

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2025, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Mike Cierzniewski, Cym Winiecke, Susan McCauley, Jaime Huffman, Joan Williams, Lisa Coney, Jill Armentrout, Robert Woods

VIRTUAL:

ABSENT: John Pugh, Jacob Kerns, Maria Vela

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jan Histed, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – April 14, 2025

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Cym Winiecke to approve the April 14, 2025 SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance Committee – April 17, 2024

Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / *Vacancy*, Vice Chair
Report by Mike Cierzniewski.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Jaime Huffman to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

B. Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting

????, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair

C. Executive Limitations – April 23, 2025

Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Susan McCauley to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

D. Ends Committee – April 28, 2025

Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

Motion made by Joan Williams and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

V. CEO REPORT

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month with lots of other behavioral health related observances. See the Information Section of the Board Packet at VII. B.

Stand Up for Medicaid Educational Town Hall at SVSU-Curtis Hall on Tuesday, May 6 from 6-8 P.M.

The purpose of the event was both educational and a Call to Action concerning the impact on beneficiaries, their families, the health care provider community including SCCMHA, and our regional economy from the proposed federal cuts of \$880 Billion dollars through 2034 to all states and U.S. Territories. The event was well timed, well attended and well received. Cathy Macomber, Assistant Dean at the SVSU Social Work School, Nancy Krause from a new Chapter of Indivisible-MI and I planned the event, the outreach to potential attendees, speakers and the take-away information provided at the event. The event was held in one of the second floor ballrooms at Curtis Hall. We had the room set up for 50 guests and welcomed around 200 attendees.

Our program provided information and data about the MI Medicaid Program, including what beneficiary groups were at risk, a summary of the programs in our state supported by MI Medicaid and information from the MI League for Public Policy about the impact of these federal cuts on Michigan's economy and that of our local communities. Much of the information about the MI Medicaid program came directly from MDHHS. The state anticipates the impact share of the federal cut to Michigan if unchanged, to likely exceed \$16 Billion dollars over the next decade.

Our educational portion of the program was followed by attendees being invited to speak and share their connections with Medicaid and underscore the importance of the program in their lives. The last section of the event was a call to action with information about how audience members could contact their congressional representatives. Contact information for U.S. Senators, Garry Peters, and Elissa Slotkin to attendees, along with contact information for regional congressional representatives in US House Districts 01(Bergman), 02 (Moolenaar), 07 (Barrett), 08 (McDonald-Rivet), and 09 (McClain).

We hired a videographer to tape the event as well as individual attendees willing to tell their stories for promotional purposes. The tape of the event was posted to YouTube, just search "Stand Up for Medicaid."

There was media coverage of the event by WNEM and Mid-Michigan NOW.

The taping of attendee comments has been produced into short videos we are posting to our Facebook page and sharing with other partners.

All the event materials, video tapes and media coverage can be found on our website www.sccmha.org under the "Newsroom" tab.

MDHHS CCBHC Demonstration and Looming Federal Cuts

In the Information section of the Board packet at item VII. H., you will find an email from Lindsey Naeyaert of MDHHS. Ms. Naeyaert is the official inside MDHHS overseeing the CCBHC Demonstration. I included the email because at the end of her message though she is forecasting cuts to Michigan CCBHC Sites that also have SAMHSA Grant funding (SCCMHA does not have a SAMHSA Grant), she seems to be trying to be optimistic about the US Dept of Health and Human Services not cutting the CCBHC Demonstration grants awarded to states across the country and that the MI CCBHC Demonstration would proceed thru 2027.

2024 SCCMHA Share of MSHN Performance Bonus and Interest Earnings

In the Information Section of the packet at Item VII. I. & J., pages 149 & 150, you will find spreadsheets that describe the amounts of the 2024 Bonus Incentive Payments to the CMHSPs in the MSHN region. The SCCMHA Share of the PIBP is \$724,431.13. Upon receipt of the SCCMHA BIP, the funds become "local" revenue.

You will also find the MSHN Interest Distribution for 2024 with the SCCMHA share totaling \$96,130.38, again once received these funds become "local" revenue.

White House Recommendations to Congress for Cuts to HUD and Other Housing Programs reported by the National Low Income Housing Coalition

As if the looming cuts to federal Medicaid were not a big enough concern, I received the notice for needed advocacy about the White House Recommendations to Congress for cuts to HUD and other federally funded housing related programs from the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC).

You can find the information from NLIHC in the Information Section of the Board packet at item VII. K. This message was forwarded to SCCMHA by the Saginaw United Way. United Way is the fiduciary for the Saginaw Coalition of Homeless Assistance Providers (SC-CHAP) where SCCMHA is a member. SCCMHA has had a Shelter Plus Care Tenant Based Rental Assistance program for people with disabilities for more than 20 years. The 2024 grant amount is \$565,000, currently supporting 134 individuals across 75 households. The funding from HUD allows these tenants to pay no more than 30% of their adjusted gross income for rent.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski with support from Cym Winiecke to receive & file this report. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of FY 2024 Audit Reports (Financial Audit Report/Governance Letter & Single Audit/Federal Awards Report

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the FY 2024 Audit Reports (Financial Audit/Governance Letter & Single Audit/Federal Awards). Motion carried.

B. Approval of FY 2024 Adult Consumer & Youth Services Satisfaction Survey Reports

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the FY 2024 Adult Consumer & Youth Services Satisfaction Survey Reports. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Quality Improvement Program, FY24 Report & FY25 Plan Report

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to approve the Quality Improvement Program, FY24 Report & FY25 Plan Report. Motion carried.

D. Report from Nominating Committee / Election of Officers

Motion by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to table this until the June 9 Board meeting. Motion carried.

E. 2025 Annual CMH PAC Campaign

CMHA is again asking boards to contribute to the CMH PAC Campaign. Sandy reported CMHAM is doing a wonderful job representing the CMH System and

encourages the Board to consider make the equivalent of one Board meeting stipend (\$50). If interested in contributing, go to <https://cmham.org/public-policy/cmh-pac/>. If you would rather contribute by check (or cash) please give to Ryan and he'll submit to CMHA on your behalf. Goal is \$500 collective contribution from board members and/or staff.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – April 2025 links:** <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
- C. May is Mental Health Awareness and Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Month, Children's Mental Health Awareness Day [7th], Children's Mental Health Awareness Week [4th-10th] & National Nurses Week [6th-12th]**
- D. Stand Up for Medicaid Event at SVSU – 05/06/25** [link to stream](#)
- E. U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin message re: Federal Medicaid Cuts – 04/21/25**
- F. SCCMHA Sponsorship of Kappa Alpha Psi's Men's Health Fair – 06/14/25**
- G. Mental Health Awareness Presentation with SCCMHA (S.Lindsey) – 05/13/25**
- H. L.Naeyaert (MDHHS) email on CCBHC Funding**
- I. MSHN Interest Distribution for FY 2024**
- J. MSHN Performance Bonus Incentive Pool (PBIP) Distribution for FY 2024**
- K. National Low Income Housing Coalition Advocacy Against Federal Cuts to Housing Related Programs**
- L. Letter to County re: County Match Funding Request 2026 – 05/06/25**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. LSJ Viewpoint Editorial 'Cutting Medicaid would devastate Michigan health care, economy' – 04/28/25**
- B. County of Saginaw Newsletter – May 2025**
<https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/county-administrator-finance/county-newsletters/>

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods supported by Mike Cierzniewski to adjourn this meeting at 6:11 PM p.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes prepared by:
Ryan Mulder
Executive Assistant to CEO**