

MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
3111 Electric Avenue
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

GROUP MEETING: SCC Community Mental Health Board
SUBJECT: Regular Session
PLACE: St. Clair County Community Mental Health
3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron
DATE: October 1, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PRESIDING: Nancy Thomson, Chairman

PRESENT: L. Ames, S. Armstrong, J. Bligh, A. Essian J. Jowett-Lee, M. Partipilo, M. Paulus,
N. Thomson
CALL IN: S. White
ABSENT: E. Priemer, E. Rieves, M. Smith
ALSO PRESENT: Guest(s): R. Kiehler, IHDC
Staff: D. Johnson, T. Pingitore, K. Gallagher, L. Gauthier

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. AGENDA CHANGES

IV. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Jowett-Lee, seconded by Mr. Essian, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting of the CMH Board, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

V. PRESENTATION OF AUGUST RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS & ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS

It was moved by Ms. Bligh, seconded by Ms. Ames, to approve the August Receipts/Disbursements and Electronic Transfers, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VI. PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO BE PAID

It was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Jowett-Lee, to approve the Bills to be Paid in the amount of \$3,581,809.28, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Attendant Care Autism Services – T. Pingitore

This is a new contractor who will be providing Behavioral Health Treatment Services – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to individuals from 4 up to 21 years of age. They will provide in-home ABA services as well as Center-Based services. Currently they have an office in Chesterfield and an office in Fort Gratiot; they plan to serve St. Clair County residents through both of these offices. The contract is for two years and is set to begin today pending Board approval.

It was move by Mr. Essian, seconded by Mr, Paulus, to approve the contract with Attendant Care Autism Services for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Life Skills Centers – Memory Care Services – T. Pingitore

This is an existing contractor that will manage the Memory Care Services Program previously operated by Visiting Nurse Association. All existing staff who were running the program at VNA will be moving to Life Skills Centers. This facility will be located on Commerce Drive in Fort Gratiot. The contract is set to begin October 21, 2019 which is the first day of programming and the last day of services through VNA is October 18, 2019. This is a two year contract ending September 30, 2021.

Ms. Jowett-Lee asked if transportation was provided. Ms. Gallagher replied yes, through our Agency vans.

It was moved by Ms. Jowett-Lee, seconded by Ms. Partipilo, to approve the contract with Life Skills Center: Memory Care Services for the period of October 21, 2019 through September 30, 2021, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

C. New Oakland Family Centers – T. Pingitore

This is a new contractor that recently went through the Request for Proposal for Outpatient Services for children and adults. They work in multiple counties right now and are looking to lease a facility on Tenth Street in Port Huron. The addition of this new provider will afford more choice to those individuals seeking outpatient services.

It was moved by Mr. Essian, seconded by Ms. Bligh, to approve the New Oakland Family Centers contract for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

D. IMPACT Contract Amendment #4: Residential Services – T. Pingitore

IMPACT submitted projected cost calculation information for FY 20 which supported a change in its residential rates (personal care and comprehensive community living supports). This contract amendment will be effective today with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

It was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Paulus, to approve IMPACT Contract Amendment #4 Residential Services effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, as presented.

Discussion:

Ms. Partipilo asked if this is allowable within our budget. Ms. Pingitore replied yes, IMPACT's request was reviewed by financial staff and approved prior to bringing this to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting Report – T. Delor

The Recipient Rights Advisory Committee met on September 10, 2019. Ms. Delor provided an overview of the meeting. Highlights included:

