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GROUP MEETING: Region 10 PIHP Board  
PLACE: Region 10 PIHP – Summit Conference Room  
3111 Electric Ave., Port Huron, MI  
Date: August 20, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PRESIDING: Lori Curtiss, Chairperson

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PRESENT: Ronald Barnard, Kathryn Boles, Dr. Niketa Dani (arrived at 9:09 a.m.), Lori Curtiss, Joyce Johnson, Gary Jones, Robert Kozfkay, Elva Mills, Edwin Priemer, Wayne Strandberg, Bobbie Umbreit

ABSENT: Wanda Cole, DeElla Johnson, Nancy Thomson

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

*CMH Staff:* Lauren Emmons, Lapeer County CMH; Dan Russell, GHS

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** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

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

It was moved by Ms. Umbreit, seconded by Mr. Strandberg, to approve the July 16, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

V. A. FY2021 Budget

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

Presented by Mr. Carpenter. Eligibles continue to stay stable. Federal government has extended the emergency declaration so we expect the eligibility will stay high through at least April 2022, and potentially through June 2022 if extended further. Revenue is flat from April – June as expected. There is a Medicaid Surplus of about \$34 million and a Healthy Michigan Surplus of about \$8.7 million. There will be a potential surplus of \$43 million at the end of the year, and about \$20 million will go into Medicaid Savings and the ISF to max out our carry forward into FY22. There will be a potential \$20-23 million lapse at the end of the year.

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barnard, to approve the Monthly Finance Report for June 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

2. Monthly Payment Report – June 2021 (*Action*)

Presented by Mr. Carpenter.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Umbreit, to approve the Monthly Payment Report for June 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

B. SUD Max Service Rates (*Action*)

Mr. Carpenter presented the recommended changes to the Max Service Rates grid. This list includes the services provided by our contracted SUD providers. The HA modifier, which is for adolescent programs, was added. In addition, there were changes to the group codes as required by MDHHS to provide more specific details. We did an evaluation of the max rates compared to our current provider network rates and what other PIHPs are paying. This recommendation takes all of this into consideration as well as our anticipated funding availability for Medicaid, Healthy Michigan, and the block grant for next year.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Mr. Barnard, to approve the SUD Max Service Rates as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

VI. PERSONNEL

A. Recruitment of Staff (*Action*)

Ms. VanWormer discussed the significant issues that Region 10 has faced in recruiting and retaining staff. Factors include the impact of the pandemic as well as the ongoing questions related to the long-term existence of the PIHPs due to the recent legislative proposals. She presented a memo with proposals for Region 10's recruitment strategy: *Employee Referral Incentive Payment* and *New Employee Sign-On Bonus*. There was additional discussion about the issues Region 10 has had with recruiting and retention, including the fact that it is a state-wide problem. Other strategies were briefly discussed, including increasing rates for lower-level employees, a severance package for existing staff

should the PIHPs cease to exist, and marketing efforts. An organization chart will be provided to the board members for review in the near future.

It was moved by Ms. Umbreit, seconded by Mr. Strandberg, to approve giving the CEO authority to put in place an Employee Referral Incentive Payment program and a New Employee Sign-On Bonus program as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

## VII. CONTRACTS

### A. FY2021 MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 2 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the summary showing the changes to the contract. The majority of changes are to align with federal requirements. There were also several items that were omitted from the FY21 contract that were previously in the FY20 contract, so this amendment is adding them back in. The normal process for approval of contract amendments is that Mr. Johnson receives electronically, sends to contract management for review, and then it comes to the PIHP Board for approval before being signed by him. Mr. Johnson noted that this contract amendment was signed in error by one of the PIHP staff. There is nothing we can do to reverse that, so if this is not approved by the Board, he will work with the Department to see what they can do.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Ms. Joyce Johnson, to approve the FY2021 MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 2 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

### B. FY2021 MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 3 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the amendment which extends the MDHHS-PIHP contract for one year. Instead of issuing a new contract as they have done in the past at the end of each fiscal year, they will do extensions to the contract, by amendment, for up to seven years.

