

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 10, 2021**

*Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency this Board Meeting  
was held virtually by Zoom conference.*

**PRESENT:** Jill Armentrout, Mike Cierzniewski, Tracey Raquepaw, Andrea Schrems, Robert Woods, Jane Sills, Steve Fresorger, Larry Jones, Leola Wilson, Jordan Wise

**ABSENT:** John Pugh

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Cynthia Winiecke

**STAFF:** Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:17 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 12, 2021

**Motion made by Leola Wilson and supported by Robert Woods to approve the April 12, 2021 SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting  
Robert Woods, Chair – *Vacancy*, Vice Chair  
Reported by Tracey Raquepaw.

B. Governance Committee – April 15, 2021  
*Vacancy*, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair  
Reported by Larry Jones.

**Motion made by Larry Jones and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.**

C. Ends Committee – April 26, 2021  
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair  
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

**Motion made by Jill Armentrout and supported by Leola Wilson to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.**

Executive Limitations – April 28, 2021  
Andrea Schrems, Chair – John Pugh, Vice Chair  
Reported by Andrea Schrems.

**Motion made by Andrea Schrems and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.**

## **V. CEO REPORT**

### **CEO Report to SCCMHA Board of Directors on System Redesign Threats to PIHP/CMHSP System 5-10-21**

Sandy reviewed the highlights of two legislative proposals in the MI Legislature included in the boiler plate language recommendations to the FY 2022 MD HHS Budget and amendments to the Michigan Social Welfare Act.

1. *Gearing Toward Change* a proposal from Mike Shirley and the Republican caucus of the MI Senate.

Proposal features: Abolishes PIHPs, and directs new MDHHS procurement for private health insurance companies licensed by the State to bid on development and delivery of Specialty Integrated Plan (SIP) contracts to manage all physical and behavioral health services for Medicaid beneficiaries. Beneficiaries would be able to choose enrollment from one of two plans offered. Contracting with SCCMHA would occur though no terms mentioned but SIPS would also contract with any other qualified provider the SIPS would include in their network.

The \$3 billion+ dollars paid to 10 PIHPs and in sub-capitation to the 46 CMHSPs now publicly and transparently managed would be turned over to the new SIPs. Proposal would phase in sub populations as follows: Adults with Mental Illness and Children/Youth with SED, followed by the consumers with primary Substance Use Disorders and lastly persons of all ages with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

2. Proposal from Representative Mary Whiteford, assumed to be supported by MI House Republicans, is embodied in amendments to the MI Social Welfare Act (SWA) -it has no specific name as of yet.

Proposal Features: Abolishes the PIHPs, moves the management of the system to a contracted Administrative Services Organization (ASO) - like a third-party administrator for a self- insured health benefit (to pay claims and provide stop loss insurance for financial risk management). It would contract with CMHSPs or any other service provider directly and move the system backward to fee for service reimbursement.

In addition, the SWA amendments would create a new 15-member Behavioral Health Oversight Council with appointments from Governor, House and Senate Majority and Minority Leadership, 33% of the members having to be primary or secondary consumers. Of the 5 consumer members, 3 would need to be current consumers served by the specialty benefit. Member appointment would have geographic representation from across the state defined by MI Prosperity Regions. The BH Oversight Council would in addition have 7 non-voting members appointed by MD HHS with three of these being held for representatives of state advocacy groups and 1 seat to be held for an ASO representative. Members would not be paid but expenses would be reimbursed. Oversight of the benefit currently provided by the PIHPs would return to MDHHS which they are not staffed for.

**Motion made by Robert Woods and supported by Leola Wilson to receive this CEO Report. Motion Carried.**

**VI. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Approval of 2020 Mission-Based Performance Indicator System (MMBPIS) Performance Indicator Reports**

**Motion made by Larry Jones and supported by Leola Wilson to approve the 2020 Mission-Based Performance Indicator System (MMBPIS) Performance Indicator Reports. Motion carried.**

**B. Approval of 2021 Annual Submission to MDHHS**

**Motion made by Leola Wilson and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the 2021 Annual Submission. Motion carried.**

**C. Appointment of Nominating Committee**

Tracey Raquepaw, Board Chair asked Larry Jones to chair the SCCMHA Nominating Committee with help from Jill Armentrout and Jane Sills. Individuals interested in serving as Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary were asked to contact Larry, Jill or Jane. A report of findings is to be made at the June 14 Board meeting.

**VII. BOARD INFORMATION**

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – 04/02/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Weekly-Update-4.2.21.pdf>
- B. CMHA Weekly Update – 04/09/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Weekly-Update-4.9.21.pdf>
- C. CMHA Weekly Update – 04/16/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Weekly-Update-4.16.21.pdf>
- D. CMHA Weekly Update – 04/23/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Weekly-Update-4.23.21.pdf>
- E. CMHA Weekly Update – 04/30/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Weekly-Update-4.30.21.pdf>
- F. CMHA Advocacy Against the Redesign**

**VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS**

**IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**A. New Digital Sign at Hancock**

**B. Stomp Out Stigma Event – 05/22/21**

**C. Advertising on WEYI NBC-25 for Mental Health Awareness Month**

Sandy noted that she was interviewed by NBC-25 for their recent Health Special that you may have seen on television.

SCCMHA has requested extension from the State of Michigan for filing our FY 20 Financial Audit, which has been approved. Hopeful that the Audit will be brought to the June 14 Board meeting for approval.

Sandy noted that the annual request for local match was sent to County Controller, Robert Belleman.

Meeting with local law enforcement for a project for behavioral health needs for local police departments. This project will put iPads in patrol cars which will allow officers access to mental health professionals in the field. There will be more news upcoming on this topic.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Robert Woods and supported by Leola Wilson to adjourn this meeting at 6:12 pm. Motion carried.**

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