

AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority

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

Board Meeting
Monday, August 26, 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 Monday, August 26, 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

Prior to roll call commencing, Mr. O'Farrell introduced Matthew Jordan to the Board. He stated Mr. Jordan was recently appointed by the Iosco County Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy left by Roberta Roulo.

Board members physically present: D. Jay O'Farrell, Gary Klacking, Mark Surbrook, Patti Casey, Rose Walsh, Debra Welsch, Chuck Varner, Bonnie Lixey, Amy Knepp, Brenda Simmons, Matt Jordan, and Jill Gould

Board members present via video conference: None

Board members excused: None

Board members absent: None

Staff present: Diane Pelts, Tyler Rood, and Joseph Chrivia

Staff present via video conference: Jennifer Warner, Laura Marentette, Shirley McMahon, Inna Mason, Jennifer Carr, Teresa Tokarczyk, Regina Demetrakeas, Patty Barrett, Trish Otremba, Sydney Larsen, Michon VanWormer, and Laura Sisco

Staff absent: None

Guests: None

Guests via video conference: None

A quorum was present.

c. Approval of Board meeting minutes

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



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d. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Varner and seconded by Mr. Surbrook to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

e. Correspondence

Ms. Pelts said the Board packet contains several items of correspondence for the Board to review. First, the family of Dr. Liu sent a thank you card as well as a charitable donation in his memory to the Agency. Ms. Pelts explained Dr. Liu was a children's psychiatrist with the Agency for many years and he recently passed after a short illness.

There were four newsletters (the Agency Quarterly, the Download, the training Newsletter, and the CLS Newsletter). Ms. Pelts thanked staff who help create these newsletters as they contain useful information for all.

Finally, there were two Employee Spotlights from the Assertive Community Treatment team.

f. Legislative Updates

Ms. Pelts said there are several items in this section. She said the first is the 2024 State of Mental Health in America Report which includes statistics from across the nation. She highlighted several areas and discussion ensued on mental health as a whole.

Next, was a joint letter from the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Michigan Association of Counties, and the Community Mental Health of Michigan, commenting on the proposed 1115 Medicaid Waiver language relative to the Medicaid exclusion for incarcerated individuals as well as reentry into the community. Mr. O'Farrell commented that rural communities do not have the funding to provide additional services in county jails. Allowing Medicaid to remain intact pre-adjudication will be very helpful to counties.

She stated there are three editions of *This Week in Lansing* in the packet to read and review.

Finally, Ms. Pelts shared the MHSA Report. She said this is drafted by the lobbying firm used by the Board Association. She said it gives information on several political races and outcomes.

g. Announcements – None.

h. Public Comments – None.

2. BOARD EDUCATION

Ms. Pelts stated Ms. Casey would be reviewing the results from the 2024 Board Self-evaluation, which were include in BoardEffects. She reviewed each question and discussion ensued. Ms. Casey reminded all board members to raise any concerns with the Board Chair, Jay O'Farrell, or the Chief Executive Officer, Diane Pelts. Ms. Casey reviewed comments made by the Board.

Ms. Pelts stated she can add any topic to Board Education if there is something a board member wants to learn more about. She said to notify her and she will address the subject.

3. REPORTS

a. Chairperson – Mr. O'Farrell appointed Mr. Jordan to the Human Resources Committee.

b. Board Association – None.

d. NMRE – Mr. Klacking said the NMRE meets on Wednesday.

d. Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Pelts said her full report, along with several photographs, are in BoardEffect for their review. She said this month's report focused on the recent All-staff event. She said the All-staff is held annually in Hale and takes place over two days. She said this year's theme was *Rolling Out the Red Carpet*. She said this meshed perfectly with the unveiling of the Agency rebrand. She explained how the event transpired and walked the Board through the day's activities. Ms. Pelts reviewed the day's agenda and highlighted portions from the guest speaker and staff who presented. She said there is a lot of work that goes into making the All-staff a success and many staff participate. She listed staff members involved in the planning and preparation of the event and thanked them all for their hard work.

e. Committee

(1) Human Resources – August 5, 2024

Committee Chair Amy Knepp read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Ms. Knepp and seconded by Mr. Surbrook to increase Staff Recruitment Incentives until December 31, 2024, as proposed. Roll call vote taken. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Ms. Knepp and seconded by Ms. Welsch to agree that policy had been followed in a recent employee termination. All ayes; motion passed.

(2) Executive & Finance – August 20, 2024

Committee Chair Bonnie Lixey read the Committee meeting minutes.

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

It was moved by Ms. Lixey and seconded by Mr. Klacking to approve one contract amendment (Lighthouse Rehab). Additionally, there was one single-service agreement (Harbor Oaks). All ayes; motion passed.

(3) Facilities – Did not meet

(4) Program – Did not meet

(5) Recipient Rights Advisory – Did not meet

(6) Recipient Rights Appeals – Did not meet

4. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Pelts shared a proposed draft press release announcing the rebranding of AuSable Valley. She and the Board discussed the next steps in the rebranding process.

5. NEW BUSINESS – none.

6. COMMENTS

a. Board

Mr. Klacking had one question pertaining to an unfamiliar term in the legislative updates section, which was answered and explained.

Ms. Casey stated she saw Laura Marentette, Health Services Program Director, purchasing treats for her staff as a token of appreciation. She said it is very nice when supervisors go out of their way to show appreciation to their staff.

b. Public – None

7. MEETING DATES

a. Board

(1) Monday, September 23; 5:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

b. Committees

(1) Human Resources – Monday, September 9; 4:00 p.m.; Microsoft TEAMS

(2) Facilities – Thursday, September 12; 3:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(3) Program – Thursday, September 12; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(4) Executive & Finance – Tuesday, September 17; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(5) Recipient Rights Advisory – No meeting scheduled

(6) Recipient Rights Appeals – No meeting scheduled

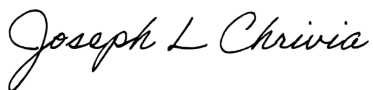
c. Other

(1) CMHAM Fall Conference: October 21-22, Traverse City

8. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Surbrook and seconded by Ms. Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph L. Chrivia
Recording Secretary