

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Steve Fresorger, Mike Cierzniewski, Andrea Schrems, Larry Jones

ABSENT: John Pugh

GUEST(S):

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Verification of the public posting was acknowledged and a quorum was established.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. UPDATE ON REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021 & DISCUSSION ABOUT SCCMHA BOARD IN PERSON MEETINGS BEGINNING IN APRIL 2021

Ryan briefly reviewed the information included in in tonight's Governance packet (legal review and SB 1246 signed by Governor Whitmer into law). See pages 2 through 7 for details.

In accordance with these documents, SCCMHA will be able to continue to meet electronically until at least Wednesday, March 31st at 11:59 pm. Sandy asked the Governance Committee to discuss how the committee would recommend the board proceed once we are able to return to in person meetings post COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency. Should meetings be held at Hancock or A&W? Etc.? Also moving away from AT&T Conference line to Zoom Conference for those members needing to participate virtually on occasion would potentially make sense as well as this would allow participants to 'see' the documents being presented on screen and better participate at meetings. Sandy reminded the group that the Hancock elevator is under repair until May but that the new group room on the first floor may be a large enough space to allow for social distancing.

Ryan was asked to reach out to Melissa Gutzwiller, Supervisor of SCCMHA Facilities about the best accommodations / feasibility for Hancock site (first floor in Rooms 190/191 and/or LL in Room 001/001A) and Albert & Woods Center (in Room 117) Conference Rooms. The goal is to have additional info to present to the Board at our next meeting pending any additional info from State of Michigan or Governor's office related to State of Emergency Orders being extended past March 31st.

It was noted that transportation for Mike is a concern also (use of STARS Rides for Wellness

or another option). Whatever the decision that is made we need to come up with an accommodation. Sandy noted that potentially using SCCMHA transportation staff could be a possibility perhaps if need be. Transportation options for Mike will be researched.

Motion made by Larry Jones with support from Mike Cierzniewski to receive and file Update on Remote Meetings Under Open Meetings Act Through 3/31/21 & Discussion about SCCMHA Meetings after 4/1/21. Motion carried.

IV. BOARD ATTENDANCE LOG

The Governance Committee reviewed the Attendance log and noted that there were a couple of areas of concern (Jordan Wise & Leola Wilson).

Board Chair, Tracey Raquepaw will send a letter to Jordan and remind him that he has missed 50% of the regularly scheduled Authority Board meetings and Committee meeting combined in the previous six (6) month period and encourage him to make every effort to make upcoming Board / Committee meetings.

For Leola reminder calls are now being made on the dates of meetings and this has helped to resolve issues with attendance of late. Ryan will continue with this practice to assist Leola.

Ryan and Tracey will also reach out to Jordan and encourage him to make every effort to attend Monday night's Ends committee meeting as well.

It was suggested that a reminder be made at the March 8th Board meeting that SCCMHA Board expectation is more than 50% of regularly scheduled meetings over previous six-month period (in place of the quick motion to simply receive and file Governance Committee meeting minutes as is customary).

We remain hopeful that with improvements in infection rates, coupled with vaccine distribution and continuation of masking and hygiene protocols we will see the public health emergency and related MDHHS emergency orders soon coming to end which would allow for in-person Board meetings attendance to begin again. The Committee agreed that in-person meetings will make it easier for Board members to participate and ultimately improve some of the attendance issues we have been experiencing.

There was also a decision that at the April 15 Governance Committee meeting a closer examination / discussion about the process for monitoring board attendance for earlier interventions will be determined.

In addition, at the annual policy review committee members will discuss additional policy provisions to support consumer members attendance and participation.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski with support from Steve Fresorger to receive and file Board Attendance Log as written. Motion carried.

V. BOARD TRAINING LOG

The SCCMHA Board Training Log was reviewed and there were a few areas of concern as Board members do not currently have enough training hours likely related to the fact that CMHAM has had to cancel Spring/Summer Conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Ryan and Sandy suggested that SCCMHA Board that MACMHB Boardworks DVDs are always a possibility. Sandy is also hopeful that training credits for CMHAM conference recordings may be made available for Board members as possibility as well. We'll report back if we hear any news related to this though. Another potential source for training content could be our contract with Relias for remote learning content. It will need to be investigated though with SCCMHA Continuing Education Department.

Motion made by Larry Jones with support from Mike Cierzniewski to approve the Board Training Log as presented. Motion carried.

VI. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Steve Fresorger to adjourn this meeting at 5:56 pm. Motion carried.