It was moved by Mr. Priemer, seconded by Mr. Strandberg, to approve the MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 3 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

### C. FY2021 PIHP – CMH Contract Amendment No. 3 (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented an amendment related to GHS leased staffing changes.

It was moved by Ms. Mills, seconded by Ms. Umbreit, to approve the FY2021 PIHP – CMH Contract Amendment No. 3 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

## VIII. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

### A. Meeting Minutes (7.16.21)

Presented and reviewed by committee Chairperson Ms. Mills.

B. FY22 Corporate Compliance Plan (*Action*)

Ms. Potthoff presented the FY2022 plan and noted there were only technical corrections and one policy addition, which was the HIPAA Breach Notification Policy # 03-03-04. The Regulatory Compliance Committee has endorsed the FY2022 plan for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Barnard, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the FY2022 Corporate Compliance Plan as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Barnard, Ms. Boles, Dr. Dani, Chairperson Curtiss, Ms. Joyce Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kozfkay, Ms. Mills, Mr. Priemer, Mr. Strandberg, Ms. Umbreit; Nays: None.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Emergency Declaration: Mr. Johnson reported that the Federal Declaration of Emergency was extending to 10/1/21 and is expected to be extended at least one more time. Medicaid redeterminations will not commence until six months after that, which would be July 1, 2022. The extension means continued flexibility in the waivers with reduced requirements, monitoring, etc. We are hoping they will keep some of these flexibilities in place after the declaration ends, but that would likely require changes to the rules.

Budget: At the state level, there is no news on the budget.

System Redesign: There is currently no new news on the Shirkey and Whiteford system redesign proposals. Mr. Johnson has heard that House Democrats will be issuing another redesign proposal this Fall, but the details are currently unknown. The House and Senate must agree before any of the proposals can move forward to the Governor. The Department has been asked to review the first two proposals and offer their perspective on the impact to the system to the legislature and the Governor.

KB Lawsuit: The KB lawsuit regarding children's access to public mental health services is in negotiations between the plaintiff's attorneys and the state. They are proposing significant changes to how children's services are operated in the state. There should be a formal presentation in September detailing the changes.

State Staffing Crisis: The PIHPs participated in a meeting with CMS and the Department regarding the staffing crisis. There were requests for the Department to advocate for more flexibility on the DCW increase and other things, as well as incentives like loan forgiveness and temporary reductions on things that are causing administrative burdens to the system. The CCBHC demonstration project is expected to be implemented October 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, there are two new assessments for the SUD population: the ASAM for adults and GAIN for adolescents with an October 1<sup>st</sup> implementation date, and the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) which will replace what the PIHPs are currently using for after hours calls, etc. The Department has been asked which projects can be delayed. The Department has been receptive to our requests and will have further discussions.

MiCAL: Currently running in Oakland County and the U.P. The Department is ready to look at the next cohort of regions to start using MiCAL and will be meeting with PIHPs and CMHs. People can call MiCAL anytime for referrals and other information. In addition, it will be connected with the open beds registry. MiCAL is currently funded with COVID relief funding.

Supports Intensity Scale (SIS): We have received our completion rates from the state for SIS, the assessment for individuals aged 16 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The rates

are not great right now and are currently not monitored by the Department, but they are likely going to do so at some point in the future.

Other: Mr. Johnson noted that Robert Gordon, former director of MDHHS, has been nominated for the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources for the federal department of Health and Human Services.

X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Kozfkay inquired about the status of obtaining a new building for Region 10. He has concerns about buying a building and wants us to consider the options for both purchasing and renting. Mr. Johnson said there is no significant update at this time. Last month there was discussion about potentially using Performance Based Incentive Program (PBIP) funds if we are going to purchase with a mortgage. The intent is to bring different options to the Board for approval in the future, which could include purchasing or leasing

XI. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Mills. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch  
Recording Secretary

Wanda Cole  
Region 10 Board Secretary