

## Oversight Policy Board Minutes

December 1, 2022

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

Members Present: Mark Cochran, Kim Comerzan, Amy Fullerton (remote), Susan Longworth, Frank Nagle (remote), Dave Oblak, Dave O'Dell, David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson, Monique Uzelac, Tom Waldecker

Members Absent: Ricky Jefferson, Molly Welch Marahar, Carol Reader

Guests:

Staff Present: Stephannie Weary, Nicole Adelman, Matt Berg, CJ Witherow, Danielle Brunk, Alyssa Tumolo, Jane Goerge, Rebecca DuBois, Stacy Pijanowski, James Colaianne

Board Chair M. Cochran called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda  
**Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by D. O'Dell, to approve the agenda**  
**Motion carried**
3. Approval of the October 27, 2022 Oversight Policy Board minutes  
**Motion by T. Waldecker, supported by K. Comerzan, to approve the October 27, 2022 OPB minutes**  
**Motion carried**
4. Audience Participation
  - None
5. Old Business
  - a. Finance Report
    - M. Berg presented. Discussion followed.
  - b. FY23 Funding Update
    - The PIHP received \$3 million in expanded COVID funds and has begun to allocate the funds. Some programs were able to be funded by COVID BG instead of PA2, which helped with PA2 balances a little bit.
6. New Business
  - a. PA2 Mini Grants/Funding Thresholds
    - Last month there was discussion about whether PA2 mini grants should be offered or not when a potential future shortage of PA2 funds is anticipated. OPB decided that counties without a potential PA2 shortage should still offer mini grants when appropriate.  
**Motion by T. Waldecker, supported by M. Uzelac, to set the PA2 balance threshold at 33% of projected annual expenses for each individual county. If an individual county's PA2 balance falls below 33% of projected annual expenses, no mini grants will be considered for that individual county.**  
**Motion carried**

b. Strategic Planning Update

- OPB reviewed some of the strategic planning highlights.
- N. Adelman will send out the RSA results to OPB.
- The next round of strategic planning will probably start early next year. The state has not released the template yet.
- Recovery housing in Livingston is currently only for women. N. Adelman noted that recovery housing within the region is not restricted to residents of the county, and that a Livingston resident is able to seek recovery housing services in 1 of the other counties in the region. N. Adelman agreed to keep the issue of recovery housing for men in Livingston in discussion with Livingston CMH.

c. Regional Access Feedback Update

- The PIHP is working through ways to get feedback regarding access from both the community and providers. N. Adelman plans to discuss with ROC approaching the Regional Advisory Board to start the gathering of community feedback from this group. A region-wide survey regarding access feedback is also under consideration.
- D. Oblak advised that he and his colleagues have noticed an improvement with access services. He and his colleagues have not had any issues with access.
- M. Uzelac noted that there is still a gap in services for youth, particularly for those who are unhoused or have unstable housing.
- Bring update on current regional discussion about electronic communications, like texting for access.
- K. Comerzan expressed concern about those who are not currently enrolled in service, and are not in the criminal justice system, and how to engage them in getting feedback on their experience with Access. It was agreed reaching/communicating with this population would be a challenge.
- D. Stimpson noted that some people do not have phone plans and are only to make/receive calls using public wi-fi.
- Staff will bring back updates from the regional workgroup that is currently working through electronic communication challenges related to service coordination.

d. Women's Specialty Services (WSS) Update

- Previously, people had the option to receive their WSS treatment at a different provider than their SUD treatment, being dually enrolled at 2 providers, which all SUD directors across the state support.
- The state has changed its interpretation of the WSS rule, disallowing the dual enrollment option, the end result of which is that some will have to choose either their WSS service or their other service (such as Methadone, for example). The SUD directors disagreed with this outcome. Our region continues to push back and advocate for the dual enrollment option.

7. Report from Regional Board

- R. Tillotson provided an update from the September board meeting, including approval of a 5-year CEO contract and budget approval.

8. SUD Director Updates

- a. CEO Update – see CEO report in packet for details.
- b. Staffing

- SUD Priority Population position is currently being revised. The plan is to have the position filled by the beginning of the calendar year.

9. Adjournment

**Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by D. O'Dell, to adjourn the meeting**

**Motion carried**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**\*Next meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023**

**Location 3005 Boardwalk, Suite 200; Patrick Barrie Room**