

AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority

D. Jay O'Farrell, Board Chairperson
Diane C. Pelts, M.A., Chief Executive Officer

Board Meeting
Monday, May 28, 2024
5:00 p.m., St. Vincent's Annex
MINUTES

1. CONVENE

a. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority Board was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in the St. Vincent's Annex in West Branch. Chairperson D. Jay O'Farrell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A virtual option via Microsoft TEAMS was also offered for public attendance.

b. Roll Call

Board members physically present: D. Jay O'Farrell, Chuck Varner, Gary Klacking, Patti Casey, Rose Walsh, Debra Welsch, Bonnie Lixey, Roberta Roulo, and Jill Gould

Board members present via video conference: Mark Surbrook

Board members excused: Amy Knepp and Brenda Simmons

Board members absent: None

Staff present: Diane Pelts, Jennifer Carr, Tyler Rood, Jennifer Warner, and Joseph Chrivia

Staff present via video conference: Teresa Tokarczyk, Laura Marentette, Michon VanWormer, Inna Mason, Regina Demetrakeas, Trish Otremba, and Kristi Root

Staff absent: None

Guests: Christina Schaub, Roslund Prestage & Company

Guests via video conference: None

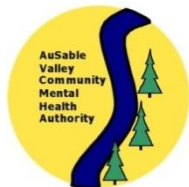
A quorum was present.

c. Approval of Board meeting minutes

It was moved by Ms. Welsch and seconded by Ms. Lixey to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024 Board meeting as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

d. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Varner and seconded by Ms. Gould to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion passed.



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e. Correspondence

Ms. Pelts said the Board packet contains three newsletters (the Download Newsletter, the Recipient Rights newsletter, and the Training Newsletter), a flyer for the Agency picnics, a thank you letter from FISH, and six Employee Spotlights. Ms. Pelts reviewed each with the Board and reminded them that the Board of Directors will be featured in the November spotlights.

f. Legislative Updates

Ms. Pelts said there are five editions of *This Week in Lansing* in the packet for them to read and review.

g. Announcements – Ms. Pelts announced that this is Ms. Roulo’s last meeting as a member of the Board of Directors. She said Ms. Roulo has served on the Board since 2012 and thanked her for her years of service.

h. Public Comments – Ms. Pelts stated she and Ms. Trask received numerous emails in appreciation for the recent employee incentive payments. She thanked the Board for approving these payments.

2. BOARD EDUCATION

Jennifer Warner, Accounting Manager, introduced Christina Schaub of Rosland, Prestage, and Company. She said this is the firm that conducted AuSable Valley’s 2023 financial compliance audit.

Ms. Schaub reminded the Board that the report had been sent to each of them already. She began by explaining the duties of the auditor and what the audit entails. She summarized by saying AuSable Valley had a clean audit with no instances of non-compliance to report.

Ms. Schaub reviewed all sections of the report and detailed the Agency’s assets, liabilities, and overall net position. She explained the Agency had a positive \$5.5 million net position at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2023.

Ms. Schaub and the Board discussed the audit report. All questions were answered.

It was moved by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Casey to accept the FY23 Financial audit as presented. Roll call vote taken. All ayes; motion passed.

3. REPORTS

a. Chairman – None.

b. Board Association – None.

c. NMRE

Ms. Pelts said the E&F Committee will have a motion request to approve a Resolution Opposing Conflict-free Access and Planning that MDHHS is pushing for implementation on October 1, 2024. She explained the parameters of CFAP are in direct conflict with person-centered planning and make no sense in the realm of a managed care system. The NMRE Board of Directors is drafting a similar resolution and suggests each CMHSP adopt their own and forward to elected officials. Ms. Pelts indicated the last CMHAM Action Alert regarding this has elicited over 900 responses to legislators.

Mr. O'Farrell shared that the NMRE is continuing oversight of Northern Lakes CMH. A presentation by Rehmann was given at the last Board meeting regarding numerous areas of concern related to their Human Resource practices. A forensic audit is still pending.

