

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
420 W. 5th Avenue
Flint, MI 48503

Board of Directors Meeting
October 27, 2016

Board Members Present:

W. Cole, *chair*, P. Adams, T. Bankert, T. Hammon, G. Jones, K. McCree, A. Reeves,
J. Shultz

Board Members Absent:

B. Clack, L. Keller, R. Long

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 10-65-16)

Cole moved, McCree supported the motion to accept the agenda as present.

Motion carried

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 10-66-16)

Hammon moved, Jones supported the motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2016 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion carried

III. Public Participation

Honorable Jennie Barkey of The Probate Court for the County of Genesee beseeched the Board to continue with the Mental Health Court program and not cut general funding for this service. Judge Barkey gave a brief history of how the MHC began nine years ago as the first in the State of Michigan. She stated that about 600 individuals have utilized this service and that about 22 counties have come to Genesee County to research how the MHC is operated. Judge Barkey asked that GHS really try to continue funding the MHC as they work through the current financial issue.

IV. Consent Agenda

(Resolution 10-67-16)

Jones moved, McCree supported the motion to accept the committee reports under the consent agenda.

Motion carried

V. Finance Committee Report, Ted Hammon, Chair

Vouchers

(Resolution 10-68-16)

Hammon moved, Shultz supported the motion to approve the September 2016 vouchers as presented.

Motion carried

Contracts

(Resolution 10-69-16)

Hammon moved, Shultz supported the motion to approve the FY2017 Contracts and Solicitations as presented.

Motion carried

VI. Chair Report

Cole presented the November 2016 meeting calendar. As Cole did not attend the conference, she asked for input.

McCree stated that there were a couple of presentations by GHS staff on the water crisis that he thought were exceptional and reflective of the hard work being done by Dr. Tompkins and Elizabeth Burtch and staff.

Hammon gave Mr. Russell kudos for his presentation surrounding the Flint issues.

Cole stated that R10 selected Jim Johnson (Sanilac CEO) as the R10 CEO and he will begin no later than January 1, 2017. Mr. Johnson's home office will be in Port Huron and it is thought that he will visit the Flint office about once a week.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Russell noted that the ORR Survey again scored a perfect 170/170 as in past consecutive years.

Russell stated that the Health and Human Services Department did a survey that estimated that there are about 500 individuals providing what is considered outreach in Flint. Russell handed out a Flint Outreach Worker Summit flyer explaining that this is a seminar put together by GHS to pull together the workers in the community doing outreach to give them the opportunity to hear the same information regarding resources that are available in Genesee County related to the water crisis. He encouraged the Board members to pass the information along to those who may want to attend.

Russell said that there are two issues regarding the ongoing funding with the County.

1. Money owed to GHS
2. Money the County may or may not pay GHS going forward

GHS does maintain that the County still owes approximately 5 million dollars to GHS that was agreed upon when GHS became an authority. The money issue going forward is a legal issue and how the Mental Health Code is interpreted. Historically, the money has been paid from the County to the CMH; however, this is not mandated and is the legal issue pointed out by Mr. Leighton at the Monday Board of Commissioners meeting. Mr. Russell sought this Board's recommendation on whether further action should be taken regarding the money owed to GHS.

After discussion, the GHS Board is very concerned with the lives that will be affected should GHS find it necessary to cut programs such as housing, Mental Health Court, etc. Hammon mentioned a seminar he listened to at the recent conference regarding how Ottawa County organized and passed a Mental Health Millage. He stated this is an idea that could be explored and show that GHS is being proactive in identifying additional funding streams for General Fund. McCree also thought it worth mentioning that most of the money owed to GHS is Medicaid and owed to Region 10. Deciding to move forward with regaining the money owed to GHS, the Board agreed on the motions below.

(Resolution 10-70-16)

Bankert moved, Shultz supported the motion to create a committee to explore a Mental Health millage for the County of Genesee.

Motion carried

(Resolution 10-71-16)

Bankert moved, Reeves supported the motion that GHS approach the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for a continuation of funding as a bridge between now and when an alternative funding source can be identified.

Motion carried

Adams suggested that a presentation be brought before a meeting of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners that outlines the services that could be lost or face reductions and the lives impacted. It was also suggested that a dollar figure of how much the general fund programs save the County would be beneficial as well.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Riddle, Administrative Assistant