



AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority

Joseph Stone, Board Chairperson
Diane C. Pelts, M.A., Chief Executive Officer

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2020
6:00 p.m., St. Vincent's Annex

1. CONVENE

a. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority Board was held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at the St. Vincent Annex in West Branch. Chairperson Joe Stone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In alignment with the suspension of the Open Meeting Act requirements by Governor Whitmer on March 19, 2020 as a result of COVID-19, the public was invited to participate via conference call as social distancing was only able to be accomplished for board members.

b. Roll Call

Board members physically present: Al Evans, D. Jay O'Farrell, Patti Casey, Jill Gould, Joe Stone, and Mike Welsch

Board members present via conference call: Chuck Varner, Gary Klacking, Rose Walsh, Angela Torrez, Bonnie Lixey, and Roberta Roulo

Board members excused: None.

Board members absent: None

Staff present: Diane Pelts and Joseph Chrivia

Staff present via conference call: Laura Marentette, Regina Demetrakeas, Tina Cook, Trish Otremba, and Erinn Trask

Staff absent: None

Guests: None

A quorum was present.

c. Approval of July 27, 2020 Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Welsch and second by Ms. Casey to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020 Board meeting as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

d. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. O'Farrell and second by Mr. Welsch to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

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e. Correspondence

Ms. Pelts stated there is a copy of the IT Newsletter, *The Download*, in the meeting book. Ms. Pelts expressed her appreciation for this newsletter as it brings interesting information to everyone.

f. Announcements

There were no announcements.

g. Legislative Updates

Ms. Pelts said she included the latest executive order explaining current meeting restrictions for the Board's review.

h. Public Comments – None.

2. BOARD EDUCATION –

Board education was cancelled this month.

3. REPORTS

a. Chairman

Nothing to report. Mr. Stone expressed his appreciation to the Staff of AuSable Valley for carrying on in a professional manner during this pandemic.

b. Board Association

Mr. Stone stated the association is meeting this week to determine if the Fall Conference will be held in person. He said if the conference is held online, the fee will be discussed.

c. NMRE

Mr. Stone announced the NMRE is meeting this Wednesday.

d. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Pelts stated while writing her report, the impact of the Coronavirus remained at the forefront of her thoughts. It is easy to forget that prior to the pandemic hitting Michigan in March, many good things were happening. This virus has been all-consuming and people are tired of it and the effect it has had on all of our lives. Ms. Pelts made mention of several positive items, like the advocacy surrounding the redesign of the behavioral health system as well as AuSable Valley's readiness to shift from in-person service provision to virtual

services. She thanked the Board for their foresight and willingness to make investments into technology.

On September 8, 2020, AuSable Valley will begin the reengagement plan and the return to the office setting will start with Outpatient Therapy. She reiterated the slow and progressive plan to return service by service.

Ms. Pelts closed by thanking all of the staff of AuSable Valley for “hanging in there” and doing what needs to be done for our consumers.

e. Committee

(1) Personnel – August 3, 2020

Committee Chair Mike Welsch read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions which required Board action.

(2) Building – August 13, 2020

Committee Chair Al Evans read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Evans and second by Mr. O’Farrell to remove four trees from the Cedar Lake AFC and replace with smaller flowering trees. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Evans and second by Mr. Welsch to approve the Cedar Lake Assisted Living Center’s plan to expand, contingent upon their creating a natural barrier. All ayes; motion passed.

(3) Program – August 13, 2020

Committee Chair Patti Casey read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions that required Board action.

(4) Executive and Finance – August 18, 2020

Committee Chair Gary Klacking read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking and second by Ms. Torrez to accept the June 2020 financial statements as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking and second by Mr. Varner to approve the Staff Appreciation Incentive of \$1000.00 (after taxes) to all active staff, exclusive of substitutes, work crew, and board members. To be eligible for this incentive staff must be employed by the agency

on August 24, 2020 and worked during the pandemic period (March 16, 2020 to present). All ayes, motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking and second by Ms. Torrez to approve the four contract renewals with rate changes (Hope Network, Stuart Wilson, Forest View, and Pine Rest). All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking and second by Ms. Lixey to approve the five contract amendments with rate changes (Leelin, Compassionate Care, Interactions, North Shores, and CMHCM). All ayes; motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking and second by Ms. Walsh to approve the contract with Bay Human Services to assume operational control of Cedar Lake AFC and Riverbend AFC. All ayes; motion passed.

(5) Recipient Rights Advisory – No meeting held

(6) Recipient Rights Appeal – No meeting held

4. OLD BUSINESS – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS – None.

6. COMMENTS

a. Board – Ms. Casey said she wanted to again share her great respect for the staff of AuSable Valley. She said the hard work by this organization goes from the CEO all the way down to the newest staff. Kudos to all.

b. Public

Ms. Marentette thanked the Board for the Staff Appreciation.

Ms. Otremba thanked the Board for their continued support of AuSable Valley Staff.

Ms. Pelts explained the Staff Appreciation will be paid on an off-week, September 4, and she will email all staff to explain.

7. MEETING DATES

a. Board

(1) Monday, September 28, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

b. Committees

(1) Personnel – Monday, August 31, 2020; 4:30 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(2) Building – Thursday, September 10, 2020; 3:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(3) Program – Thursday, September 10, 2020; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(4) Executive & Finance – Tuesday, September 15, 2020; 4:30 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(5) Recipient Rights Advisory – Tuesday, Sep 8, 2020; 4:00 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

(6) Recipient Rights Appeal – Tuesday, Sep 8, 2020; 4:30 p.m.; St. Vincent's Annex

8. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Welsch and second by Ms. Casey to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Chrivia
Board Secretary