

**Newaygo County Mental Health**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**January 13, 2022**  
**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, January 13, 2022 in the Board Conference Room.

Member Twing opened the meeting with prayer.

**Roll Call**

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

Others Present: Director Carol Mills, Jeff Labun, COO; Denise Russo-Starback, Clinical Director (Zoom) and Shannon Woodside, recording secretary

**Communications from the Public**

No communications from the public.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Regular Minutes**

**Motion** by Member Boluyt, supported by Member Kolk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 11, 2021 as presented. No discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Directors Update**

Reviewed Director Mills written report, questions were addressed.

**Executive Committee**

*Voluntary Special Assessment*

**Motion** by Member Twing, supported by Member Kellerman, to authorize the payment of \$10,577.00 to Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) Voluntary Special Assessment. These funds are intended to be used by CMHA to strengthen its advocacy work. Discussion took place. The motion carried with 9 Aye's in favor and 1 nay against.

No meeting scheduled.

**Finance**

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

*Borrowing Resolution for 3 Adult Foster Care Homes*

**Motion** by Member Boluyt, supported by Member Mast, to approve the borrowing resolution to refinance the existing mortgages through Independent Bank at North Street home, Rex Street home and Morgan Street home through Independent Bank, up to \$537,468.00, at a rate not to exceed 4.15%, and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents. Discussion took place.

Roll call vote:

Aye's: Boluyt, DeLaat, Johnson, Kellerman, Kolk, Koopmans, Mast, Parker, Taube, Twing

Nay's: None

Motion carried: 10 – 0

*Capital Outlay – Dallas Adult Foster Care Home*

**Motion** by Member Koopmans, supported by Member Kolk, to approve the proposed kitchen renovation at Dallas Adult Foster Care home, not to exceed \$65,000.00. Discussion took place; motion carried unanimously.

No meeting scheduled.

**Policy Committee**

No meeting scheduled.

**Recipient Rights**

Next meeting is February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**Consumer Advisory Committee**

No meeting scheduled.

**Promotion & Education Committee**

Committee members will review the recommended winners of the Poetry Contest and discuss NCMH's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the next committee meeting.

Next meeting is January 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (virtual).

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

Member Johnson reported on the following:

- Mobile unit will be on site at future meeting
- 988 hotline – this will be a health crisis & suicide hotline; will start in Newaygo County between April and May.

**Community Mental Health Association (CMHA)**

Member Kellerman reported on the following:

- Link on CMHA website to sign an online petition opposing Senate Bills 597 & 598

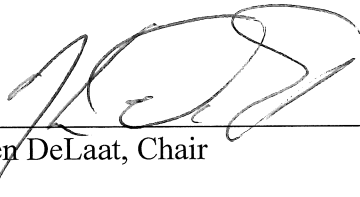
- Board inclusion – working on a workplan of items that the board thinks they need the most help with.
- Person Served Committee meeting coming up; trying to implement a certification program for Direct Care Workers

**Communications from the Public**

Member Kolk inquired about the juvenile advocacy center that is coming to White Cloud. Director Mills will be meeting with them in the next couple of weeks. This center will be at the old Leighton Hall.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Member Twing, supported by Member Mast, to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. No discussion; motion carried unanimously.



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Ken DeLaat, Chair



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Helen Taube, Secretary