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GROUP MEETING: Region 10 PIHP Board  
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – Summit Conference Room  
3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI  
Date: July 16, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PRESIDING: Lori Curtiss, Chairperson

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PRESENT: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Wanda Cole, Lori Curtiss, DeElla Johnson (*arrived at 9:26 a.m.*), Joyce Johnson, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Nancy Thomson, Bobbie Umbreit

ABSENT: Dr. Niketa Dani, Gary Jones

ALSO PRESENT: *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, CEO; Kelly VanWormer, COO; Richard Carpenter, CFO; Kristen Potthoff, Corporate Compliance Officer; Lauren Bondy, Quality Manager; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

*CMH Staff:* Wil Morris, Sanilac County CMH; Lauren Emmons, Lapeer County CMH

GUESTS: None

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Curtiss.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

III. AGENDA CHANGES (*Action*)

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Ms. Mills, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (*Action*)

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Boles, to approve the June 18, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

V. A. FY2021 Budget

1. Monthly Finance Report – May 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter. Eligibility continues to remain higher than last year at this time and is stable from month over month. We are waiting to see if the Medicaid redetermination process will begin again in January 2022 or if it will be extended until June 2022.

Revenue is stable because the Direct Care Wage pass-through payment is being made in equal payments in April – September. Revenue is higher than last year in part due to the additional eligibles and in part due the rate increase received in October. Revenue will likely move back down to pre-pandemic levels three months or nine months into the next fiscal year, depending on when the Medicaid redetermination process starts back up.

Medicare had a surplus of \$31.5 million; Healthy Michigan had a surplus of \$7.5 million. We estimate \$20 million of that total will be carried forward into ISF and Savings, and an estimated \$10 million will go back to the state. There are some CMH projects occurring later in the year that may use some of that estimated lapse.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the Monthly Finance Report for May 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

## 2. Monthly Payment Report – May 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter who noted that the Hospital Rate Adjustor (HRA) payments are included in the May report.

It was moved by Ms. Cole, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the Monthly Payment Report for May 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

## B. New Payment Methodology (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter reviewed the memo that explains the recommended new payment methodology that would change the current payment methodology to a new risk-based methodology. This is being recommended by the Finance Committee and has been reviewed with the CEOs. This method would use the amount of funding received in the current month as the anticipated payment for the upcoming month. A prepayment would be initiated at the beginning of the month and a smoothing payment would continue to be calculated near the end of the month. This would also eliminate the need for cash advances and is the preferred methodology as long as the PIHP has adequate cash on hand to operate this way.

It was moved by Ms. Boles, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the new payment methodology as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

## C. Building Finance

Mr. Johnson reported that Region 10 is currently looking for a new building, as previously discussed with the Board. In addition, an RFP was done earlier this year to bring an opioid treatment provider to Port Huron and we have contracted with Meridian for this project. Meridian is also currently looking for a building in the area, so there has been some discussion with them about co-locating, among other options. Options we have considered are leasing to own, purchasing with a mortgage, or paying cash for a building. Mr. Carpenter stated that it would be beneficial to purchase a building with cash as we have local funding available, and we would get that funding back over time with reimbursement on the depreciation from Medicaid, at the same time saving on interest and closing costs that would normally occur if purchasing with a traditional mortgage. This is the option that the Administration recommends, whether it's for a single location or a co-location with Meridian.

There was additional discussion about the potential requirements for workspace, square footage, parking, technology, etc. There will be a full proposal brought to the board in the future.

*Mr. Carpenter left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

## VI. CONTRACTS

### A. FY21 PIHP – CMH Contract Amendment No. 2 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff reviewed the amendment related to GHS leased staffing updates.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Joyce Johnson, to approve the FY21 PIHP – CMH Contract Amendment No. 2 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

### B. FY21 PIHP – SUD Treatment Contract Amendment No. 3 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff reviewed the amendment due to language updates related to the ASAM assessment tool.

It was moved by Ms. Cole, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the FY21 PIHP – SUD Treatment Contract Amendment No. 3 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

## VII. QUALITY MANAGEMENT

### A. FY2021 Quality Improvement Workplan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (*Action*)

Ms. Bondy presented the report and provided a status update of goals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.

Ms. Bondy also reported that two recent External Quality Reviews have been concluded. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the FY 20201 Performance Measure Validation Review was completed, and on July 12<sup>th</sup> the HSAG Compliance Review was completed. Draft reports should be received from HSAG in September.