- 1) Aggregate Complaint Data Report: For the period of May 15, 2019 through August 29, 2019. During this reporting period the ORR office received 58 complaints consisting of 69 allegations. In addition they completed 17 previously pending complaints consisting of 20 allegations.
- 2) Goal Review: The first two goals have been completed and the third one regarding the statewide registry will be ongoing. Ms. Delor reported that at the Annual Recipient Rights Conference last week, speaker Representative Rebecca Warren spoke about her participation in the legislature and her strong belief in mental health issues. Ms. Delor discussed this with Management Team and will be reaching out to Representative Warren to champion this initiative, this is her last term as she is term limited.
- 3) Review of funding for the ORR Office supports the continuation of the current ORR staffing.
- 4) Rights Champion Award Program continues to recognize staff, recipients, local community members for their support of the rights system.
- 5) Site Visits continue as required; 85 site visits were completed during FY 19.
- 6) As a result of a complaint that involved the ACT Team, the Committee asked for a program presentation by the ACT Team. Supervisor Michelle Walkowski and Brian Fanion provided a very informative presentation that was well received.
- 7) The next Recipient Rights Advisory Committee will be December 3, 2019 at 12 noon here at CMH.

B. Finance – T. Pingitore

1. August Year-to-Date Funding Bucket Report and Financial Statement

Ms. Farr is at a conference therefore Ms. Pingitore provided an overview of the financial reports. She noted that the Year-to-Date Expenditures are running approximately \$395,500 under the Projection. Payroll costs are running approximately \$154,000 over the Projection. Contractual costs are running approximately \$67,000 over the Projection, mainly in Autism. Residential, Supported Housing and Self Determination are running approximately \$168,700 under the Projection. Rate increases were not in effect until April 1st. Contract Agencies are running approximately \$107,000 under Projection. This is due to the rate increases not being in effect until April 1st. Contracted Outpatient expenditures are running approximately \$19,000 over the Projection. Hospitals are running approximately \$19,000 under the Projection. Technology, Software, Network expenditures and building related expenditures are collectively running approximately \$244,300 under the Projection.

Ms. Pingitore stated that should Board members have any questions on the Funding Bucket Report or Financial Statement to please contact Ms. Farr who will be back in the office later this week.

C. Administrative Services – T. Pingitore

1. CMH Board Member Per Diem & Travel Reimbursement Policy

This policy is coming up for its regular review at the Committee level. There are no recommended changes by staff. Should Board members have any feedback, please contact Lori.

D. St. Clair Operations – K. Gallagher

1. Recovery Court

Ms. Johnson received an e-mail prior to the Board meeting this evening notifying us that funding for the Recovery Court has been approved following the signing of the budget by the Governor. Details are being worked out. We will be providing the clinical support to the Recovery Court and have a Clinician identified who is familiar with the Jail system. The Recovery Court is for alcohol/drug related repeat offenders who will be offered court mandated treatment in place of jail time. They report to the court; frequency is determined by the Judge.

2. Beautiful Me Partnership

Ms. Karen Palka, Executive Director of Beautiful Me, has agreed to partner with our Children's Services Division to address self-esteem. Typically this program is offered in schools for 5th grade girls who at this age seem to develop self-esteem issues. With our population we have started a group, on site, with six girls that are late middle school and varied in ages. We have assigned a Peer Support that will be in this program with the girls as well.

3. Other

The Fire Marshall went through the new Children's Facility today. Pending his approval, we are looking to start moving part of the Children's Services staff to that building on October 7th. October 28th is the targeted move date for ABA staff. An Open House is scheduled for November 13th from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm; ribbon cutting at 4 pm!

E. Region 10 PIHP Update– N. Thomson

The Region 10 PIHP Board met on Monday, September 30th. Chairman Thomson stated that the main focus of the meeting was the budget. The proposed FY 20 Region 10 budget was approved with certain areas earmarked for approval pending the outcome of the Governor's budget. Also all the contracts for the veteran navigators passed for another year. New to their website is a very comprehensive Provider Network Information page for SUD services.

Ms. Partipilo stated that she understands the Governor had several line item vetoes (147 stated Chairman Thomson); so we are sure that these items are surviving. Chairman Thomson stated

that the Governor vetoed the entire Section 298 and also transferred the funding for the SUD programs from one place to another and restored what SUD funding was taken away through a transfer.

