

Oversight Policy Board Minutes

April 25, 2024

Patrick Barrie Conference Room
3005 Boardwalk Drive, Suite 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Mark Cochran, Amy Fullerton, Annette Gontarski, Molly Welch Marahar, Dave Oblak, Dave O'Dell, Monique Uzelac, Tom Waldecker

Members Absent: Jamie Dean, Ricky Jefferson, Frank Sample, David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson

Guests:

Staff Present: Stephannie Weary, James Colaianne, Nicole Adelman, Matt Berg, James Luckey, Michelle Sucharski, CJ Witherow, Stacy Pijanowski, Jackie Bradley (Lenawee), Alyssa Tumolo

Board Vice-Chair M. Cochran called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Introductions

- OPB Chair Susan Longworth has resigned from the OPB because she has been appointed as a judge in Livingston County, which presents a conflict of interest.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by D. Oblak, to approve the agenda

Motion carried

3. Approval of the February 22, 2024 Oversight Policy Board minutes

Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by D. Oblak, to approve the February 22, 2024 OPB minutes

Motion carried

4. Audience Participation

- None

5. Old Business

a. Finance Report

M. Berg presented. Discussion followed.

b. FY24 Funding Update

- The COVID Block Grant (BG) was scheduled to end 3/15/24, and funding for COVID (BG) programs was going to be replaced with PA2, and then ARPA instead. Then the COVID (BG) was extended through 3/14/25. So now the ARPA funds that were going to be used can be saved for something else, to be determined, some likely extended to next FY.

6. New Business

a. June Meeting Special Election

- With S. Longworth's resignation from the OPB, a new Chair will be needed for the rest of her term, which ends on 9/30/24.
- Per the OPB bylaws, only one individual appointed by each county may serve as an officer.

- M. Welch Marahar is the current OPB Secretary (Washtenaw) and did offer to serve as Chair if no one else is able.
 - M. Cochran is the current OPB Vice-Chair (Monroe).
 - A. Gontarski volunteered to serve as chair through 9/30/24. She will be added to the ballot for the June special election.
- b. June Meeting FY25 RFP PA2 Funding Decisions
- A quorum will be needed for PA2 funding recommendations that will go to the Regional Board in August for preliminary review.
- c. PA2 Request
- Home of New Vision will host a 5-day CCAR peer training and a 1-day Stand with Trans training. The request is for food for both trainings.
Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by D. O'Dell, to Approval for the use of \$2,600 of PA2 (interest) funds from across counties to support Home of New Vision's Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) training and Stand with Trans training for the region to occur in June or July
Motion carried
- d. Priority Population Update
- The priority population position is required and funded by MDHHS. The region chose to split the role's duties between 2 SUD Care Navigator positions, which is 1/2 priority population work and 1/2 utilization management.
 - There have been ongoing challenges statewide with the MDOC system moving to utilizing the PIHP system starting in 2020. Those challenges continue. A new staff person has been hired by MDOC to work with PIHPs and MDOC staff. MDOC agents continue to mostly circumvent the PIHP system to get individuals into residential cognitive behavioral programs instead of sending them to the PIHP where medical necessity, voluntary treatment, and provider choice are required and respected. Dave Oblack and Annette Gontarski discussed the additional need to educate judges which Nicole said she would bring back to the statewide discussion.
 - N. Adelman shared challenges and success in the program thus far, and year-to-date data:
 - 262 individuals served by SUD Care Navigators
 - 240 (92%) confirmed admissions
 - 183 (76%) admitted within the appropriate time frame
7. Report from Regional Board
- The Regional Board's CEO Evaluation Committee provided an overview on the CEO performance at the recent board meeting. Per M. Welch Marahar, the results were overwhelmingly great, but the committee would like a better way to structure the CEO goals to reflect the work that he's doing.
 - The prior years' deficit repayment arrangement is being finalized.
 - The FY25 budget was revised to reflect a significant rate change that is being implemented this month.
 - The Regional Board reviewed the board governance manual and most of the board policies. The Financial Stability and Risk Reserve Management policy is going under further review and possible updates.
 - A new business expense reimbursement process is going to the Regional Board in June.
 - There was an error in the annual audit report that reflected computer hardware costs in the board diem line item.
 - J. Colaianne provided an update on the Monroe CMH FY23 deficit, which was discussed at the Regional Board meeting.

8. SUS Director Updates

a. CEO Update

- Conflict Free Access and Planning Project – could significantly affect staffing at the PIHP related to utilization management. The state’s goal is to ensure no conflict in the role of planning vs. the role of performing the service. There is concern that it may affect consumer care.

b. Strategic Planning

- The PIHP has a health equity team that meets monthly.
- The RFP was released recently.
- All rest on track as planned

c. Staffing

- The SUD Care Navigator position open and posted, as is one Finance and one Operations position

d. ASAM Criteria 4th Edition

- Significant change is happening and will take time to implement, not until next FY. Nicole will send the significant differences to OPB.

e. Updating Policies

- Some policies need to be updated, pending updates to the state’s policies.

9. Adjournment (**Board Action**)

Motion by T. Waldecker, supported by A. Fullerton, to adjourn the meeting

Motion carried

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

***Next meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2024**

Location 3005 Boardwalk, Suite 200; Patrick Barrie Room