

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
420 W. 5th Avenue
Flint, MI 48503
Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting
May 27, 2021
Via ZOOM

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

Board Members Absent: W. Coffell

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

- I. Adoption of Agenda
(Resolution 05-31-21)
Alexander moved, Speed supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried

- II. Approval of Minutes
(Resolution 05-32-21)
Winfrey moved, Boles supported the motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.
Motion carried

- III. Public Participation
None

- IV. Consent Agenda
(Resolution 05-33-21)
Alexander moved, Ellenburg supported the motion to approve the minutes under the consent agenda.
Motion carried

- V. Finance Committee
Presented by K. McCree
(Resolution 05-34-21)
Winfrey moved, Ellenburg supported the motion to approve the April 2021 vouchers totaling \$12,961,596.32 as presented.
Motion carried

(Resolution 05-35-21)
Ellenburg moved, Cole supported the motion to approve Items 1 through 5 in the Executive Summary of Contracts in the Finance Committee minutes.
Motion carried

(Resolution 05-36-21)

Alexander moved, Ellenburg supported the motion to approve the GHS 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments.

Motion carried

VI. Chair Report

K. McCree presented the June 2021 meeting calendar, and requested that Board members inform himself and L. Polmanteer of any absences during the summer months so we are assured of a quorum for meetings.

K. Boles briefly reviewed the R10 Board of Directors minutes from their April meeting, which were provided in the packets.

McCree noted that legislation is moving forward regarding the redesign of the community mental health system. He will keep board members informed of action alerts regarding the redesign.

McCree appointed Boles, Cole, and Reeves to the nominating committee. A vote was not necessary to appoint the committee. He encouraged board members to let the nominating committee members know if there were particular committees on which they'd like to serve, or if there are committees on which they will be unable to serve. The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for board officers for a vote at the June Board meeting.

McCree introduced an amendment to the Board of Directors By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2 – Standing Committees. The amendment would create a committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to examine issues of historically underserved populations in mental and behavioral health care, and to guide the agency in supporting ethnic, minority, veteran, and female-owned businesses. The new committee would meet quarterly and consist of at least seven members including the Chair. The amendment was sent electronically to the Board of Directors seven days prior to the meeting for review. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 05-37-21)

Cole moved, Reeves supported the motion to adopt the amendment to Article VI, Section 2 Standing Committees, and to approve the formation of a new standing committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Motion carried

VII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell congratulated Jean Troop, Executive Director of Genesee Community Health Center, for achieving compliance in 18.7 out of 19 areas surveyed by the OSV. This survey is similar to our CARF survey but is primary care focused and administered by a Federal bureau.

Russell provided some more information regarding the two proposals making their way through the State legislature for redesigning the CMH system. One of the proposals is not well liked and has very little support, but another one is gaining some traction and has the tentative support of a couple of advocacy groups. Russell will send the text of each bill to board members for their review. Russell stated that whatever happens with the redesign, GHS should be in good shape financially.

Next Russell highlighted some of the great things that have been happening for GHS. We've closed on the new Children's Building and have broken ground, and the project remains budget neutral for us. Region 10 has paid \$31M to eliminate our pension liability, which is a very big deal and extremely rare for that to happen.

The Mental Health Millage passed in early May, with support following expectations. Most cities and towns voted for the millage, with townships voting against, with the exception of Flint Township. Russell noted that someone else will be running the 2030 renewal campaign, which will require a lot of work. Not renewing will mean the undoing of a lot of good programs. With the great CARF and GCHC surveys, the millage passing, and the funding of our pension liability, it has been a very good couple of months for GHS.

Finally Russell noted that things are starting to open back up, but the County has not revoked the emergency declaration that allows for electronic meeting attendance. When that declaration is revoked, we will return to in-person meetings.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Public Participation

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant