

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
420 W. 5th Avenue
Flint, MI 48503
Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting
March 25, 2021
Via ZOOM

Board Members Present: K. McCree, *chair*, P. Alexander, K. Boles, W. Coffell, M. Danic, P. Henry, J. Johnson, A. Reeves, R. Speed, and C. Winfrey

Board Members Absent: W. Cole and E. Ellenburg

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

- I. Adoption of Agenda
(Resolution 03-15-21)
Winfrey moved, Alexander supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried

- II. Approval of Minutes
(Resolution 03-16-21)
Reeves moved, Alexander supported the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.
Motion carried

- III. Public Participation
None

- IV. Consent Agenda
(Resolution 03-17-21)
Boles moved, Speed supported the motion to approve the minutes under the consent agenda.
Motion carried

- V. Finance Committee
Presented by A. Reeves, *Finance Committee chair*
(Resolution 03-18-21)
Boles moved, Speed supported the motion to approve the February 2021 vouchers totaling \$9,833,461.42 as presented.
Motion carried

(Resolution 03-19-21)
Boles moved, Alexander supported the motion to approve the new contracts under Item 1 of the Finance Committee minutes.
Motion carried

(Resolution 03-20-21)

Alexander moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the contract renewals and amendments under Items 2 and 3 of the Finance Committee minutes.

Motion carried

(Resolution 03-21-21)

Alexander moved, Winfrey supported the motion to approve the final budget amendments for FY2020 and the 1st Quarter budget amendments for FY2021.

Motion carried

VI. Chair Report

K. McCree spoke briefly regarding the issue with Vanguard Inc., and thanked D. Russell and K. Boles for the extra hours spent discussing the matter, and for their quick and decisive actions to terminate our contract with the firm. As we are in the middle of our millage campaign, and things are moving quickly, McCree suggested D. Russell be given authority to shift funding and sign a contract with a new firm for the millage.

(Resolution 03-22-21)

Reeves moved, Winfrey supported the motion to give D. Russell the authority to move funds and sign a contract with a new person/firm for the millage campaign.

Motion carried

McCree presented the April 2021 meeting calendar and noted that there are some convoluted rules around the open meeting act and we are trying to determine when we will have to return to face to face meetings. D. Russell will cover this further in his report.

McCree also reported on a meeting he attended with new MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. She implied she was open to hearing about privatization of mental health services, but her first priority is the needs of consumers.

VII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell gave an update on where we stand with the Open Meetings Act. The perception is that the legislation that allows for remote meetings due to the pandemic will not be renewed. However, there is a clause in the legislation that allows for local municipalities to put in place emergency orders to allow public boards to meet remotely. Genesee County has an open-ended emergency order in place, so we should be okay to continue to meet as we have been, until that order is amended or expires.

Russell reported that the first Town Hall meeting for the GHS millage went very well, and then the news hit about Vanguard Inc. The CEO of Vanguard has been credibly accused of sexual harassment by multiple women. Most of the staff, including David Lossing and Beth Bowen, the two staff who have done the bulk of the work on our millage campaign, have resigned. Dave may strike out on his own or may join another firm. Mr. Bucholz has had almost zero involvement in our millage campaign. Mr. Lossing remains committed to our

campaign; he is a Genesee County resident and he believes in our mission. Reeves and Winfrey both commended Russell for his swift action in cutting ties with Vanguard.

Russell then presented the PowerPoint he has been showing in the community. The PowerPoint highlights the seven focus areas of where the millage funds will be distributed: Law Enforcement/First Response CIT Mental Health Response Team, Law Enforcement/Mental Health Co-Response and Jail Diversion, Court/Corrections Mental Health Supports and Services, Suicide and Crisis Prevention, Schools: Prevention and Crisis De-escalation, Crisis Center/Crisis Stabilization, and Health and Wellness for Vulnerable Populations. These are areas where programs and funding are sorely needed, but Medicaid typically doesn't provide funds for these services. There is a lot of support in the community, including State senators and representatives, Genesee County Commissioners, judges, the Greater Flint Health Coalition, and the Genesee County Superintendents Association.

Russell also received a further breakdown of the polling demographics as requested by the Board. Of the 300 respondents, 60% had landlines and 40% had cellphones. 70% of the respondents identified themselves as white, 14% of the respondents identified themselves as African American or Black, and 16% of the respondents chose not to identify their race or ethnicity. The respondents were fairly evenly spread across the county, with the City of Flint having a bit higher number of people polled.

The election is May 4, 2021.

VIII. Other Business

Russell had initially planned on updating the Board on the agency's return to work plans, but with the State of Michigan experiencing a drastic rise in cases of Covid-19, we are taking a wait and see approach before determining a date. MiOSHA is also going to be releasing some guidelines that may affect our plan.

IX. Public Participation

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant