

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
JULY 22, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency this Executive Limitations Committee Meeting was held virtually by telephone.

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Andrea Schrems, Chuck Stack, Robert Woods, Leola Wilson,

ABSENT: John Pugh

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Laura Argyle, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Andrea Schrems, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., a quorum was established and verification of posting was determined.

Motion was made by Chuck Stack and supported by Leola Wilson to amend tonight's agenda to include correction to title of item IV. [should be 'FY 2021 SAGINAW COUTNY LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBTUION TO SCCMHA AS PER SAGINAW COUNTY FY 2021 BUDGET'. Motion carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. EXPENSE REPORTS & BALANCE SHEET THRU JUNE 2020

The Statement of Net position (balance sheet) & Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position as of 06/30/2020 were reviewed by Laura Argyle.

Motion was made by Robert Woods and supported by Leola Wilson to receive & file EXPENSE REPORT & BALANCE SHEETS THRU JUNE 2020. Motion carried.

IV. FY 2021 SAGINAW COUNTY LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION TO SCCMHA AS PER SAGINAW COUNTY FY 2021 BUDGET

Laura noted that SCCMHA is working on the FY 2021 SCCMHA Budget. Preliminary numbers were due to MSHN last week. As of right now we do not know exactly what are revenue numbers will be for FY 2021 but we are planning on a 3.5% reduction for Medicaid.

Saginaw County is projecting a \$1.5M - \$3M budget shortfall for FY 2021. The county reached out to us about potentially reducing the county local match contribution last fall. We started an investigation on the historic dollar amount of \$1,050,303. This amount has not changed since 1997. It also does not cover 100% of our local match obligation. SCCMHA also engaged Richard Carpenter to assist the County on better understanding the State Medicaid Match, State Hospitalization portion (10% of total bill), and Matching requirement for GF expenditures (10% not related to hospital stays). In correspondence to the County last fall.

The county did not request any additional conversation with SCCMHA until Late January.

In January 2020, Sandy was informed that the county would be holding meetings with county department (including SCCMHA) to discuss potential budget cuts and remedies. SCCMHA presented at the County 'Audit and Budget Audit Committee' in February and the content of the meeting included a prepared presentation of the services SCCMHA provides to the Saginaw Community in relationship to the local match dollars provided by the county. In addition, there

was some discussion of the (Debra Geroux of Butzel Long) legal opinion about the county match obligation under the Mental Health Code as well as responsibilities for mental health services in the jail. The legal opinion addresses the responsibility of counties for health services including behavioral health services inside the jail and clarified the opinion of the State Attorney General, that CMHSPs could not use their State GF or Medicaid to support behavioral health services in a county jail.

The A & B Committee members had limited time for discussion as the meeting needed to end earlier than scheduled, were bothered the receipt of our legal opinion and were firm that they wanted SCCMHA to provide services in the jail with no additional county financial support beyond the historic local match amount, despite the fact that every county local match dollar is already obligated in match to GF and Medicaid. The official end to the meeting left all issues unresolved but there was agreement that the Co. Controller, County Counsel, Sandy and the SCCMHA Counsel, would meet separately to review differing legal opinions and next steps. There was such a meeting scheduled for March 12th but it was canceled due to the first COVID -19 Stay at Home Executive Order.

The County of Saginaw held a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14 on the FY 2021 County Budget. Sandy was not able to attend but Laura Argyle was able to attend the budget presentation. From this session we were informed that the County is targeting a \$271,342 reduction in local match.

In March of 2020, Sandy reached out to MDHHS to request the contact at the State that would deal with local match disputes. Then COVID hit and there was no response.

Sandy again reached out to Jeff Wieferich (as he had not yet responded) again requesting assistance. She in addition sent Mr. Wieferich the link to the MLIVE coverage of the budget hearing.

He emailed Sandy that he was reaching out about who the decision maker would be and would get back to her. The EL Committee will remember the guidance to Sandy regarding this dispute from the resolution passed by the full Board in February which is still guiding her position. Sandy solicited input from the EL Committee and was advised to stay the course.

Sandy agreed she would reach out to Robert Bellman, Co. Controller, to once again seek expertise to assist resolve the issue of the match obligation dispute between the parties from MDHHS.

Motion was made by Robert Woods and supported by Tracey Raquepaw to receive and file the FY 2021 Saginaw County Local Match Contribution update based upon the new reduction target in the FY 2021 County Budget. Motion carried.

V. MONTHLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Sandy noted that there were no violations.

Motion was made by Robert Woods and supported by Chuck Stack to receive and file the Executive Limitations Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

VI. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

SCCMHA has completed its FY 2019-20 Annual Report. The major theme this year was to explain the SCCMHA Public Safety Net responsibility. It is a report requirement that SCCMHA provide this document to Saginaw County by the end of July and we will meet the deadline. Be on the lookout for a hard copy version with the next SCCMHA Board Meeting packet.

Most SCCMHA staff are back to their workstations. As you can imagine billable events are down with COVID-19 Pandemic. Currently the majority of billable events are being completed in telephonic and telehealth modalities. Crisis Services, Central Access and Intake and the Health Home departments continue to see emergency and urgent cases and new consumers eligible for service at the Hancock Building.

COVID infections in Saginaw are on the rise again which is of concern. Overall the SCCMHA Staff are mostly infection free but there is a group of staff suspecting they may be COVID-19 positive with exposures occurring at social events. (Approximately 12 Staff are awaiting testing results and currently under self-quarantine).

Significant efforts are going into CCBHC startup. (two-year funding from new SAMHSA grant).

The majority of FY 2020 capital improvements at SCCMHA sites have been completed. The only one still going on is Bayside Lodge (not expected to be completed for the next few months).

Community Ties North / South staff, the related transportation staff and a handful of other staff that cannot work in the current environment, continue to be on lay-off. We just do not yet know how to open these large group programs safely in the middle of this pandemic. Sandy noted she is talking with colleagues and MDHHS for info about doing so. She does not see these programs opening yet this summer and /or until our Region moves into phase 4 of the MI Safe Start Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business a motion was made by Robert Woods with support from Chuck Stack to adjourn this meeting at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.