

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
JANUARY 27, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT: Andrea Schrems, Robert Woods, Leola Wilson

ABSENT: Tracey Raquepaw, John Pugh

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Laura Argyle, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Andrea Schrems, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., a quorum was established and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. EXPENSE REPORTS & BALANCE SHEET THRU DECEMBER 2020

Laura Argyle reviewed the Statement of Net position (balance sheet) & Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position as of 12/31/2020.

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

IV. MONTHLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Sandy noted that there were no violations of the Executive Limitation Policies.

Motion was made by Leola Wilson and supported by Robert Woods to receive and file the MONTHLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS. Motion carried.

V. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Sandy noted that all SCCMHA staff received at 2 percent increase in compensation as negotiated by bargaining agreements with unions. This is the last year of our three-year agreements.

Last Friday MDHHS director Robert Gordon resigned and it is believed that he is taking a position in Washington D.C. with the new Biden – Harris Administration. The new incoming MDHHS Director to replace Mt. Gordon is Elizabeth Hertel already a member of the Governor's senior staff.

Sandy reminded the Committee that the Governor will be giving her State of the State address tonight.

The partnership with Great Lakes Bay Health Clinics has provided SCCMHA with an opportunity to provide willing staff with COVID-19 Moderna vaccinations. SCCMHA Staff vaccinations at the Gamaz Center helped GLBHC pilot their drive through vaccination process at this location. The process went really well and approximately 145 staff received their first of a two dose Moderna vaccination. There is a waiting list for others as GLBHC awaits additional doses.

Second shots will be administered at the drive through Gamaz Center location on February 18 & 19.

General AFC homes in Saginaw are being targeted for vaccinated (both willing staff and residents) by Walgreens and CVS pharmacies but things are moving very slowly. Genoa Pharmacy (our pharmacy partner at the Hancock Building) is also hoping to participate in the federal/state Pharmacy Partnership Program to administer vaccinations to AFCs in select areas, Saginaw being one of these in Michigan. We are hopeful as this specialty pharmacy is well acquainted with our consumer populations and their unique needs through the pharmacy at the Hancock Building and their contract with us for the Med-Drop Program.

The Quarterly CMHSP / PIHP Directors Forum was held today and Sandy chaired as she has been doing for over ten years now. The agenda at the Directors Forum was a combination of regular business and COVID Response business.

At MSHN the Direct Care Staff COVID Premium Pay increase of \$2/hour is in effect through the third quarter. MDHHS via the legislature is funding it through February with new dollars but as MSHN has Medicaid Savings to be used to cover the cost and the MSHN CMHSP CEOs have asked to extend through March, the MSHN Board has agreed to the extension. There is significant legislative advocacy to extend the premium pay through the balance of FY 2021 and this seems likely if new federal COVID relief dollars come to Michigan.

Some controversy is emerging at MDHHS with regard to reductions to non-Medicaid Opioid funding. In years past, federal grant dollars left unspent were able to be extended through no-cost continuation funding requests to SAMHSA. Apparently for FY 21 the no cost extension had to be requested in July, then the real expenses for the last quarter of FY 2020 saw significant increased demand for service and the continuation funding request had to be used to cover 2020 expenses, meaning no large carry forward into FY 2021. All of the 10 PIHPs in the state are having to reduce their related SUD opioid treatment budgets as a result. Sandy will share any additional information she receives on this topic with the Board going forward.

System Redesign efforts are not being championed by MDHHS Bureau of BHDDA in light of all that is going on with COVID-19 pandemic this year, but it remains clear that the Medicaid Health Plans still want the legislature to support a new arrangement for the system that would carve the benefit we manage back into the primary health care Medicaid benefit.

A new project is starting up to completely refurbish the elevators at the Hancock Building. The elevators are the original ones from the building construction in 1977. Work will not be completed until likely May at the earliest. Staff members at Hancock are using the stairs unless that have asked for accommodation due to mobility or health concerns in which case one of the elevators can be used for this purpose. This will be a \$200,000 plus expense and we have been struggling with elevator maintenance and parts for years now. Because we are living on borrowed time without a complete over hall of the system and with fewer persons in the building due to COVID, this is the time to get the work done. The project will repair one elevator at a time so we always have at least one working.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business a motion was made by Robert Woods with support from Leola Wilson to adjourn this meeting at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried.