

Region 10 PIHP

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GROUP MEETING: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – 2186 Water Street, Port Huron, MI / In-Person and Virtually via MS Teams
DATE: February 04, 2025
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PRESIDING: Kenneth Briggs

Present: Teddy Pace, Kenneth Briggs, Todd Anglebrandt, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Bobbie Cutcher, Cheryl Clark, Gary Jones, and Jeff Stoner
Absent: None
Also Present: Ken Heuvelman: Region 10 SUD Director, Cindy Eckert: Region 10 SUD Administrative Coordinator, Tammy Haerens: Region 10 SUD Administrative Technician/Recording Secretary and Carrie Benacquisto: Region 10 Finance Director
Guests: Dante Jennings, Carrie Chanter, and Dexter Clarke (all three from Genesee Health System)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was officially called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chairperson Briggs.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

III. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

IV. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Action)

It was moved by Ms. Shewmaker, seconded by Mr. Anglebrandt, to approve the January 07, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote:** Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Cheryl Clark, Teddy Pace, and Olivia DeMoss. Nays: None. Abstained: Jeff Stoner and Bobbie Cutcher. Gary Jones had not yet joined the meeting and therefore did not vote.

V. Pillars of Hope

Dante Jennings and Dexter Clarke, with Genesee Health System (GHS), discussed a program that started in 2022 in Genesee County called Pillars of Hope. The purpose of this program is to go out in the community to create change and remove barriers to behavioral health services while engaging the community as a whole. This program is in collaboration with local churches and other faith-based programs and is also branching out to include other community organizations. Mr. Clarke informed the group that this program is open to anyone and while in the past events have not been well attended they have deduced the cause being mental health stigma. Their goal is to put an end to this by meeting with leaders and other community members to see how this program can better assist. The next event is Empowerment Days and will be on 06.14.2025 at the Genesee County Fair Grounds.

VI. Financial Report Update

Carrie Benacquisto discussed the financial report from November 2024. She stated that this is the first month that they can report on in the new fiscal year due to the closing of the fiscal year and audits. She reported on the breakdown of SUD grants.

VII. SUD Director Update

Mr. Heuvelman provided some legislative updates. Mr. Heuvelman reported that the Michigan House appointed its committee members and created multiple new subcommittees to provide oversight to State spending including public health and assistance programs. He also reported that the Federal Government continues to make sweeping changes frequently. He mentioned that Region 10 will wait for any guidance from MDHHS if any changes are expected to impact operations.

Mr. Heuvelman discussed Treatment Policy #04 regarding Off-Site Dosing and Extranet Requirements for OTPs that went into effect on February 01, 2025. This policy will change the rules for take home dosing of methadone. Individuals in the first fourteen 14 days can have seven (7) days of take-home methadone, followed by fourteen (14) days from day fifteen (15) to day thirty-one (31), and then are allowed twenty-eight (28) days of take-home methadone. Region 10 is working to discuss the changes with the OPT providers and develop a plan for oversight of this process.

Jim Johnson, CEO of Region 10 informed staff that he has decided to step away from Region 10. The PIHP Board has been working with their executive committee on a transition plan and have appointed Kelly Van Wormer, current COO, as the interim CEO. Mr. Johnson's last day will be February 14th. There will be a farewell open house that day from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Mr. Heuvelman extended the invitation to the SUD Oversight Policy Board members. Ms. Haerens will email out the invitation.

VIII. Provider Network Update

Ms. Eckert informed the board that the annual Women's Recovery Conference is scheduled for 08.07.2025 at the U of M Flint banquet center. Ms. Eckert is currently confirming speakers for this event. She also reported that the breakout sessions are almost full.

IX. PA2 Requests

Ms. Eckert brought before the board several PA2 requests needing approval for consideration. Chairperson Briggs formally announced that he would not be able to give input, contribute to the discussion, or vote on the request from CPI and removed himself from the meeting room for that time.

- *CPI* is requesting \$5,135.47 to provide transportation to the UFAM rally in May. They are anticipating about 150 residents to attend this rally in Lansing. The board did pose some questions surrounding the use of PA2 funds for an event outside of the region and if this was allowed. They also questioned if there was a way to know how many residents were going to attend from St. Clair and Genesee Counties. Finally, they asked if funds had been requested from Oakland County. Ms. Eckert stated that she will follow up with CPI to get additional information and see if they could provide a per-person rate. Ms. Eckert stated she will also check into the allowability of the use of PA2 funds for an event outside of the County they are allocated from.
- The PIHP requested a one-time use of Genesee PA2 funds to cover recovery coaching services provided by *Serenity House Communities Flint* for the first quarter of FY25. Originally it was thought that SOR funds could be used for this contracted service but after further investigation it was deemed not appropriate. The total amount requested was \$6,025. A motion to approve was brought by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker.
MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, and Kim Shewmaker. Nays: None. Abstained: None.
- *Great Lakes Recovery Mission (GLRM)* is requesting funds to begin a program called Strengthening Families in Genesee County. It is an evidence-based program that is 14 weeks long with 28 sessions and they plan to offer two (2) full courses. The program is in high demand with child welfare agencies and specialty courts. GLRM is asking for the amount of \$57,280 which would include the curriculum, staff, leasing cost to house the program, on-line evaluation tool, and meals for one cohort of the program. Ms. Eckert informed the board that GLRM plans to offer this course to their recovery housing residents, and they will invite family members of their residents to attend. The board stated that they thought that this is a big expense and would like to see them find a way to cut costs. The board also asked if prevention funding was available to use and Ms. Eckert stated that there was no prevention funding left. Mr. Briggs discussed the importance of family-based programming and the impact it could have in the community. Mr. Briggs motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jones, a not to exceed amount of \$57,280 invoiced at a per participant per session rate identified in the budget submitted by GLRM.
MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, and Kim Shewmaker. Nays: None. Abstained: None.

X. Any Other Business To Properly Come Before The Board

None

XI. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Ms. Shewmaker. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Haerens
Recording Secretary