

## NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Wausau Board Room

Present: X Kurt Gibbs X<sup>(Webex)</sup> Deb Hager X Lance Leonhard  
X Robin Stowe X Cate Wylie

Staff Present: Mort McBain, Interim Executive Director, Bobby Splinter

Others Present: Dejan Adzic, Marathon County Deputy Corp. Counsel

### Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Chair Gibbs.

### Public Comment

- None

### Approval of March 17, 2022, March 28, 2022, March 31, 2022, and April 1, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to approve the March 17, March 28, March 31, and April 1, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried.

### Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution

- None

### Educational presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

- March Financials – B. Splinter
  - The trend from the past continues in March with revenue shortfall of \$500,000. We are reviewing the adult and youth hospital revenue and contractual adjustments and will provide updates on the findings.
  - WIMCR (Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Report) 2020 report is under review and auditors have indicated we may be able to submit a 2020 amended report. Revenues were higher in previous years. It is difficult to determine what we will receive each year but there were large differences in 2020 vs 2019 expenses that we need to understand better. This was just learned about 3 months ago. Suggestion was given to reach out to other counties for additional insight i.e., La Crosse County.
  - Community Living Programs continue to have revenue above budget and expenses below budget.
  - Health insurance expenses were higher than budget in March.
  - Diversion expenses had plagued the organization previously but have been doing an excellent job and are under budget by \$50,000 year to date.

- There is a new long term care facility and infrastructure matching grant available covering Mount View Care Center, Pine Crest, and all of the community living programs which utilizes expenses back to November of 2021. J Nickel is leading this initiative with the program directors and applying for matching funds which could be up to \$20,000 per facility.
- Of the \$1.7 million increase in operating cash, \$1.5 million came from redeeming investments.
- The 2021 audit is going very well. One area that is in discussion relates to the provider relief COVID money that was received. With Pine Crest Nursing Home sharing its tax identification number (TIN) with Lincoln County, there can only be one grant report per TIN. Lincoln County representatives and auditors are discussing who will be responsible for testing expenses.
- Organizational and Program Dashboards
  - Recent discussions and comments about the current dashboards not having value any longer have resulted in completing an intense evaluation of the items currently measured to determine what items are important to measure moving forward.
  - Multiple attempts have been made to gather information on measures that are of interest to the Executive Committee and Board.
  - The genesis of the current dashboards came from the 2015-2016 revised Tri-County Agreement to what mattered to the three counties and the organization at that time.
  - Discussion will continue on future dashboard measures.
- CEO Report – M. McBain
  - Magnitude and scope of NCHC is huge to effectively deliver on the expectations of this role. Anticipate some resistance to potential changes.
  - K. Gibbs provided an update on the status of the revised Tri-County Agreement. Atty. Phillips requested an update from Department of Health Services (DHS) and had a discussion with their attorney to understand the context of why a new Tri-County Agreement is being presented. Following that discussion DHS Attorney indicated he didn't see any challenges to the approval but provided no commitment to a final date of approval. The three counties would be willing to meet with Ms. Timberlake, Designated DHS Secretary, if it would be beneficial. No additional contact or information has been received since this conversation. Ms. Timberlake will be at NCHC April 28<sup>th</sup> to recognize the efforts and collaboration of health care facilities such as the ADRC, Health Departments and community organizations during the pandemic. There may be an opportunity to talk with her to see if there are any concerns before approving. It was felt that until the agreement is approved by DHS, we are on hold with recruitment efforts.
  - M. McBain distributed a map of the campus construction phases and an update on the initial budget costs versus current budget costs of the project.
    - We are currently entering phase 6 of the Mount View remodel. Phases 7-9 will include the demolition of C-Wing, parking lot, loading dock, followed by the recovery of the north field from construction. The entire project is scheduled to wrap up in August 2023.

- Miron summarized that the increases in the project were due to COVID which is occurring with every project. If these increases can be justified, they are due to COVID, then ARPA funds could be used. A report of anticipated cost overruns for entire project would be beneficial to take to the Health & Human Services Committee and the Human Resources, Finance, and Property Committee in May and June requesting use of ARPA funds.
- Will need to understand how the debt will be serviced. (Reference made CLA presentation at previous NCCSP Board Retreat.)
- Next meeting will have an update and planning presentation.

#### Motion to Move into Closed Session

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for the purpose of considering employment or compensation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive reasons require a closed session, to wit: Discussion of contract negotiations with contractor to provide executive financial services to the organization on an interim basis and other contracts. Roll call taken. All indicated aye. Motion carried. Meeting convened in closed session at 4:01 p.m.
- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Wylie, to Return to Open Session at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

#### Announcements and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- None

#### Next Meeting Date & Time, Location and Future Agenda Items

- Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
North Central Health Care – Wausau Board Room

#### Adjournment

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Wylie, to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Motion carried.