It was moved by Mr. Barnard, seconded by Ms. Boles, to approve the FY2021 Quality Improvement Workplan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Mr. Priemer left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.*

### B. FY2021 Performance Indicator Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (*Action*)

Ms. Bondy reviewed the 2nd Quarter Performance Indicator Report. Region 10 did not meet standard #4.b. Sanilac and St. Clair did not meet the standard for #10. CMHs have submitted RCAs/CAPs; Region 10 has reached out to SUD providers who did not meet the standard.

Mr. Johnson clarified that the indicators marked as new are not new, but the way we are measuring them has changed. The 95% threshold is no longer used, plus exceptions are not allowed.

During the Improving Outcomes Conference, there was discussion about reconvening the PI workgroup in order to make revisions to 4.a. and 4.b.

It was moved by Mr. Barnard, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the FY2021 Performance Indicator Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

VIII. POLICY

A. Release of Record Information Policy # 03.03.05 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the new policy that is only applicable to PIHP staff and pertains to the records maintained by the PIHP. There was discussion about the different records kept by the PIHP vs. CMHs.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the Release of Record Information Policy # 03.03.05 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

IX. FY21 SEMI-ANNUAL GRIEVANCE & APPEAL REPORT

Ms. Potthoff presented the report that includes data from the first and second quarters of FY 2021. Total customer service inquiries in the first two quarters totaled 95, which was a decrease from the previous year of 123. Total grievances equaled 15, which was a decrease from the previous year of 38. Total number of appeals was 10, a decrease from 18 in the previous fiscal year. There was one state fair hearing for the first two quarters, and there was zero last year. Ms. Potthoff reviewed enhancements within the Customer Service Department, as well as new reporting requirements. She also reviewed the analysis and recommendations as a result of this report.

It was moved by Ms. Cole, seconded by Ms. Mills, to approve the FY21 Semi-Annual Grievance & Appeal Report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Provider Staffing: The PIHPs have had conversations with the Department regarding the difficulty in finding adequate staffing for providers across the state and the Department has recognized there are provider staffing issues at all levels of the system. They have been asked to participate in helping to engage people, to help increase the workforce within the system, and to relax some of the administrative requirements due to the staff shortages.

1115 Waiver: The state was planning to meet with CMS this week to discuss key components of the amendment. One of the key things they are trying to do is delay implementation of the (i) State Plan Amendment (iSPA) until October 1, 2023. Because they are amending the waiver, it will go out for public review before final submission to CMS.

CCBHC: St. Clair CMH is currently a CCBHC, and they have a direct relationship with the federal government. The Department is implementing a CCBHC Demonstration Pilot that will have the PIHPs manage the CCBHCs, so the CMHs and PIHPs have been meeting with the state as implementation is set to begin in October 2021.

System Redesign: The Department has remained neutral on the two proposals, but they have spent time doing a more thorough analysis on what they could mean for the public mental health system. They are not commenting publicly at this time.

Public Health Emergency: The emergency declaration has enabled flexibilities regarding the expanded use of telemedicine and relaxing of reporting requirements during the pandemic. Michigan has also committed to not removing anyone from the Medicaid rolls during the emergency unless by choice or death. The emergency declaration is scheduled to end on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. There have been discussions on extending the emergency declaration, but we have not heard anything official. If extended, it would mean that the Medicaid eligibility redetermination process would remain as it is now for another six months.

Budget: Mr. Johnson reported that the HHS appropriations subcommittee draft budget bill includes an increase to the mental health block grant of \$825 million; \$125 million additional for CCBHC development; \$100 million for behavioral health mobile crisis response; \$1 billion for the SUD block grant; and an additional \$500 million for the state opioid response grant. The bill was scheduled for mark up with the full House this week.

Other: We received a couple of formal Thank You's to the Region 10 PIHP Board for the recent recognition payments: one from St. Clair County CMH on behalf of a number of their providers and another from Innovative Housing, a provider in St. Clair County.

A. Board Meeting Protocol

Mr. Johnson submitted information for the Board to consider. If we reach a point where we have several people who need to attend meetings remotely again, it is difficult to do so at some of the CMHs. We need to be flexible to be sure we meet the needs of everyone in a location that will accommodate technology needs. Chairperson Curtiss stated that it is acceptable to meet in Port Huron when we need to use technology.

XI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Board Profile Form

Please fill out and give to Ms. Kalbfleisch as soon as possible.

B. Other

Ms. VanWormer expressed appreciation to Mr. Johnson from her and the staff as he has done a great job representing Region 10 to the Department and Board Association regarding the many Departmental changes and requirements.

XII. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Thompson. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch  
Recording Secretary

Wanda Cole  
Region 10 Board Secretary