

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2022

3:00 p.m.

NCHC Board Room

Present: X Kurt Gibbs X Lance Leonhard X Robin Stowe
X_(WebEx) Renee Krueger

Staff Present: Mort McBain, Gary Olsen_(WebEx), Jennifer Peaslee

Others Present: Dejan Adzic, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Minutes of December 1, 2022 Executive Committee Meetings

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report – M. McBain

- Executive Committee has been added to the schedule for submitting an article for the weekly News You Can Use newsletter. L. Leonhard agreed to submit an article on behalf of the Committee by December 19 and R. Krueger agreed to submit an article by January 16.
- Dr. Gouthro, Chief Medical Officer, has transitioned to a contracted part-time status.
- Dr. Ticho has submitted his resignation effective April 2023. He is also stepping down now as president of Medical Staff which has been an identified position on the NCCSP Board. Following Medical Staff elections, information on the newly appointed president will be provided to Marathon County for consideration of appointment to the NCCSP Board.
- Mon, December 19 M. McBain and G. Olsen will provide an update on the NCHC budget to the Langlade County Board.
- Liberty Heidmann has recently been appointed to the NCCSP Board.

Supplemental Payment/Financial Update – G. Olsen

- The supplemental payment is a payment only county nursing homes receive as they typically care for more Medicaid patients than private nursing homes. Even with the notification that the Medicaid rate was increased significantly, it was believed, and with agreement from our auditors, that the supplemental payments would not be impacted. However, upon recent notification of our supplemental payment amounts, Mount View's decreased by \$1.1 million and Pine Crest's decreased by \$800,000. These amounts are very close to the increase we would see with the new Medicaid rate.
- Medicaid rates have not been finalized but both Lincoln and Marathon Counties have signed documents to receive an estimated 2022 interim payment amounting to about \$650,000 for each.

- ARPA funds in the amount of \$1.8 million have been added into our 2022 financials. We received notice of an additional \$2.3 million from the revised WIMCR reports for 2020 and 2021.
- We were notified our current liability insurance carrier will not renew our coverage. Another company agreed to provide liability insurance with a premium of \$500,000-\$600,000; an increase from \$184,000 this year. Gallagher is assisting us in finding another carrier. G. Olsen was asked to inquire with County Mutual.
- A salary increase was budgeted for 2023, but due to the unforeseen negative impacts to our budget, we will be talking with the management team for their input on how to implement that increase. In previous years, increases were given in March/April.
- K. Gibbs attended a regional legislative meeting this week. Legislators and Wisconsin Counties Association representatives in attendance were informed of the decrease in supplemental payments. However, it was not known at that time that a few counties received increases and it is important to make our legislators aware of these inconsistencies.

Discussion and Possible Action

- Extension of Interim Executive Director Limited Term Employment Agreement
 - **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to postpone consideration of the extension of the Interim Executive Director's limited term employment agreement until the scheduled meeting December 22 due to the anticipated interviews for the position of Executive Director that day. Motion carried.
- Planned Response to Decrease in Supplemental Payment for Nursing Homes
 - Contact county nursing homes who received a decrease to encourage them to contact their legislators.
 - ◆ The decrease in supplemental payment defeats the increase in Medicaid rate which was to help county nursing homes; not to be satisfied with breakeven when county nursing homes accept far more Medicaid patients than private nursing homes.
 - ◆ The Medicaid rate increase shouldn't only help a few nursing homes.
 - Continue to contact the state to obtain rationale behind the calculations of the supplemental payments.
 - Contact legislators frequently.
 - Contact Wisconsin Counties Association.

Closed Session

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 19.85(1)(c)(e) and (f), for the purpose of "[c]onsidering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" and "preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or investigation of charges against specific persons," to wit: Discuss Executive Director Applicants, and, Receive an Update on Specific Investigative Matters Concerning NCHC Employees. Roll call taken. All indicated aye. M. McBain, D. Adzic, J. Peaslee, and G. Olsen were asked to remain in Closed Session. Motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session Immediately Following Closed Session and Take Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session, if any

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to return to open session at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.
- Recruitment for Executive Director is still open. The Executive Director will forward any additional applications that have been submitted and the committee will continue discussion at their meeting on Monday.
- The Executive Director will follow through with the corrective action presented in Closed Session related to the ongoing investigation.

Adjournment

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Krueger, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Debbie Osowski, Executive Assistant to CEO