

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
420 W. 5th Avenue
Flint, MI 48503
Board Room
Board of Directors Meeting
December 17, 2020
Via ZOOM

Board Members Present: K. McCree, *chair*, P. Alexander, W. Cole, E. Ellenburg, J. Johnson, and A. Reeves

Board Members Absent: K. Boles, B. Clack, W. Coffell, and M. Danic

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 12-85-20)

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

Motion carried

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 12-86-20)

Ellenburg moved, Cole supported the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.

Motion carried

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

IV. Consent Agenda

(Resolution 12-87-20)

Alexander moved, Cole supported the motion to approve the minutes under the consent agenda.

Motion carried

V. Finance Committee

Presented by A. Reeves, *Finance Committee chair*

(Resolution 12-88-20)

Reeves moved, Ellenburg supported the motion to approve the November 2020 vouchers as presented.

Motion carried

(Resolution 12-89-20)

Reeves moved, Cole supported the motion to approve the contract items 1-4 of the Finance Committee minutes

Motion carried

VI. Chair Report

McCree presented the January 2021 meeting calendar, and noted that the Michigan Legislature passed an extension of the bill allowing public bodies to meet virtually during the pandemic, through March 31, 2021. All of the GHS Board of Directors meetings will be virtual through that time. McCree also noted the agency closures for the holidays.

There was one action item, which was the approval of the 2020 Recipient Rights Annual Report. McCree noted that the report was thoroughly reviewed at the December meeting of the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee.

(Resolution 12-90-20)

McCree moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the 2020 Recipient Rights Annual Report.

Motion carried

The Region 10 November meeting minutes were also included for the board's review. The December R10 Board meeting will be held on December 18, 2020. There was a brief discussion on the large amount of Medicaid dollars being returned to the State of Michigan. Day programs and respite programs have been down or operating with less hours due to the pandemic.

VII. Executive Director's Report

D. Russell reported that the public participation follow up for the NCE is going very well. Most of the complaints have been resolved or dropped, and we should have a detailed report in January or February.

Russell also reported on Covid numbers for the agency. He will have a more detailed report regarding losses experienced by our staff and at our group homes, but so far only 15 staff have had Covid-19, with everyone recovered. Most of those exposures happened away from work, with only 1 or 2 staff being exposed by co-workers.

Russell thanked the board for their support during this challenging year. He stated we have a fantastic and resilient staff, and that we will get thru this difficult time.

VIII. Other Business

McCree noted that we have lost a lifetime of experience from our board this year, with the retirement of Linda Keller, Judy Shultz, Brenda Clack, and Terry Bankert. There will be a lot of changes in the coming year.

McCree suggested planting a tree of remembrance at the new children's services building, to acknowledge and honor the losses of consumers and staff during the pandemic.

IX. Public Participation
None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant