#### BARAGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Monday, July 8, 2024-5:00 P.M. 16 N. Third Street, L'Anse, MI 49946 PROPOSED AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Chairman Eilola, Vice-Chairman Dakota, Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Menge, and Commissioner Cichosz

#### 2. APPROVE AGENDA

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, June 10, 2024

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items Only

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT- INFORMATION ONLY - NO MOTION REQUIRED

a. Budget Amendments - General Fund #02-2024 & Special Revenues #02-2024

#### 6. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- a. BCMH Trustee Per Diem- \$1,120.00 (June 2024)
- b. Approval of County Commissioner and Dept. Bills, \$
- c. Approval of Prepaid Accounts, \$
- d. Approval of Sheriff Dept. Commissary Checking Account, \$8,456.35

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Veterans' Affairs Committee, KBIC appointment

#### 8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY2025
- b. Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award Nomination

## 9. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. BCMH Board of Trustees, Minutes

b.

#### 11. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Opposing MDHHS Decisions to Implement Conflict Free Access and Planning in Michigan

#### 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

## 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

## BARAGA COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2024

BA # 02-2024 DATE: 07/08/2024

| Account Name  | Account Number   | Revenue Increase -<br>(Decrease) |   | Expense - Increase-<br>(Decrease) |  |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REVENUES  |  |                                  |   |                                   |  |
| Fund Balance Surplus<br>Federal Grant<br>Donations<br>State Grant   | 260-000-699.99<br>286-000-528.00<br>293-000-674.00<br>792-000-522.00   | \$<br>\$<br>\$                   | 52,000.00<br>308,955.00<br>1,000.00<br>120,000.00 |                                   |  |
| SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - EXPENDITURES  |  |                                  |   |                                   |  |
| Equipment & Furniture IT Department Repairs & Maintenance / Courthouse Bldg Maintenance / Admin Sheriff Vehicle Equipment Website / Branding County Road Equipment Laptop / CJO Salary & Wages Office Supplies Postage Veteran's Assistance Per Diem Blight Grant Expense | 260-000-970.00<br>286-170-960.24<br>286-265-930.00<br>286-265-932.00<br>286-301-979.01<br>286-900-960.57<br>286-900-965.00<br>293-000-703.00<br>293-000-727.00<br>293-000-729.00<br>293-000-841.00<br>293-000-710.00<br>792-425-830.00 |                                  |   | ****                              | 52,000.00<br>11,110.50<br>2,086.67<br>1,043.33<br>11,137.00<br>1,700.00<br>280,000.00<br>1,877.50<br>6,842.99<br>(3,000.00)<br>(200.00)<br>(1,642.99)<br>(2,000.00)<br>90,000.00 |
| JOURNAL TOTALS  |  | \$                               | 481,955.00  | \$                                | 450,955.00   |
|   |  | \$                               | 481,955.00  | \$                                | 450,955.00   |
| EXPLANATION: To record adjustments to the September 1997 Per Board Approval   | Special Revenue budget   | for FY 09/30                     | 0/2024  |                                   |  |
| Approved:   |  | Date: _                          |   |                                   |  |

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For the Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2024

BA # 02-2024 Date: 07/08/2024

| Account Name  | Account Number                                     |       | nue Increase -<br>Decrease) |                | nse - Increase-<br>Decrease)        |
|---|--|-------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND - REVENUES   |  |       |                             |                |                                     |
| LATCF   | 101-000-528.05                                     | \$    | 123,246.62                  |                |                                     |
| GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES   |  |       |                             |                |                                     |
| Technical Assistance Department Equipment Post Employement Insurance                  | 101-301-956.00<br>101-301-978.01<br>101-850-960.72 |       |                             | \$<br>\$<br>\$ | 49,159.00<br>11,016.62<br>63,071.00 |
|   |  |       |                             |                |                                     |
|   |  |       |                             |                |                                     |
| GENERAL FUND - JOURNAL TOTALS   |  | \$    | 123,246.62                  | \$             | 123,246.62                          |
|   |  | \$    | 123,246.62                  | \$             | 123,246.62                          |
| EXPLANATION: To record adjustments to the budget for FY 09/30/2024 Per Board Approval |  |       | 120,240.02                  | ¥              | 120,240.02                          |
| Approved:   | ····   | Date: |                             |                |                                     |



