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Region 10 PIHP Special Board Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Lapeer CMH, 1570 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer, MI

Board Members Present: Lori Curtiss, John Groustra, Ted Hammon, Joyce Johnson, Bob Kozfkay, Chad Polmanteer, Ed Priemer, Nancy Thomson, Jerry Webb, Rex Ziebarth

Board Members Absent: Bobbie Cutcher, Dr. Niketa Dani, DeElla Johnson, Gary Jones, Ken Lemons

Staff Present: *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, Chief Executive Officer; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

CMH Staff: Wil Morris, Sanilac CMH; Brooke Sankiewicz, Lapeer CMH

Guests: None

1. Call to Order:

Called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Curtiss. Roll call was conducted.

2. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None

3. Resolution # 2024-01 Regarding Conflict Free Access & Planning (Action Item)

Mr. Johnson stated that the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHAM) recommended that PIHP and CMH boards who oppose The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' current plans to implement Conflict Free Access and Planning (CFAP) should make their opposition known to the state by creating a resolution. Reasons for opposition created from previous discussions were presented in resolution form by Mr. Johnson.

Discussion took place on distribution of the resolution once approved.

It was moved by Mr. Groustra, seconded by Mr. Polmanteer, to approve resolution #2024-01 to oppose the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' current plans to implement conflict free access and planning in Michigan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote. Ayes: Lori Curtiss, John Groustra, Ted Hammon, Joyce Johnson, Bob Kozfkay, Chad Polmanteer, Ed Priemer, Nancy Thomson, Jerry Webb, Rex Ziebarth. Nays: None



4. Resolution # 2024-02 Regarding Proposed Language for FY2025 ISF (Action Item)

Mr. Johnson explained that the Department is proposing new language in the FY2025 contract that places a limit on the ISF balance of 7.5% of a single year's revenues as opposed to establishing the ISF balance in an actuarially sound fashion. He referenced the draft resolution opposing the contract language and listed the reasons to this opposition as contained in the document. Region 10 would be required to return approximately \$35 million if the contract is signed with this language. There was discussion about the questions raised by Mr. Groustra by email that were answered by Mr. Carpenter. The questions and answers along with the latest actuarial analysis and recommendations provided by Mr. Carpenter will be kept with the meeting materials for reference. The resolution if approved will request that MDHHS remove the language limiting the funding and use of the ISF and respect the existing federal guidelines for establishment and use of an ISF by entities such as ours.

It was moved by Mr. Kozfkay, seconded by Mr. Ziebarth, to approve resolution #2024-02 opposing the MDHHS proposed language for FY2025 limiting the funding and use of the ISF, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote.** Ayes: Lori Curtiss, John Groustra, Ted Hammon, Joyce Johnson, Bob Kozfkay, Chad Polmanteer, Ed Priemer, Nancy Thomson, Jerry Webb, Rex Ziebarth. Nays: None

5. Waskul Settlement Objection (Action Item)

Mr. Johnson reported that Washtenaw CMH, the CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan (Region 6), and the State of Michigan have been involved in the Waskul lawsuit. The case centered around people in the Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW) Program who were also in self-determined relationships having insufficient funds to engage in Community Living Supports (CLS). The state agreed to a settlement independent of Washtenaw CMH and Region 6, who were not in agreement with the settlement. The state's settlement provides that CLS services for people in self-determined arrangements should be funded at \$31/hour. Mr. Johnson listed the concerns with this settlement. This will affect all regions in the state, not just Region 6.

CMHA is asking PIHPs/CMHSPs to either file an objection to this settlement with the court, due to the court by July 15th, or file a declaration of support with Washtenaw CMH or MHHPSM, which is due to either of those entities by June 14th - these would be attached to Washtenaw CMH and/or Region 6's court filing. There was further discussion about the lawsuit and the ways Region 10 can support opposition to this settlement.

Mr. Johnson reported that he had been in contact with the Region 10 CMHSP CEOs and that they had all agreed that submitting this as a region was preferred to submitting separate declarations.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Ziebarth, to allow Mr. Johnson to create both a declaration opposing the Waskul settlement and an objection to the Waskul settlement. **MOTION CARRIED**



6. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None

7. Adjournment (Action Item)

It was moved by Mr. Ziebarth to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch,
Recording Secretary

Ken Lemons
Secretary