

**GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM**  
**420 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Flint, MI 48503**  
**Board Room**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 25, 2018**

Board Members Present:

K. McCree, *chair*; T. Bankert, P. Adams, W. Coffell, L. Keller, A. Reeves, J. Shultz

Board Members Absent:

J. Bernard, B. Clack, W. Cole, M. Cousineau, E. Ellenburg

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 10-89-18)

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

*Motion carried*

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 10-90-18)

Shultz moved, Adams supported the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

*Motion carried*

III. Public Participation

Lisa Sain, 5336 E. Court St., Burton, MI 48509. She is the owner of PALS Place, LLC, which is an AFC home that specializes in the care of individuals with developmental disabilities and disorders. She came to let the board know about her home and why specialized homes like hers are important. She says many homes cannot meet the needs of individuals with autism because they lack knowledge of how to care for such individuals. She is asking the board for a contract for her home with GHS.

Vonna Stanley, no address given, is the parent of two sons with autism. She has been unable to find an acceptable AFC for her sons. She visited one that she was told was “the best in Genesee County” but she felt it had nothing to offer her sons and she hopes the board will consider giving a contract to Ms. Sain’s home.

Naomi Schmolt, no address given. She told the board there are also not many appropriate homes for people with traumatic brain injuries. She would like to participate more in the community and says there are no activities for community-minded consumers.

Traci Hollenbeck, no address given, has twin sons who are severely autistic. They are very large and very aggressive and they will need to be placed in a home with staff who are trained to deal with their behaviors. They are currently receiving services from GHS Child and Family Services, and are doing very well, but the time is coming when she is going to have to place them in an AFC home.

Shannon Mitchell, no address given, also has twin, 20 year old sons with autism. They are considered low-functioning due to a lack of speech. They are very child-like and not aggressive, and she is concerned about what will happen to them in a regular AFC home when she is no longer able to care for them. She feels they are very vulnerable and that they need to be in a home that specializes in caring for individuals with autism.

K. McCree thanked everyone for coming and addressing the board. Due to the combined meetings of the Program and Evaluation Committee and Board of Directors in November, there will be a partial follow-up of GHS's public procurement process for AFC homes at the November Finance Committee on 11-14-18, and a presentation on the lack of specialized homes for adults with ASD, probably at the January 2019 P&E Committee meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

(Resolution 10-91-18)

Adams moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the items under the consent agenda.  
*Motion carried*

VI. Finance Committee Report, Linda Keller, Chair

(Resolution 10-92-18)

Keller moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the September 2018 vouchers as presented.

*Motion carried*

(Resolution 10-93-18)

Keller moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the contracts items 1 and 2 as presented.

*Motion carried*

VII. Chair Report

K. McCree presented the November 2018 meeting calendar and noted that in November, the Program and Evaluation Committee meeting will be combined with the regular Board of Directors meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

J. Shultz will attend the November Consumer Council meeting.

The Region 10 September meeting minutes were presented and McCree noted that everyone should have received an invitation to the Region 10 retreat. L. Polmanteer will forward the

invitation to board members. McCree also noted the GHS SUD Advisory Council had the first reading of their updated by-laws at their October meeting.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell presented information on the 298 process, which is at a lot of decision points which are amplified by the upcoming mid-term elections. Russell also presented a handout which had information on the elections and predictions for some of the races. He noted the Help Centers are funded through December 31<sup>st</sup>, and no information yet on what happens after that. The State's position is that the water is safe to drink. Russell also announced that Dr. Lauren Tompkins will be presented with the Nick Filonow Award for Excellence at the board association's Improving Outcomes conference in December. This is one of the highest honors presented by the association, and well deserved.

IX. Other Business

L. Keller informed the board Genesee Community Health Center is sponsoring a fundraising gala on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Board members were encouraged to purchase tickets and attend.

McCree stated he asked W. Coffell to replace him as board representative on the Greater Flint Mental Health Facility Board.

X. Public Participation

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa H. Polmanteer, Executive Assistant