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GROUP MEETING: SUD Oversight Policy Board
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – 3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI / Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
DATE: April 4, 2023
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PRESIDING: Kenneth Briggs

Present: Kenneth Briggs, Bobbie Umbreit, Todd Anglebrandt, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Kimberly Shewmaker, Jeff Stoner, Teddy Pace
Absent: Michael Slater, Cheryl Clark
Also Present: Jim Johnson, Region 10 Chief Executive Officer, Rusmira Bektas, Region 10 Substance Use Disorder Director, Tammy Haerens, Region 10 SUD Administrative Technician; Jenna Mercurio, Region 10 Recording Secretary
Guests: Sabrina Sassine, Meridian HS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Chairperson Briggs and roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary.

2. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

3. INTRODUCTION – NEW BOARD MEMBER, R10 SUD ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN

Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Teddy Pace as the newest Region 10 SUD Oversight Policy Board member, representing Sanilac County, and appointed by the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners.

4. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Briggs requested to move agenda item VIII. (Sabrina Sassine – Peer Recovery Coach) higher on the agenda.

5. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Action)

It was moved by Ms. Shewmaker, seconded by Mr. Stoner, to approve the February 7, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Todd Anglebrandt, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Bobbie Umbreit. Nays: None. Abstained: None.

6. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Briggs noted that Kimberly Shewmaker and Cheryl Clark have terms that expired on 03.31.2023.

It was moved by Mr. Anglebrandt, seconded by Ms. DeMoss, to extend the term of Kimberly Shewmaker to 03.31.2026. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, Teddy Pace, Jeff Stoner, Bobbie Umbreit. Nays: None. Abstained: Kimberly Shewmaker.

7. SACRED HEART RECOVERY CENTER PA2 FUNDING REQUEST

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Mr. Johnson presented Sacred Heart Recovery Center's PA2 Funding Request. He advised that Sacred Heart Recovery Center is requesting funding to support Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) in the St. Clair County Jail.

It was moved by Ms. Umbreit, seconded by Mr. Stoner, to approve the Sacred Heart Recovery Center PA2 funding request in the amount of \$888.00. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote: Ayes: Olivia DeMoss.

8. SABRINA SASSINE – PEER RECOVERY COACH

Chairperson Briggs introduced Sabrina Sassine, a Peer Recovery Coach working with the Adult Treatment Court (ATC) and Meridian Health Services Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinic.

Ms. Sassine shared her journey as a recovering alcoholic and drug addict, with a criminal record, facing prison time, or Adult Treatment Court (ATC). Ms. Sassine participated in ATC, MAT services, and worked with a Peer Recovery Coach, finding these services very helpful in her recovery. Ms. Sassine graduated from ATC, but still had an intense criminal record, and struggled to find employment. Ms. Sassine continued to stay sober, work the program, and began to taper off MAT services. She was encouraged to become a Peer Recovery Coach, herself. Ms. Sassine participated in training, and received a call from Kenneth Briggs, inviting her to join the ATC and Meridian Health Services MAT clinic, as a Peer Recovery Coach. Ms. Sassine stated that she would get to live the life that she has now. Ms. Sassine works with judges in sober court, attends conferences, and works on a team with agents that supervised her in her own recovery. Ms. Sassine inspires clients with her recovery story, stating "If I can do it, they can do it too". Clients can see that her life did not end with addiction, or because of her criminal record. Ms. Sassine noted that she was 29 years old when she got sober, and it is easy to feel like your life is over. This is why being a Peer Recovery Coach has been an amazing experience for her.

The committee thanked Ms. Sassine for sharing her story, and Ms. Shewmaker added that it is an honor to serve the Substance Use Disorder community with their lived experience.

9. CEO UPDATE

Mr. Johnson indicated that at the federal level, the PIHP is paying close attention to the Public Health Emergency that is set to end on May 11, 2023. Mr. Johnson added that the State of Michigan will do Medicaid redeterminations in April. Individuals that no longer qualify for Medicaid will be dropped off the Medicaid rolls. He noted that the PIHP does not have an estimate on a number of individuals who will be dropped, but does not expect that the decline will be linear. Mr. Johnson stated that the PIHP is mostly a Medicaid entity, with funding being determined by the number of Medicaid covered lives that are being served, and that there is a commitment to adjusting rates so that the PIHP has enough revenue to cover the Substance Use Disorder and Community Mental Health needs of the individuals in Region 10. Mr. Johnson noted that the PIHP is well funded based on a Medicaid standpoint, and that the PIHP will continue to monitor to ensure no hardship is experienced in the network due to lack of funding.

Mr. Johnson ended his update by announcing that this is the last SUD Oversight Policy Board meeting that he will attend routinely, adding that he will attend in the future if there is a need or request. Rasmira Bektas will be attending routinely to provide an SUD Director update for the committee.

10. BUDGET

- A. Monthly Financial Report – December 2022
- B. Monthly Financial Report – January 2023

Mr. Johnson presented the December 2022 and January 2023 Monthly Financial Reports and provided a brief update. He advised that Medicaid revenues are very high, and that the entire SAPT block grant budget has been spent.

11. PROVIDER NETWORK UPDATE

No update.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

13. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Umbreit, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Mercurio
Recording Secretary