Board Members Present:

Board Member Absent:
   A. Reeves

Called to order by W. Winiarski at 4:02 pm.

I. Adoption of Agenda
   (Resolution 04-18-14-14)
   Shultz moved, Keller supported the motion to adopt the amended agenda. 
   Motion carried

II. Approval of Minutes
   (Resolution 04-19-14)
   Shultz moved, Saddington supported the motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 board meeting. 
   Motion carried

III. Public Participation
   Retiring board member Otis Taylor was recognized by the board and presented with a plaque honoring him for his 27 years of service on the Board.

IV. Consent Agenda – Committee Reports
   (Resolution 04-20-14)
   Shultz moved, Keller supported the motion to accept the committee reports under the consent agenda. 
   Motion carried
Shultz moved, Keller supported the motion to approve the 2014 Employee Stipend Request funding in the amount of $25,000.

*Motion carried*

V. Finance Committee Report, Gary Jones, Chair

Audit

(Resolution 04-22-14)

Shultz moved, Keller supported the motion to accept the audit report from Rehmann Robson.

*Motion carried*

Vouchers

(Resolution 04-23-14)

Shultz moved, Keller supported the motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

*Motion carried*

Contract Review

(Resolution 04-24-14)

Shultz moved, McCree supported the motion to approve the contracts as presented.

*Motion carried*

VI. Chair Report

Winiarski presented the May 2014 meeting calendar and noted the special events listed such as the Walk a Mile in My Shoes Rally in Lansing and the Mental Health Dance, which will take place in May. Winiarski noted the minutes from the March Region 10 board meeting were also included in the packets. Cole, Saddington and Clack have been appointed to the nominating committee and will be meeting soon. Winiarski let the board know that M. McCarten, Region 10 CEO, was given the okay to enter into contract negotiations with Rehmann Robson to take over CFO position vacated by J. De Lay by the Region 10 Board of Directors at their April meeting. McCarten will present a contract to the R10 Board at their next meeting. Finally, Winiarski informed the Board that B. Hennessy has resigned from the Board of Directors due to scheduling conflicts. Winiarski stated the County Commission is going to select a replacement member
from the pool of recent applicants for O. Taylor’s position. That person should be appointed at the May 7th meeting of the County Commissioners. Saddington inquired about the accounting of GHS dollars spent on Region 10 activities for the 1st quarter of FY 2014. Winiarski requested GHS staff assemble that information and report to the Board.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Winiarski called for a motion to move the Board into Executive Session to discuss a legal opinion from Counsel regarding a letter presented to B. Clack by Atty. Karen Lopez. (Resolution 04-25-14)
Shultz moved, Clack supported the motion for the Board to move into Executive Session.
Bailey Yes
Clack Yes
Cole Yes
Hammon Yes
Jones Yes
Keller Yes
McCree Yes
Saddington Yes
Shultz Yes
Winiarski Yes

At 4:28 p.m. the room was cleared of all non-essential personnel and the Board moved into Executive Session.

At 5:09 p.m. the audience members were allowed back into the meeting room.
(Resolution 04-26-14)
Hammon moved, Shultz supported the motion to end the Executive Session.
Motion carried

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
D. Russell presented the Excellence in Mental Health Act which establishes a two-year, eight state Medicaid demonstration project. Russell also distributed an article regarding the Healthy Michigan initiative and opinions regarding the initiative from around the state.
Russell advised the board that we have now lost two top management personnel -- CIO and CFO -- to new and re-structuring entities, and another individual finished a close second for a CEO position. There is a great deal of restructuring and repositioning in the behavioral healthcare environment, which is creating opportunities and the need for top management. GHS has an excellent reputation for innovative and efficient operations, and our top people are being cherry picked. These people did not go looking for jobs. The jobs came to them. The board’s practice of compensating management staff in the same manner as the unions, is out dated thinking, and puts our top performers at risk. If this continues, it is possible that GHS will lose more top staff, and scores on audits, and monitoring reports may start to slip. Keller asked what could be done.

Winiarski made a motion to have staff conduct a salary survey to compare GHS management salaries to other organizations.
(Resolution 04-27-14)

Keller moved, Jones supported the motion to do the salary study.

*Motion carried*

Jones offered an explanation for his support of the motion, stating we are in a very confusing situation and we can’t lose our key leadership to other agencies/regions.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**
None

**X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Hutchins, Executive Assistant