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## **Board of Trustee Meeting Attendance - June 2024**

| Monthly Stipend:                |          | Board Briefing of 06-13-2024:      |                 |  |  |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Shirley Younggren               | \$100.00 | Shirley Younggren                  | \$30.00         |  |  |
| Jim Loman                       | \$100.00 | Jim Loman                          | \$30.00-virtual |  |  |
| Carole LaPointe                 | \$100.00 | Carole LaPointe                    | \$30.00         |  |  |
| Cathy Wadaga                    | \$100.00 | Cathy Wadaga                       | \$30.00         |  |  |
| Jayne Walbridge                 | \$100.00 | Jayne Walbridge                    | \$30.00         |  |  |
| Kate Beer                       | \$100.00 | Kate Beer                          | \$30.00         |  |  |
| Burt Mason                      | \$100.00 | Burt Mason                         | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          |                                    |                 |  |  |
| Med Control Authority Mtg: none |          | Regular Board Meeting of 06-18-24: |                 |  |  |
| Shirley Younggren               | \$ 0.00  | Shirley Younggren                  | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Jim Loman                          | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Carole LaPointe                    | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Cathy Wadaga                       | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Kate Beer                          | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Jayne Walbridge                    | \$30.00         |  |  |
|                                 |          | Burt Mason                         | \$30.00-virtual |  |  |

# Checks Written 6/1/2024 to 6/30/2024

## Printed 7/1/2024 10:06:02 AM

| Number | Date      | ID   | Comment                           | Amount             |
|--------|-----------|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2539   | 6/1/2024  |      | 97th District Court Baraga County | \$300.00           |
| 2540   | 6/11/2024 |      | Stellar Services                  | \$0.00 <b>VOID</b> |
| 2541   | 6/11/2024 |      | Pepsi Cola of Houghton            | \$1345.00          |
| 2542   | 6/11/2024 |      | Stellar Services                  | \$152.82           |
| 2543   | 6/11/2024 |      | Charm-Tex Inc.                    | \$2549.00          |
| 2544   | 6/11/2024 |      | Pats Foods                        | \$31.35            |
| 2545   | 6/18/2024 | 3892 | TRAVIS JOHN GAUTHIER              | \$218.25           |
| 2546   | 6/20/2024 |      | 97th District Court Baraga County | \$100.00           |
| 2547   | 6/20/2024 |      | 97th District Court Baraga County | \$300.00           |
| 2548   | 6/20/2024 | 4779 | Johnathan Francois                | \$150.00           |
| 2549   | 6/21/2024 |      | Stellar Services                  | \$1284.49          |
| 2550   | 6/21/2024 |      | Charm-Tex                         | \$119.80           |
| 2551   | 6/25/2024 |      | Stellar Services                  | \$237.64           |
| 2552   | 6/26/2024 |      | 97th District Court Baraga County | \$300.00           |
| 2553   | 6/28/2024 |      | Baraga County Treasurer           | \$1368.00          |
|        |           |      | \$8456.35                         |                    |





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June 21, 2024

Ms. Wendy Goodreau Baraga County Clerk/Register of Deeds 2 South Main Street L'Anse, MI 49946

Dear Ms. Goodreau:

Enclosed, please find a final copy of the U.P. Area Agency on Aging's (UPAAA) FY 2025 Annual Implementation Plan for services to Upper Peninsula Elderly as required by the Michigan Bureau of Aging, Community Living, and Supports (ACLS). The full copy of the plan can be viewed and downloaded from UPCAP's website at <a href="www.upcap.org">www.upcap.org</a>. If you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please feel free to email Becky McIntyre at <a href="mailto:mcintyrereb@upcap.org">mcintyrereb@upcap.org</a>.

Although your county is not required to take any action on the plan, if you choose to support the plan, I have enclosed a sample resolution. We ask that you return the resolution before July 22, 2024 so that we may forward these to ACLS within their required time frames.

