

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM  
420 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Flint, MI 48503  
Board Room  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 30, 2020  
Via ZOOM and teleconference

Board Members Present: K. McCree, *chair*, T. Bankert, P. Alexander, K. Boles, B. Clack, W. Cole, L. Keller, A. Reeves

Board Members Absent: W. Coffell, E. Ellenburg, T. Henry, J. Shultz

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 04-21-20)

Reeves moved, Cole supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

*Motion carried*

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 04-22-20)

Bankert moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

*Motion carried*

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. Consent Agenda – Committee Reports

(Resolution 04-23-20)

Cole moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the items under the consent agenda as presented.

*Motion carried*

V. Finance Committee Report

Presented by L. Keller, Finance Committee Chair

(Resolution 04-24-20)

Keller moved, Cole supported the motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

*Motion carried*

(Resolution 04-25-20)

Keller moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the contracts Items 1 thru 4 in the Executive Summary of Contracts.

*Motion carried*

VI. Chair Report

(Resolution 04-26-20)

Boles moved, Bankert supported the motion to approve funding for the 2020 GHS Stipend Program.

*Motion carried*

McCree presented the May 2020 meeting calendar and noted the 'TBD' next to the meeting locations. The stay at home order will be in place until May 15<sup>th</sup>, covering the Finance and Program & Evaluation Committee meeting dates. Those meetings will be held virtually again. There was some discussion regarding whether or not to hold the meetings on the same date and it was decided to hold the meetings on their individual dates. The GHS SUD Advisory Council is investigating how to hold their virtual meeting on the scheduled date. The board decided the Consumer Council meeting should not be held in person. McCree advised G. Williams should contact the consumer council members to see how they are doing, and supply a list of any concerns or issues to the board for their May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

McCree noted the postponement of the Mental Health Dance in May, and suggested GHS put out a statement saying we would look at dates in late summer/fall for the dance, or investigate holding some kind of virtual dance in the summer.

McCree also presented the R10 April meeting minutes. The meeting was held virtually and there was nothing out of the ordinary covered.

VII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell reported that GHS has settled into a rhythm providing services during the state of emergency. Most of our consumers are receiving services via telehealth, and there are some in-person screenings and injections happening at the 420 building, with some injections also being done in the community. Whenever in-person services are provided, staff are suiting up in full PPE and following CDC guidelines.

The executive team is starting to discuss what re-opening might look like when the latest stay-at-home order expires on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to provide mostly telehealth services for as long as funding and billing codes allow.

GHS has also begun doing Covid-19 testing in the community in partnership with the City of Flint. The testing focus is group homes, nursing homes, and homeless shelters, and we will possibly be doing broad community testing in the future. Two nurses and two drivers are doing the testing with a mobile unit, and they are doing a phenomenal job.

GHS has been awarded several grants; \$385,000 from SAMSHA for the Covid-19 emergency, \$220,000 extra general fund specifically for the Covid-19 emergency. GHS has also been awarded status as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), which will allow an expansion behavioral health and SUD services to the community.

CCBHCs are believed to be the “next wave” in behavioral health care and SUD services. Providing crisis services is a big part of the grant, and our partnership with Hurley to provide crisis services played a role in our award. It is very exciting for GHS to be involved. McCree requested that GHS reach out to Sen. Stabenow’s office for a media release once we begin administering services thru the grant.

Russell finished by noting we have only had three staff test positive for Covid-19, and that all were exposed after the agency was closed to on site work. All three are recovering. There have been 4 or 5 deaths of consumers in group homes, and one staff death. We are doing a great job of containment in light of the circumstances.

VIII. Other Business

Reeves shared information about a letter she received from the state that highlighted the implicit bias being directed towards people of color during the Covid-19 emergency. She reported that several black people have been turned away from hospitals multiple times only to die at home from the virus. Russell shared that GHS has applied for a grant to help address this issue, and noted that our Covid-19 testing is being targeted towards historically underserved and overlooked populations. GHS requires annual training in cultural competency for staff. Reeves asked the board to highlight and call out implicit bias when we see it.

IX. Public Participation

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.  
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant