

## NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 20, 2021

3:00 PM

NCHC – Wausau Board Room

Present:	X	Eric Anderson	X	Kurt Gibbs	X	Lance Leonhard
	X	Robin Stowe	X	Cate Wylie		

Others Present: Michael Loy, Jarret Nickel, Dejan Adzic

### Call to order

- A. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Gibbs.

### Public Comment

- A. No public comments.

### Approval of the April 23, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- A. **Motion**/second, Wylie/Leonhard, to approve the April 23, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

### Review of Draft NCCSP Board Agenda for May 27, 2021

- A. May 27, 2021 NCCSP Board Agenda was reviewed.

### Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Recommendation of Board Priorities and Guidelines for 2022 Budget were reviewed.
- Committee agreed that expanding outpatient counseling and Targeted Case Management in each of the counties is a priority due to the high demand for these services.
  - Technology solution in vehicles of law enforcement officials may be challenging in rural areas due to minimal connectivity.
  - Loy will continue to develop proposals for each of these priorities and further discussion and consideration for inclusion in the 2022 budget.

### Operational functions Required by Statute, ordinance, or Resolution

- A. Consideration of Program Modification of Day Treatment and Intensive Outpatient Programs in Langlade County
- Due to staffing vacancies and low census the programs have been suspended since September 2019. Referral flow does not match expressed need. Day Treatment services are accessible in Wausau. NCHC will work with the three counties to develop a referral process.
  - **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Wylie, to approve the program modification of Day Treatment and Intensive Outpatient in Langlade County. Motion carried.

- B. Consideration of the Request to Langlade, Lincoln, and Marathon Counties for Funds Available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- A report was included in the meeting packet providing a detailed summary of Covid-19 Relief Funding, Expenses, Lost Revenues, and the total Covid financial impact for 2020.
  - The State has ARPA money which we may be able to get back. WCA is looking at specific clarification for nursing homes and the utilization of ARPA funds across the State.
  - We continue to experience impacts of Covid and will continue to track this information through 2021 and provide an update for each of the counties in an annual report as agreed by the committee.

#### Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. CEO Report - Highlights

- Covid-19 continues to affect our organization. In an effort to minimize closing the nursing home to admissions on the two rehab units due to potential exposures, beginning the week of 5/24 we plan to make an operational change to allow only vaccinated staff to work the two rehab units; also, new admissions must have started the vaccination process. Because we have the ability to close each unit individually, we are requesting the State allow us to close single units rather than the entire building during potential exposure periods.
- CNA Recruitment has been extremely successful based on the Board's approval of the wage increase. There were 52 applications received in the first week, 13 hires and 5 offers pending. In addition, several staff rescinded their resignation. From an average of 20 terminations per month January thru April, there have been just 6 so far in May.
- This week we successfully moved into the Adult Crisis Stabilization facility; the tower is on target for completion in July; and we are targeting an open house in August.
- Governor Evers visited NCHC yesterday holding a press conference in relation to the state budget. During the press conference he announced that NCHC will be receiving a \$5 million grant for behavioral health services. He also toured the new Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit.
- Pending state approval, the Youth Crisis Stabilization is anticipated to open in 4-6 weeks.
- Invitations to the Hope House in Antigo were distributed; R. Stowe noted that Michael Loy and Toni Kellner gave a presentation to the Langlade County Board sharing what the goals are for the 5-year pilot program.
- Lincoln Industries PreVoc community-based program will stay in the community. A local church has graciously offered the use of their property for the program, practically free. The transition will begin this summer. Those needing sheltered work will be transported to Wausau.

B. Organizational and Program Dashboards

- Turnover is trending high, however, so far for May is substantially less.
- Readmission rate is also trending higher but expect it to trend down; mostly related to the Youth Hospital.
- Out of County placements had less than 100 days which we are extremely pleased to see.

C. April Financials

- We continue with census and overtime issues; last month there was a loss of \$350,000 which is lower than previous months. We will wait to see if there is any additional funding over the summer and discuss right sizing the nursing home.

#### Consider Motion to Convene in Closed Session

**Motion** by Stowe, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” sec. 19.85(1)(e) “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” and sec. 19.85(1)(g) “conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; to wit, to receive, review, and discuss the receipt of independent counsel’s report on the organization and benefits granted certain employees of NCHC including, without limitation, the legal ramifications associated with the provision of benefits. Second by Leonhard. Roll call taken. All indicated Aye. Andy Phillips and Joe Roberts, von Briesen & Roper, S.C. joined the closed session meeting. Motion carried.

#### Reconvene in Open Session Immediately Following Closed and Take Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session, If Any

- A. **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to move into Open session at 6:00 p.m. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. There were no announcements or actions.

#### Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, future Agenda Items

- A. Board Agenda for June 24, 2021
- B. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion and educational presentations to the NCCSP board
- C. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the North Central Health Care Board Room

#### Announcements

- A. None

#### Adjournment

- A. **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

*Minutes prepared by Debbie Osowski, Executive Assistant to CEO*