Meanwhile, if you have questions or would like additional information about the plan, I encourage you to contact me or your county's representative on the UPCAP Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mead Executive Director

Enc.

cc: Commissioner Bill Menge

#### RESOLUTION

## U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING 2025 ANNUAL IMPLEMENATION PLAN for SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

WHEREAS UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2025 Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2024 that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Annual Implementation development process, UPCAP hosted one public hearing, and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA Multi-Year Plan also requires review by individual county boards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING 2024 ANNUAL IMPLEMENATION PLAN for services to the elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

| Authorized Signatory |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|                      | (Name/Title of County Official) |



400 Quincy St, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hancock, Michigan 49930 906-482-7205 Fax: 906-482-9032 e-mail: info@wuppdr.org

June 24, 2024 VIA: EMAIL

TO: Gale Eilola, Chair, Baraga County Board of Commissioners

James Lorenson, Chair, Gogebic County Board of Commissioners Tom Tikkanen, Chair, Houghton County Board of Commissioners Mark Stauber, Chair, Iron County Board of Commissioners Don Piche, Chair, Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners Carl Nykanen, Chair, Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners

Debb Brunell, CEO, Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!

Mark Massicotte, Chairman, Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board

FROM: Jerald Wuorenmaa, Executive Director

RE: Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award

Each year the WUPPDR Commission and Michigan Works! jointly award an individual from the Western U.P. with the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award. The individual must display the qualities of service, dedication, and leadership. This award will be presented to the individual(s) at the WUPPDR Annual Meeting at Bonfire Grill @ The Continental Fire Company in Houghton, MI on Monday, September 16.

If you are interested in selecting a nominee from your county for the Chiantello Award, please discuss this at your next County Board meeting. Please submit this name along with a brief **biography on the individual** to WUPPDR no later than August 1. (The biography should be approximately two paragraphs; no more than one page.)

If you have questions or would like to submit a name and biography, contact MaryEllen Hyttinen at <a href="mailto:mhyttinen@wuppdr.org">mhyttinen@wuppdr.org</a> or 482-7205, ext. 117 or 1-800-562-7614, ext. 117. Thank you.

enclosure

cc: Wendy Goodreau, Baraga County Clerk
Juliane Giackino, Gogebic County Administrator
Ben Larson, Houghton County Administrator
Lynette Lorenz, Iron County Administrator
Julie Carlson, Keweenaw County Clerk
Stacy Preiss, Ontonagon County Clerk

#### CRITERIA FOR ORESTE CHIANTELLO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

In 1991, a veteran of 25 years of public service to the people of his community, county, and region passed away after an intense battle with cancer. Oreste "Chip" Chiantello, long-time member of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners, the Western U.P. Planning and Development Regional Commission (WUPPDR), and the Western U.P. Michigan Works

Association (WUPMWA), was a well-respected public official. He exemplified the qualities of dedication and leadership as he unselfishly served in many capacities of public service.

Chip was the Chairperson of both the WUPPDR and WUPMWA (currently encompassed by Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!) boards when he died. In his memory, both boards have established the Oreste "Chip" Chiantello Public Service Award, to be awarded annually to some deserving individual from the Western U.P. who also displays these same qualities of service, dedication and leadership.

To be considered for this award, the person must be a resident of the Western U.P., be active in areas of public service as an elected or appointed official, or as a volunteer and display qualities such as dedication and leadership along with some noteworthy accomplishment such as length of service, significant contribution of time/effort, or involvement in activity that provides positive impact upon their community.

#### RE: Oreste Chiantello Award

Here is a list of people who have received the Chiantello award since its inception in 1992:

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1992 - Cliff Turcotte (Iron County)
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1993 - W. Clarence Dwyer (Houghton County)

1994 - Fred Saigh (Iron County)

1995 - ??

1996 – V. Melvin Jacobson (Gogebic County)

1997 - Paul Lehto (Calumet Township/Houghton County)

1998 - Rep. Richard Brown (Gogebic County)

1999 - Al Slye (Ontonagon County)

2000 - Peter Napel (Gogebic County)

2001 – Joseph Moskwa (Ontonagon County)

2002 - Gerald Perreault (Houghton County)

2003 – James Dompier (Baraga County)

2004 - Kurt Giesau (Ontonagon County)

2005 - Dr. Gilbert (Houghton County)

2006 - Steve Thomas (Gogebic County)

2007 - Joan Antila (Ontonagon County)

2008 – Larry Harrington (Iron County)

2009 - Jim Saari (WUPMW!)

2010 - Leroy Kangas (Gogebic County)

2011 – John Pelkola (Ontonagon County)

2012 - Ed Jenich, Jr., (Houghton County)

2013 - Michael Koskinen (Baraga County)

2014 - Frank Stubenrauch (Keweenaw County) awarded on 7-1-14 at his home (Frank passed away in August 2014).

