHP Board (Board Rep & Chairman)

Ed Priemer, St. Clair CMH Board Chairman
Steve Armstrong, SCCCMH Chairman's Designee
Ed Rieves, SUD Consumer Representative

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee

Nancy Thomson, Chairman	Rosella Mirabelli
Sue Bolton	Ed Rieves
Georgina Day	Adelle Schwan
Barbara Deegan	Joann Wilton
John Duddy	Lori Ames

Joshua Koehn (Port Huron Hospital Representative)

It is noted that the CMH Board Chairman is an ex-officio member to all Committees.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Rieves, to approve the 2018/19 CMH Board Committee Appointments, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Mission, Vision & Values Statement

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt the 2018 Agency Mission, Vision & Values Statement, as presented.

Discussion: As a new Board member reading this document for the first time, Mr. Smith thought the verbiage was long and involved. He suggested that simpler wording be used under each item.

MOTION CARRIED

C. Code of Ethics

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to adopt the 2018 Code of Ethics, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Agency Written CARF Board Statements

It was moved by Mr. Rieves, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to adopt the 2018 Agency Written CARF Board Statements, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. St. Clair Operations – K. Gallagher

1. Galley / Sail In

Ms. Gallagher provided an update to the Galley and Sail In Programs. She stated that the Galley Program is located downstairs and is our culinary program. The Sail In Café and Convenience Store is located downtown by the bus depot and provides sales and cashier training experience. Neither of these programs are time limited; it is based on how the student is progressing. The ultimate goal is employment.

Efforts are being made to recruit students for both of these programs. Several surveys conducted of those we serve indicated that they want to work in the community. As a result we are starting a 10 week employment class at the Sail In Café for people who receive CMH services; anyone is eligible to attend. We have heard from employers in the community that they would like the following areas addressed: timeliness, calling in, appropriate attire, etc. These areas are not just for the individuals we serve but employees overall.

The Galley Advisory Council met recently. This Council is comprised of members in the community that assist us in finding jobs in the culinary area and update us on areas they are looking for. Our Chef provides ServSafe certification training which is required for anyone working in a kitchen which is very valuable to them.

2. Employee & Team of the Month for February

Employee of the Month for February is Travis Wolff, He tried to get a hold of a person on his caseload and was unable to, which was unusual. He went to his home and found the individual in wet clothing and locked out of his apartment building in subzero temperatures. Mr. Wolff worked with him on figuring out what he needed to do in contacting the landlord, getting an extra key and warm clothing. He worked after hours to get this all done.

Team of the Month for February was Lisa Tippit and Michelle Nerkowski. Ms. Tippit and Ms. Nerkowski presented at the CMHA Winter Conference on the topic: “Teamwork: The Key to Making Our Peer Mentor Experience Work.” Ms. Tippit is our first Peer Mentor with a developmental disability. She spoke to her experience as a peer support mentor and life experiences. Their presentation was engaging and very well received.

3. Children’s Crisis Residential Home RFP

A letter announcing the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been sent out to ten (10) prospective bidders for the operation of the Children’s Crisis Residential Home. The deadline for submittals is 4 pm on May 18th. The information may be downloaded from our website or may be received by contacting Ms. Julie Louks. Ms. Gallagher noted that an outreach was made to Macomb County CMH as well for a list of providers to contact.

Mr. Armstrong noted that Innovative Housing was listed for a potential bidder. He questioned if they corrected staffing deficiencies as requested. Ms. Gallagher replied that staff worked with Ms. Renae Kiehler, Innovative Housing’s new Executive Director, and they are now in compliance. In addition, the Mobile Crisis Unit has been conducting random checks on staffing for all corporations. The home receives a call five minutes prior to their arrival. Ms. Thomson asked if there have been additional incidences of reduced staffing. Ms. Gallagher replied no, this random checking language is part of the contract and all are aware of it.

Ms. Thomson asked if anything has happened at the state level with regards to regulation changes. Ms. Gallagher replied no; there is talk going on at the legislative level with regards to regulation changes for physical intervention but nothing so far. Chairman Priemer stated that he has spoken with Ms. Pingitore expressing his concern that if nothing changes with the regulations it makes it very difficult to provide treatment for those individuals targeted for this setting. He is also concerned about moving forward with this project; Board members agreed. Ms. Gallagher agreed stating that it does make operating this home safely very difficult.

B. Region 10 PIHP Update – E. Priemer

Chairman Priemer stated that there is nothing to report at this time. The Region 10 PIHP Board does not meet again until April 20th.

C. Board Association Business – T. Pingitore

1. FridayFacts (03/30/18)

Highlights included:

Page 8: Addresses requiring beneficiaries of Healthy Michigan to pay more in co-pays and annual premiums if they don’t move out of the expanded Medicaid program to the individual insurance after four years; this does not appear to be happening. One of the issues is that 2/3rds of Healthy Michigan recipients don’t pay their contributions and 60% don’t pay their fair share of co-pays. Legislators want to make sure that these stipulations are being adhered to.

Page 9: Senator Stabenow is unveiling new legislation aimed at lowering the cost of prescription drugs. She has three different pieces of legislation she is introducing. Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. She noted that the most popular brand name drugs have risen 208% from 2008 to 2016 according to AARP.

Spring Conference (April 30 thru May 2): The conference will be held in Novi. No conference information has been released. If you are interested please let us know ASAP so a hotel room can be reserved. Ms. Pingitore noted that this conference does interfere with our Annual Meeting to be held on May 1st.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – T. Pingitore

Ms. Pingitore stated that she did not have any more information regarding the status of Genesee Health System being part of the Section 298 Pilot Projects. However, she did state that if you go the MDHSS website (www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/stakeholder298) there is information and links to follow. You can look on this website and see the actual submittals of all five pilots chosen. Another update was provided on April 2nd and announced that a meeting will be held on Friday, April 6 for each of the pilot participants to discuss how they are moving forward.

Of interest Ms. Pingitore stated that currently 25% of the Medicaid population is not currently enrolled in a health plan for management of their physical health; yet, the PIHPs are providing specialty behavioral health services to them. Because that group of people is not enrolled in a health plan it is not possible to integrate their physical and behavioral health under the pilot. A concept paper on how to handle this will be available by the end of the week from the Department.

Within the next couple of weeks the Department will be issuing a progress report which will address the policy recommendations from the Section 298 Workgroup. This is the group that Ms. Johnson was a part of.

The Department has contracted with the University of Michigan for the development of the evaluation criteria for the pilot projects. Currently they are working on performance metrics and will be soliciting input from representatives from the current system and external technical experts. Mr. Armstrong stated that creating the evaluation criteria is a big responsibility; if you don't have the right developers the information could be skewed. He asked if the Board Association would be having some sign off on the Evaluation Committee. Ms. Pingitore stated that she hoped feedback should be sought from both parties, not just the health plans and she will follow up with the Board Association with regards to the Evaluation Committee composition.

X. BOARD FORUM

A. Board Member Profile – E. Priemer

As part of the yearly process, and required by the Mental Health Code, Board members were asked to complete their Board Member Profile form and return to Lori ASAP.

B. Board Member Roster – E. Priemer

Board members were asked to verify their contact information and provide any updates to Lori.

XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss it was moved by Mr. Rieves, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ballor-Gauthier
Recording Secretary