

**Newaygo County Mental Health**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Prayer**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Newaygo County Mental Health was called to order by Chair DeLaat at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021 in the Board Conference Room.

Member Taube opened the meeting with prayer.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Sarah Boluyt, Kathy Broome, Ken DeLaat, Steve Johnson, Catherine Kellerman, Bryan Kolk, Todd Koopmans, Wayne Mast, Cheryl Parker, Helen Taube and Sue Twing

Members Excused: Ralph Bell

Others Present: Director Carol Mills; Jeff Labun, Chief Operating Officer; Denise Russo-Starback, Clinical Director and Shannon Woodside, recording secretary

Public Present: Kathe Scott

**Communications from the Public**

No communications from the public.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Member Boluyt, supported by Member Kellerman, to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Regular Minutes**

**Motion** by Member Kolk, supported by Member Mast, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 13, 2021 as presented. No discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**2021 Art Wunsch Award Presentation**

Member Broome presented the 2021 Art Wunsch Award to Kathe Scott. Ms. Scott has been a Special Education teacher in Newaygo County for 40 years and has recently retired. In addition to her teaching, she is one of the founders of the Newaygo Autism Community. Ms. Scott's mother Ann Brewster was a former Board of Director of Newaygo County Mental Health.

**Directors Update**

Reviewed Director Mills written report, questions were addressed. Additional items discussed.

- Direct Care workers incentive program
- Randy's House

### **Executive Committee**

Reviewed minutes of June 8, 2021.

Board members turned in the Executive Director evaluation.

Next meeting is June 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Finance**

Check Register, Cash Statement and Finance reports were reviewed with inquiries addressed by Jeff Labun, Chief Operating Officer.

### **Policy Committee**

No meeting scheduled.

### **Recipient Rights**

Member Kolk reported that the 3 year audit took place. The reviewers stated they had every confidence in our current Recipient Rights Officer in the way everything is currently running. Overall, we received positive feedback. The next Recipient Rights audit will take place in three years.

Next meeting is August 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Consumer Advisory Committee**

The Board of Directors will discuss at the July board meeting the possibility of restarting the committee meetings.

No meeting scheduled.

### **Promotion & Education Committee**

No meeting scheduled.

### **Mid-State Health Network (MSHN)**

Member Johnson and Member DeLaat reported that they have attended three, 2 hour Strategic Planning sessions virtually. Discussed the following:

- Member Johnson is on the Nominating Committee for Board of Director's
- Whiteford or Shirkey bill will affect MSHN if one does pass

### **Community Mental Health Association (CMHA)**

Member Kellerman stated the CMHA will be meeting Face to Face and virtually. The CMHA building has not sold. They were approached by a company that offered to buy the building if CMHA leased offices the company has available in downtown Lansing. Please advocate for the redesign.

### **Communications from the Public**

Member Parker asked for clarification to a comment made regarding a vaccine passport for NCMH.


- Is it a requirement to tell Human Resources (HR) that you have been vaccinated?
  - You are not required to tell HR you have been vaccinated, if you don't tell HR, NCMH assumes you have not been vaccinated.
- When are these rules going to go away?
  - This is the current guideline that was issued at the end of May from MDHHS and the CDC for health care facilities.
  - Staff have to wear masks in areas with clients whether they have been vaccinated or not.
  - In staff only areas the vaccinated do not have to wear a mask if they have provided proof to HR. This is voluntary.

Member Kellerman congratulated Jeff Labun on receiving his Master's degree.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Member Koopmans, supported by Member Broome, to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. No discussion; motion carried unanimously.

  
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Ken DeLaat, Chairperson

  
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Helen Taube, Secretary