2015 - Kim Stoker (Houghton County)

2016 – Rosalie King (Ontonagon County)

2017 - Eugene Pellizzaro (Iron County)

2018 - Ron Lahti (Keweenaw County)

2019 - passed

2020 - passed

2021 – Jan Tucker (Ontonagon County) & William Menge (Baraga County)

2022 – Albert Koskela (Houghton County) postmortem

2023 - Carl Nykanen (Ontonagon County)

In the past, the following have been nominated:

Dan Castle, Toivo Kuivanen, Bill Delacourt

## **MINUTES:**

## BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 5:00 PM - BCMH Main Conference Room (ABCD)

**Present:** Cathy Wadaga, Jayne Walbridge, Shirley Younggren, Burt Mason, Jim Loman, Kate Beer, Carole LaPointe

**Admin/Guests:** Rob Stowe, Gail Jestila, Todd Ingram, Kelly Engle, Todd Peltola, Sue Ingram, Nancy Herck, Albert Punser, Tom VanEss, Gregg Fisher, Bill Menge

Absent: none

1. Call to Order -Beer

Ms. Beer called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

## 2. Approval of Consent Agenda \*\* - All

a. Mr. Stowe suggested a change to the agenda to replace item #10 (Additional Home Care Vehicle) to "Bay Ambulance Millage Discussion". Motion was made by Loman, seconded by Wadaga and passed by unanimous vote.

Motion: Mason, Second: Younggren - All in favor, motion carried

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board Briefing of April 11, 2024\*
- b. Closed Session of April 11th, 2024\*
- c. Board of Trustees Meeting of April 16th, 2024\*

#### 4. Medical Staff -Beer

a. Medical-Dental Staff Meeting Minutes of April 10th, 2024\*\*

Motion: Loman, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried

- b. Medical-Dental Staff Executive & Credentials Committee
  - Medical Staff Appointments, Reappointments, and Deletions of May 2024\*\* - Belpedio

Motion: Wadaga, Second: Younggren - All in favor, motion carried

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Action Item \*\*

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## 5. Cardiac Patient Update - Stowe

Mr. Stowe introduced Nancy Herck and her husband, Al Punser, to share their story of their referral to Mayo Clinic, Eau Claire. They were very impressed with the entire experience, and expressed their gratitude for the exceptional care they received. Mr. Stowe also shared data with the board indicating that we have had 15 cardiology referrals to Mayo since establishing our relationship with them.

#### 6. Financial Update - Jestila

Ms. Jestila reviewed the attached financial statements with the board. Revenue was at \$4.8 million for the month. At 7 months in, revenue is at \$30.9 million. We are seeing a 47% increase in revenue over the last 4 years.

Jestila requested a resolution for the approval of April's financial statements.

Motion: Mason, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried

## 7. Bayside Update - Stowe

Mr. Stowe stated that Bayside Village had a great board meeting last night. They have had a couple of positive months back to back. Their census remains high. End of month financials last month showed \$400,000 in cash, this month is \$800,000 in cash. This is due to lowering AR. Good feedback has been received regarding daily operations—their occupancy remains high and they are rolling out new technology, including an upgraded electronic scheduling platform, as well as improved phones and TVs for residents. We extended a line of credit to them in the amount of \$862,000. We did notify them that we would like those payments to pick up in cadence and Jestila received confirmation from Richter today that they will comply. In April, they made payments totaling \$78,000, bringing the year-to-date total to \$103,000. Moreover, cash flow has improved, with \$100,000 in February, \$400,000 in March and \$800,000 in April.

Ms. Jestila requested a resolution for the approval of April's financial statements for Bayside Village.

Motion: LaPointe, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried

## 8. Wound Care Update - Stowe

Mr. Stowe provided an update on our ongoing discussions with potential wound care partners. Ms. Jestila stated that our wound clinic continues to grow, partially due to the skin subs that we are doing. We are creating two separate departments for wound because it is growing so much. One of the vendors conducted a detailed analysis of the population base, estimating the potential number of wound patients, with their lowest benchmark indicating a volume three times greater than our current capacity. They are very confident they can grow our wound department by 2 to 3 times. Our limiting factor

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is the space to do that. Year-to-date revenue stands at \$1.1 million, due partially to one or two patients undergoing skin subs, which are high-revenue cases. Ancillary services, such as ultrasound and lab, also contribute to this revenue.

