

Branch County Community Mental Health Authority

Minutes of the October 26, 2022 Board Meeting

Members Present: Tom Schmelzer, Bing Johnson, Jon Houtz, Karl Duda, John Wellet, Lori LaBundy, Tracey Kelley and Wendy Salyer.

Staff Present: Sue Germann, Jean Weber, Megan Daws, Doug Baker, Tamara Winchell, Jessica Singer and Kyle Kenny (Zoom).

Chairman Tom Schmelzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Jon Houtz and supported by Wendy Salyer to approve the agenda. *Motion carried.*

Minutes of the September 27, 2022 Meeting: A motion was made by Jon Houtz and supported by Wendy Salyer to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting and put them on file. *Motion carried.*

Public Comments: None

CEO Report:

- Sue Germann reported on the Halloween festivities at Pines. Each department was given a pumpkin to design.
- Pines Behavioral Health has joined the Coldwater Chamber of Commerce.
- Mental health block grant that was paying for Child Mobile Crisis services and is now being shifted into the MiKids Now grant with an additional \$50,000. Pines was able to use that money to promote an internal staff member to better enhance stabilization services.
- MiKids Now has also put out an application out for some staff who wanted forgiveness for their loans with a stipulation that they have to remain with Pines for two years.
- Sue Germann is meeting with ProMedica to increased violence in the emergency room.
- A few of Pines employees and board members attended the Fall Conference.
- Debby Stabenow indicated they received formal approval from the Centers from Medicaid and Medicare services that those are on the CCBHC expansion grant can be folded into the demonstration program. Currently only 13 across the state are a part of the demonstration program. The demonstration as opposed to the expansion grant is where you get an enhanced fee on top of every Medicaid person who is served with CCBHC services.
- The demonstration program is made to be a more permanent source of funding.
- Pines has three new interns that are learning master level skills with staff support.
- Dr. Mehta is retiring from Pines at the end of November. Dr. Sharma will be replacing Dr. Mehta as Medical Director. In addition, "Dr. Jason" a new telehealth resident will be providing hours to offset Dr. Mehta's loss and will be able to provide psychiatric services while the consumer remains in their home.
- Pines has hired two-part time telehealth clinicians to fill a full time clinician opening per the union agreement made during the summer months.

MDHHS Update: Pines is waiting on the election and any lame duck decisions which may impact behavioral health.

CCBHC: Jean Weber reported on the hire of a new Art Therapist, Susan Adams. Mandy Hudson recently accepted the Mobile Coordinator position under the MIKidsNow grant.

Utilization Management: Tamara Winchell reported that crisis screens are trending down. In September there were 19 prescreens, 16 adults, and 3 children. Eight (8) adults were hospitalized, and 1 child hospitalized. Adults mostly went to ProMedica, but there were two that went to another hospital. The number of people that waited more than 24 hours for their placement were 2. One adult waited for 64 hours. One child went to Cedar Creek for 4 days. The recidivism rate for adults were 13%. Overall recidivism rate is 8%.

Quality Management: Kyle Kenny reported on administrative portions of the FY 22 SWMBH site review in which there was needed improvement. Discussion regarding the nature of the deficiencies as well as the corrective action plans (CAP) that have been put into place. The CAPs are reviewed quarterly, with the next review December 1st.

ACT/Home Based Services: Jessica Singer reported on Mackenzie Bracy who works in the Prevention department. SWMBH sent Mackenzie a letter stating that the program surpassed its goals of 80%. The CMHC grant program had 266 services to 136 different people in September. Including helping families with food stamps, jail services and new services.

Board Committees:

Personnel Committee: Committee met on October 18, 2022

- Discussed payroll issues and its impact on the organization. There is a potential for Sue to reach out to St. Joe County for assistance in the future if needed.
- Adjustments to the HR department were discussed given increased staff and complexity.
- Michigan Works is moving October 31, 2022. Pines has made requests to SAMHSA to see if there are monies available for renovation. As space expands, adjustments are needed for current staff.

Union Contract SEIU, Local 517M: Negotiations with the union were held which lasted most of the day. The process was smooth and amicable, and staff ratified yesterday. Discussed the requested changes, the compromises made by both sides, and the resulting increase in a 5.5% increase in wages. Motion was made by Jon Houtz and supported by Lori LaBundy to approve the Union contract Local - 517M by roll call vote: Karl Duda approve, John Wellet approve, Wendy Salyer approve, Tracey Kelly approve, Tom Schmelzer approve, Bing Johnson approve, Lori LaBundy approve, Jon Houtz approve. *Motion carried.*

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussed board meetings during the month of November and December. The November meeting will occur as planned on the 22nd, whereas the December meeting date will be formally decided at the November meeting.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Wendy Salyer and supported by Jon Houtz that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. *Motion carried.*

Megan Daws, Recorder