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PROPOSED MINUTES

SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

MAY 28, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Ballard, Lynne Brown, Linda Willis, Robert Kozfkay, John Groustra, Anna Lopez, Brett Lester, Nanette Susalla, Robyn Gorringer, Angela Weber, Joyce Johnson and William Gray

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Nicole Beagle, Beth Westover, Tony Shaver, Nancy Tezak, Sheila Hill, Bethany Fromwiller, Gloria Klinesteker, Linda Koepf, Marilyn Ryan, Nick Hauxwell, Deb Messing and Wil Morris

GUESTS: Jennifer Greer and family, Family of Gloria Klinesteker

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Chairperson, Robert Kozfkay, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance and Mrs. Robyn Gorringer offered a prayer.

II. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Deb Messing, Acting Recording Secretary, took roll. A quorum was present.

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Mr. Kozfkay acknowledged the staff in attendance.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Ms. Brown made the motion, with support from Ms. Willis, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

V. PRESENTATION: Mr. Morris introduced Anna Lopez as our newest Board member, filling Mrs. Mill's vacancy. Mrs. Lopez shared with the Board some information about herself. The Board members introduced themselves.

Mr. Morris presented the Staff of the Year Award to Gloria Klinesteker.

Mr. Morris presented the Partner in Recovery Award to Jennifer Greer.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to approve the 04/30/2024 Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

IX. CEO'S REPORT: In addition to the written report, Mr. Morris added:

- Road construction is still going on. Our parking lot won't be done until June or July. We will wait for the contractor to make that decision.
- Just worked out an agreement to share a Nurse Practitioner with McKenzie Health System. He and Nicole Beagle will be meeting with Marlette Regional Hospital about co-locating staff at their facilities or utilizing technology to make connection with folks looking for services.

- The work with Strategic Visioning continues. We hope to have the final document next month. We've been working on our logo, Mission Statement and Vision Statement.
- We have our Agency in-service day coming up and we hope to have shirts and the new logo for all, including board members, along with updated ID tags.
- We are in a good position with open positions. This is the best we've been in four years. Meeting with staff to talk about what will make working here a better experience.
- Will be reviewing a resolution opposing conflict free care management. This is being done all around the state. This concept creates a barrier between individuals and access to services. We don't want to create barriers. Region 10 will be doing a resolution as well.
- At the State level there is a bill sponsored by Senator Lauwers to allow physical management in cases of emergencies with children. This will hopefully lift barriers for homes that service children. Hopefully this will result in new facilities, which will help us.
- We are working really hard on our CCBHC recertification applications. One is submitted and one is getting ready to be submitted.
- Employee of the Month for June will be Deborah Morden. Deb is very detailed oriented and that is important for the care of our electronic medical record. Congratulations!

Ms. Susalla made the motion, with support from Mrs. Weber, to accept the CEO's Report as presented. The motion carried.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. AUDIT COMMITTEE (05/28/2024): Mr. Gray presented the report. The Committee heard a presentation from UHY on the compliance and finance audits. We are in a very good financial position. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to accept the 05/28/2024 Audit Committee minutes as presented. The motion carried.

b. CCBHC COMMITTEE (05/09/2024): Mr. Groustra presented the report. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Ms. Susalla, to accept the 05/09/2024 CCBHC Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

c. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (05/20/2024): Mr. Kozfkay presented the report. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to approve the 05/20/2024 Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

d. PROGRAM COMMITTEE (05/14/2024): Mr. Lester presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to approve the 05/14/2024 Program Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

e. CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (05/01/2024): Ms. Brown presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Mr. Lester, to approve the Consumer Advisory Board meeting minutes for 05/01/2024 as presented. The motion carried.

f. PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (05/13/2024): Mrs. Johnson presented the report. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Lester, to approve the 05/13/2024 Parent Advisory Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

g. OTHER: There were no other committee reports.

XI. PIHP REPORT: Mr. Kozfkay reported on the May 17, 2024 PIHP Board meeting. Attendance has been an issue. There is legislation proposed to allow virtual attendance at meetings with votes counting. A

financial report was heard from the CFO. They discussed trends with Medicaid funding. The state proposes to make changes to the Internal Service fund (ISF), which are funds to assist in emergency situations if funding is an issue. The state is asking for a portion of those funds. Actuaries estimate that each PIHP should have a specific percentage in case of emergency. The Region will be consulting with an attorney on the issue. A recommendation was made that a resolution be done asking for support from other regions on the issue as well. Election of officers is coming up. By-Laws were reviewed and approved. Grievance and Appeal Policy was reviewed. The Board Association has contacted the CMHs in the state asking them to contact their legislative representatives to oppose the legislation. The Region did a resolution in opposition. The 2024 QI Plan was reviewed.

Ms. Brown made the motion, with support from Ms. Willis, to accept the PIHP Report as presented. Ms. Susalla inquired about the staff issue. No report was provided at this meeting. The motion carried.

XII. OLD BUSINESS:

a. UPDATE TO THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) BY-LAWS, CDM #3333: Mr. Morris reported the proposed revisions have lain for the required 30 days. Ms. Johnson made the motion, with support from Mr. Gray, to approve the proposed changes outlined for Section 3: Membership, paragraph 1 as presented. The motion carried.

b. OTHER: There was no other old business.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. BILLS: Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to pay the checks number 56852 thru 57046 in the amount of \$1,606,870.88 as presented. The motion carried.

b. CREDIT CARD STATEMENT: Mr. Gray made a motion, with support from Mr. Groustra, to pay the credit card statement for the period 04/16/2024 – 05/15/2024 in the amount of \$52,760.80 as presented. The motion carried.

c. RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONFLICT-FREE ACCESS AND PLANNING, CDM #3337: Mr. Morris presented the proposed resolution and the background around the program. The nuances of the program will create many barriers for individuals that are seeking services.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING MDHHS DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT
CONFLICT FREE ACCESS AND PLANNING IN MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority is a public mental health authority established in 1997 to provide mental health services to the uninsured and underinsured pursuant to the directives of the Michigan Mental Health Code, and

WHEREAS Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority became a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Site on October 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS after careful review the conclusions of the Board of Directors are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;
- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;
- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest;
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan;
- Ignores, at best and disregards, at worst, input from persons with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/ structural upheaval inherent in MDHHS announced decisions;
- Will have a significant impact on the lives of those we serve by requiring them to: Tell the story to additional treatment providers, receive treatment planning and service delivery from two separate agencies and locations which impact travel and access to care, and will delay the provision of new services due to needing to meet with a new treatment plan developer each time a service will need to be added or deleted.

THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, in the strongest possible terms, and for the reasons noted herein, the Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

BE IT FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT, the Sanilac County Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors requests MDHHS reconsideration of its current decisions and to honor CMS waiver approval of procedural mitigation of conflict, and to pursue CMS approval of strengthened procedure safeguards against conflict of interest in Michigan.

Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried. Mr. Morris shared that there is supposed to be a rural exemption and we don't know how that affects us and other rural communities.

d. OTHER: There was no other new business.

XIV. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED: Mr. Morris reported on his attendance at a CEO Retreat with 38 CEOs from 46 CMHs. It was well attended and a lot of good networking.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Birthdays were shared.

XVII. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

DATE: _____

Robert Kozfkay, Chairperson

DATE: _____

Linda Willis, Secretary

DATE: _____

Debra Messing, Acting Recording Secretary