With regards to the mental health budget, Ms. Johnson stated that it passed as recommended. There were increases in the Medicaid Behavioral Health and Healthy Michigan...both receiving a 2.75% increase and Medicaid Autism received a 5.75% increase; although the rates remained the same...which we have been advocating an increase in. The non-Medicaid budget (General Fund) remains the same.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – D. Johnson

A. Community Education / Public Relations & Upcoming Trainings

Community Education/Public Relations Report: Highlighted was the Community Relations Report for the month of September 2019. Mental Illness Awareness Week is next week. Scheduled activities include the “Celebration of Recovery” that will take place on October 8th; the movie “Coming Up for Air” takes place on October 9th; Depression Screening takes place at SC4 on October 10th. Flyers for each of these activities is included with the report. We also supported Port Huron High School’s “5th Annual Victory Day.” This is held for those students with a disability that would have a desire to play football or be a cheerleader are teamed up a football player or cheerleader and play football or cheerlead. There is ton of positive feedback from the students with a disability on their experience. We provided the pom poms and had a resource booth at the event.

Upcoming Trainings – provided was a listing of upcoming training open for Board members to attend; registration is required.

B. Community Mental Health Association Business

1. Weekly Update

This is provided as an FYI, much of the budget information is outdated since this issue was released September 27th with the recent passing of the Governor’s budget.

C. Senator Lauwers Response regarding Lakeshore Regional Entity

Provided was a copy of the letter sent by Senator Lauwers to Ms. Johnson. He stated that he will continue to monitor and keep a watchful eye out for developments both prehearing and post-hearing. He stated that he appreciated being made aware of the Board’s concerns.

D. Spravato Update

Ms. Johnson sent a letter to MDHHS Director, Robert Gordon, stating that we are still awaiting Medicaid approval in order to provide Spravato to Medicaid enrollees and asking for his help in expediting review and approval.

E. St. Clair County CHIP

Provided to the Board was a copy of the Health Department's PowerPoint "St. Clair County CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) for 2019-2023. It addresses health disparities and promotes health equity. It addresses stigma as being the leading factor why individuals don't seek treatment. The hope of the Health Department is that the community will embrace this plan and do their part.

Ms. Partipilo noted that she read an article that there is a public health care clinic in a rural Walmart providing both health, dental and mental health related services. They are hoping to make these services more affordable to all individuals. Ms. Johnson stated that one area identified in a survey conducted in the schools through the Adolescent Services Workgroup was the need for more Teen Health Centers; currently there is only one attached to Port Huron High School. Ms. Johnson stated that possibly through CCBHC funding and the Health Department's additional funding if we couldn't do one-day a week of health services in the schools throughout the County as an alternative to the Teen Health Center. Ms. Johnson met with Dr. Mercatante to discuss this possibility.

F. Agency Name Change

Many of the CMHs throughout the state have changed their name over the last five years. One reason given is that there is a disconnect between the name and the services being offered. Currently our name just states St. Clair County Community "Mental Health." To a family with a child having an intellectual/developmental disability they may not think that this is the place to call or if you have a substance use disorder. Suggested was moving the name to more "behavioral health" which puts the focus on the person's behavior not the person themselves. This is also a more blanket term that includes mental health. It was noted that it takes 1-3 years to fully transition to a new name. Ms. Johnson stated that she would also like to discuss this with the Advisory Council. Before she proceeds any further, Ms. Johnson asked for Board endorsement in moving forward to research the cost and what would need to be changed besides the letterhead. She noted that we would also need to ensure the public that we have not been bought out or changed Management if a name change were to occur.

Mr. Armstrong concurred with moving forward in the search he felt that the name needs to reflect what you do but also felt it defines the service area and population, shouldn't have to spend more time to explain what it is, something like St. Clair County Behavioral Health.

Mr. Essian stated that if the name helps to get rid of the stigma it is worth the price of change. Because it is happening often in the community right now with the hospitals, he felt that the timing is good to change the name.

Board support was given to proceed with the research in a new name and the cost.

G. Other – Nothing

X. BOARD FORUM

A. Advisory Council Meeting Minutes 08/28/19)

The minutes of the August 28th Advisory Council Meeting were provided for information.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Partipilo, seconded by Ms. Ames, to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED.** With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ballor-Gauthier
Recording Secretary