Mr. O'Farrell also announced that Gary Klacking is the new NMRE Board Chair.

d. Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Pelts said Governor Whitmer signed Senate Bill 27 to bring parity to mental health coverage to Michigan citizens last week. She detailed the parity plan and explained what exactly that means. Ms. Pelts discussed what must be offered and the criteria that must be met so that insurance plans provide the same equitable coverage for physical health care and mental health care. Discussion ensued between her and the Board. Ms. Pelts said she believes all people, regardless of political positions, should appreciate this achievement.

e. Committee

(1) Human Resources – May 6, 2024

Committee member Gary Klacking read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions which required board approval.

(2) Facilities – May 9, 2024

Committee member Chuck Varner read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Varner and seconded by Ms. Casey to place a 2011 Ford Fusion and 2011 Ford E350 van for auction with minimum bids of \$500 and \$1000, respectively. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Varner and seconded by Mr. Klacking to approve the purchase of five vehicles, two wheelchair accessible vans and three crossovers, for an estimated total cost of \$226,000. All ayes; motion passed.

(3) Program – May 9, 2024

Committee Chair Patti Casey read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions which required board approval.

(4) Recipient Rights Advisory – May 14, 2024

Committee Chair Rose Walsh read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions which required board approval.

(5) Recipient Rights Appeal – May 14, 2024

Committee Chair Rose Walsh read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions which required board approval.

(6) Executive & Finance – May 21, 2024

Committee Chair Bonnie Lixey read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Ms. Lixey and seconded by Ms. Walsh to accept the March financial statements as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Ms. Lixey and seconded by Ms. Casey to approve the resolution opposing the MDHHS Decision on Conflict-free Access and Planning. Roll call vote taken. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Ms. Lixey and seconded by Ms. Welsch to approve two new contracts (Aimee LaFear and Propio Language Services). Additionally, there was one single-service agreement (Piedmont Home). All ayes; motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Pelts stated the Agency Rebranding Committee met today. She named the members and said they received four designs. One was discarded for reasons which Ms. Pelts explained and the other three were carefully considered. The Committee eliminated another design and discussed the two finalists at length with feedback and suggestions given to Inspiration Studio Designs. Their team will then take the new thoughts and ideas and tweak the designs. Once complete, another meeting will be held.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pelts announced Ms. Welsch secured two more gift certificates from Tawas Creek Golf Course which will be added to the PAC silent auction at the Board Conference. Additionally, Lakewood Shores donated a second gift certificate for another golf outing. Ms. Pelts suggested holding the second gift certificate from Lakewood Shores until the Fall Conference PAC fundraiser. The Board concurred.

6. COMMENTS

a. Board

Ms. Walsh commented on the passing of former Board member, Al Evans. She took a moment to remember his years of service and contribution to the Agency. Ms. Walsh recommended doing something in his name. The Board concurred.

Ms. Casey thanked Ms. Roulo for her service to the Board and the community.

Ms. Casey thanked Ms. Pelts for donating several Narcan kits. She said they are now available in various libraries in Iosco County.

b. Public

Laura Marentette said additional harm reduction kits and stations were received and are being delivered throughout the area.

7. MEETING DATES

a. Board

(1) Monday, June 24; 5:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

b. Committees

- (1) Human Resources – Monday, June 3; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent’s Annex
- (2) Facilities – Thursday, June 13; 3:00 p.m.; St. Vincent’s Annex
- (3) Program – Thursday, June 13; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent’s Annex
- (4) Executive & Finance – Tuesday, June 18; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent’s Annex
- (5) Recipient Rights Advisory – No meeting scheduled
- (6) Recipient Rights Appeals – No meeting scheduled

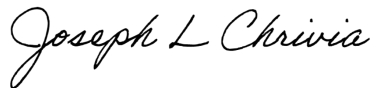
c. Other

- (1) CMHAM Summer Conference: June 11-12, Traverse City
- (2) Agency Picnics: July 29 – Oscoda; July 30 – West Branch; July 31 – Tawas City; August 1 - Mio
- (3) CMHAM Fall Conference: October 21-22; Traverse City

8. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. O’Farrell and seconded by Ms. Casey to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph L. Chrivia
Recording Secretary