#### 9. Provider Recruitment - Stowe

### a. Cardiology APP

We recently advertised a position for a cardiology Advanced Practice Provider (APP). Upon Dr. Vaitkevicius's recommendation, we contacted an individual who he had worked with in the past. They expressed gratitude for our outreach but said that they have already relocated out of the area. However, it definitely remains part of our plan moving forward to have an APP support Dr. Vaitkevicius directly.

## b. General Surgeon

Mr. Stowe met with Dr. Terrian to discuss the potential addition of a new general surgeon who would be employed by BCMH and maintain a hybrid relationship with the Iron Mountain group. Dr. Terrian will be reaching out to the prospective surgeon for further discussion. The candidate is a 2026 graduate. Discussions regarding this matter continue.

## c. Podiatry - Dr. Wood leaving, Dr. Benson joining BCMH

Mr. VanEss informed the board that Dr. Benson from Marquette will be coming to BCMH two days a month. We received notice that Dr. Wood, who currently comes one day a month, will no longer be continuing. We received a letter from Aspirus that they are terminating their lease. Fortunately, the transition will not affect our coverage as Dr. Benson will begin in the summer. We are currently working on credentialing. Dr. Benson has an interest in wound care and has previously worked with Jeff Dauphinais, our wound care provider.

## 10. Bay Ambulance Millage Discussion- Stowe

Mr. Stowe reported how Gary Wadaga of Bay Ambulance reached out to BCMH regarding their efforts to seek community support for an increase in the millage for ambulance services. They are preparing a trifold document to go out to the community and he asked if the board would be willing to have a resolution that he can list on his flier that he has the support of BCMH. Mr. Stowe asked the board if they are willing to pass such a resolution.

Motion: Mason, Second: Wadaga - All in favor, motion carried

## 11. Ontonagon Update - Stowe

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Mr. Stowe provided an update on the steady stream of patients coming from Ontonagon to BCMH. Kelly Engle shared positive feedback, stating things have been going very well. From April 1st to April 19th, there were a few Ontonagon patients in the ER and no inpatients. However, since Ontonagon's closure on April 19th, BCMH has received 21 ER patients, 8 inpatients, and 2 swing bed patients between April 20th and May 17th. Engle recounted a story involving Dan Dube driving a patient back to Ontonagon in a BCMH-wrapped vehicle. Three separate individuals approached him to say how happy they are with BCMH.

## 12. Hospital Auxiliary Update (Membership Drive Lunch & Learn June 19th, 2024) - Stowe

Mr. Stowe reported that BCMH plans to run another advertisement in the L'Anse Sentinel for the upcoming membership drive for the hospital auxiliary. Additionally, he mentioned that he will be reaching out to the Baragaland Senior Center to extend an invitation to attend the lunch and learn event, aimed at introducing them to the auxiliary.

## 13. Quality Update -Peltola

Mr. Peltola announced that tomorrow, at the trauma meeting, St. Vincent and Children's Hospital in Wisconsin will join via Zoom to discuss a case. Mr. Peltola also updated the board that Cindy LaTendresse in dietary has announced her retirement. Accordingly, BCMH will be advertising to find a replacement for her position. Mr. Peltola provided additional updates, including the testing of new radios and the implementation of a new response plan involving the prison. He stated that the Emergency Response Team (ERT) from the prison is 16 members strong.

## 14. Management Update (attached)

- a. CEO Report\*: Marketing, Employee Recognition, Home Care and Hospice, Corporate Compliance, Senior Life Solutions, Human Resources, Pharmacy
- b. CFO Report\*: Finance, Revenue Cycle, Purchasing, Information Technology, DME
- c. DON Report\*: Acute, Emergency, Surgical Services, Ambulatory, Social Services, Utilization Review/Infection Prevention, Education
- d. Director of Provider Services Report\*: Physician Group, Telemedicine, Specialty Clinic
- e. Director of Ancillary Services Report\*: Imaging, Laboratory, Therapies
- f. Director of Quality Management Report\*: Maintenance, Housekeeping, Dietary/Dietician, HIPAA/Risk

#### 15. Other

Mr. Stowe reported that we had a great Hospital Week and Nurses Week, with approximately 30 people bringing their dogs in for the dog day event. Dog day was a huge success and received a lot of positive feedback.

