



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

The LifeWays Board of Directors met in regular session in the Board Room at the LifeWays Building, 1200 N West Avenue, Jackson, Michigan on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Caswell (Chair), John Clark (Vice Chair), Mark Wiley (Treasurer), Carl Rice, Jr. (Secretary), Melissa Callison, Christine Carlson, Jeffrey Peterson, Earl Poleski, Kathleen Schmitt, Ray Snell, Edward Woods

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bradley Bohner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Maribeth Leonard (Chief Executive Officer), Kenneth Berger (via Zoom), Karen Cascaddan, Shannan Clevenger (via Zoom), Tyler Friend, Tenicia Hoaglin, Jon Johnston, David Lowe (via Zoom), Wade Stitt (via Zoom), Cassandra Watson (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Cole-Monroe (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caswell called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was presented by Bruce Caswell followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by audience and Board members.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

The presence of all attending this meeting was recorded.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

LW 22-23-035 - Approval of Agenda of the May 17, 2023, Regular Business Meeting

**MOTION BY JEFFREY PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY RAY SNELL, FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE MAY 17, 2023, REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED: 11-0**

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

LW 22-23-036 - Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting held on April 19, 2023

MOTION BY CARL RICE JR., SUPPORTED BY JEFFREY PETERSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 19, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0

CEO COMMUNICATIONS

Maribeth Leonard, Chief Executive Officer, briefly highlighted the communications provided in the Board Folder.

(A copy of the Board Folder contents can be found in the Supplemental Minutes portion of the Board Minutes Book.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Facilities

1. NO MEETING

B. Program & Finance

2. [DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM, ALL ITEMS WERE MOVED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED PROGRAM & FINANCE MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2023]

C. Quality Improvement and Credentialing

3. NO MEETING: ALL ITEMS WERE MOVED TO THE NEW BUSINESS PORTION OF THIS AGENDA

APPOINTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **LIFEWAYS BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- **MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) BOARD**
- **MSHN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD**

- NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING BOARD
- COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY
- MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS) OFFICE OF RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- LIFEWAYS DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AD HOC COMMITTEE
- LIFEWAYS MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- LIFEWAYS RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- LIFEWAYS SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

- LW 22-23-037 - Approval of Resolution #0044 to Declare June 9, 2023, as Faylawnda Truman Day
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MOTION BY JEFFREY PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY EARL POLESKI, FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #0044 TO DECLARE JUNE 9, 2023, FAYLAWNDA TRUMAN DAY, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.

- LW 22-23-038 - Approval of Revised Policy: 13-06 Serious Emotional Disturbance Screening for Foster Care
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MOTION BY JEFFREY PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY CHRISTINA CARLSON FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY: 13-06 SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE SCREENING FOR FOSTER CARE, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0

- LW 22-23-039 - Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Substance Use Disorder Treatment Contractual Agreement Between Mid-State Health Network and LifeWays Effective April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023
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MOTION BY RAY SNELL, SUPPORTED BY JEFFREY PETERSON, FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK AND LIFEWAYS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED:
11-0

REPORTS

- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Ms. Leonard gave an overview of the CEO report.

(A copy of the CEO Report can be found in the Supplemental portion of the Board Minutes Book.)

- BOARD CHAIR

Chair Caswell will be ending his current job as Interim Superintendent at the end of June.

The state is encouraging expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) across the state and Community Mental Health organizations will need to provide statistic information.

- MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mr. Woods – The Medicaid rebid is happening soon and there could be changes that impact our consumers.
- Mr. Snell – No comments.
- Dr. Rice – No comments.
- Mr. Clark – The Annual Celebration was a wonderful experience and encourage Board Members to attend in the future.
- Mr. Peterson – The National Conference provided great insight. For instance, do not overuse Executive Committee to make decision for the Board, communicate successes by the consumer that the organization has served, and staffing shortage are a theme across the country not just locally.
- Mr. Poleski – Margie Walz is the new Jackson County Commissioner for District 2 due to the passing of her brother, who was the previous Jackson County Commissioner.
- Ms. Carlson – No comments.
- Ms. Callison – No comments.
- Ms. Schmitt – No comments.

- Mr. Wiley – The St. Paul’s Ability Resource Center (SPARC) [Hillsdale] board meeting was provided with some useful information regarding contracts from Shannan Clevenger (LifeWays Chief Operating Officer) and Michael Cupp (LifeWays Director, Contracts).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Caswell adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Carl Rice, Jr., Secretary