## 16. Public Comment

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William Menge shared with the board that at a recent UPCAP conference in Escanaba, he met with someone in Ontonagon County who is really pleased with the way things are going between Ontonagon and BCMH.

- 17. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 5:00pm -BCMH Main Conference Room
- 18. Adjournment -Beer

Ms. Beer adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Motion: Younggren, Second: Loman - All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Carele & La Painte

Carole LaPointe, Secretary, CL/Imb

ABOUT BARAGA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: BCMH is a 15 bed critical access hospital. Founded in 1952, BCMH is a thriving rural healthcare system focused on addressing the needs of community members of Baraga County. Employing over 200 people, BCMH houses a family medicine clinic, walk-in convenient care clinic, specialty clinics, surgical services, 24/7 emergency services, imaging, rehab, laboratory, and social services.

MISSION: BCMH partners with patients to educate, coordinate, treat, and manage the health of the community.

**VISION:** To improve the well-being of the community.

CORE VALUES: PREACT- Patients First, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Compassion, Teamwork

**ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY:** BCMH educates the community, coordinates care, and treats and manages disease.

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## **COPPER COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

SERVING BARAGA, HOUGHTON, KEWEENAW & ONTONAGON COUNTIES

## RESOLUTION OPPOSING MDHHS DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT CONFLICT FREE ACCESS AND PLANNING IN MICHIGAN

WHEREAS Copper Country Mental Health Services (CCMHS) is a Community Mental Health (CMH) Authority created under the Mental Health Code.

WHEREAS MDHHS has announced its decision to require CMHSPs to separate service assessment and planning from service delivery, requiring beneficiaries to receive the assessment and planning services from one entity and ongoing direct services from another, separate entity by October 1, 2024.

WHEREAS after careful review the conclusions of the CCMHS Board of Directors are that the current decision:

- Is in conflict with the statutory responsibilities of CMHSPs under Michigan law;
- Erroneously implies profit driven or undue enrichment motives on the part of governmental entities (CMHSPs and PIHPs) instead of recognizing what is actually a formal transfer of governmental responsibility from the State to the Counties for the delivery of public behavioral health services;
- Ignores the capitation-based financing of the Michigan public behavioral health system, which is
  constant and does not vary by volume of individuals served negating any conflicts of interest in service
  planning and service delivery;
- Ignores Michigan's current shared risk (with MDHHS) financing system which already mitigates against conflict and self-interest;
- Is in conflict with the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model currently being implemented and expanded in Michigan:
- Ignores, at best, and disregards, at worst, input from person with lived experience that have consistently stated that the available procedural safeguards are preferable to systemic/structural upheaval inherent in MDIHS announced decisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the strongest possible terms, and for the reasons noted herein. the CCMHS Board of Directors opposes the MDHHS announced structural strategies for compliance with the federal Conflict Free Access and Planning Rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the CCMHS Board of Directors requests MDHHS reconsideration of its current decisions and to honor CMS waiver approval of procedural mitigation of conflict, and to pursue CMS approval of strengthened procedural safeguards against conflict of interest in Michigan.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE CCMHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Richard Bourdeau; Roy Britz; Katherine Carlson-Lynch; Randy Eckloff; Gale Eilola; Barry Fink; Richard Herrala; Michael Koskinen, Secretary; Pat Rozich, Vice Chairperson; Jim Tervo, Chairperson

| Unanimo | ous Adoption of Resolution |  |
|---------|----------------------------|--|
| Yes: X  | No:                        |  |

June 26, 2024
Date of Adoption

Baraga County

BARAGA CO. CENTER 15644 Skanee Road L'Anse, Mt 49946 (906) 524-5885 Fax: (906) 524-5866 **Houghton County** 

RICE MEMORIAL CENTER 901 West Memorial Drive Houghton, MI 49931 (906) 482-9400 Fax: (906)-482-9794 Keweenaw County

CALUMET (CLK) CENTER 56938 Calumet Avenue Calumet, MI 49913 (906) 337-5810 Fax: (906) 337-2108 Ontonagon County

ONTONAGON CO. CENTER 515 Quartz Street Ontonagon, MI 49953 (906) 884-4804 Fax: (906) 884-4856 Training & Prevention

THE INSTITUTE 900 West Sharon Avenue Houghton, Mt 49931 (906) 482-4880 Fax: (906) 482-7657