

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190/191**

PRESENT: Cym Winiecke, Mike Cierzniewski, Andrea Schrems, Robert Woods, Steve Fresorger, Larry Jones, Jane Sills, Jill Armentrout, John Pugh

ABSENT: Leola Wilson, Tracey Raquepaw

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Matt Briggs, Tim Ninemire, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Andrea Schrems, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

III. BOARD TRAINING FY 2022 SCCMHA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES #4 – 6

Sandra M. Lindsey reviewed the SCCMHA Strategic Priorities 2021-2022 document included in tonight's packet. It is also available at: <https://www.sccmha.org/news-information/public-notice.html>. 1 hour of Training Credit will be given to members present and on the phone.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – January 10, 2022

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Larry Jones to approve the January 10, 2022 SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recipient Rights Committee – No Quorum
Robert Woods, Chair – Leola Wilson, Vice Chair

B. Governance Committee – February 17, 2022
Larry Jones, Chair – Mike Cierzniewski, Vice Chair
Reported by Ryan Mulder.

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

C. Ends Committee – January 24, 2022
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Jane Sills, Vice Chair
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

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

- D. Ends Committee – February 28, 2022
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Jane Sills, Vice Chair
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

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

- E. Executive Limitations – January 26, 2022
Andrea Schrems, Chair – John Pugh, Vice Chair
Reported by Andrea Schrems.

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

- F. Executive Limitations – February 23, 2022
Andrea Schrems, Chair – John Pugh, Vice Chair
Reported by Andrea Schrems.

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

VI. CEO REPORT - February 14, 2022 and updated for March 14th, 2022

CMS Vaccine Mandate for Select SCCMHA Staff

Select SCCMHA clinical staff working in host medical settings are subject to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services vaccine mandate. 26 clinical staff members, 13 APS staff members working contingency shifts for Crisis Intervention Services and 6 graduate students supervised by SCCMHA staff also working in these settings have been contacted to explain the mandate requirement. Compliance is targeted as per the federal mandate, of at least one shot of Pfizer or one of Moderna or one of Johnson by the end of the month followed by a second of Pfizer and Moderna to follow. We have given all those subject to the mandate until March 7th to comply or to exercise either a religious or medical exception to vaccination. SCCMHA will then attest to vaccination compliance to the host facilities including Covenant Hospital ECC, all Saginaw nursing homes and long-term care facilities, GLBHC at Hancock and the CMU Family Practice Clinic with the names of our staff members and APS staff members compliant with the mandate.

March Update: All 42 SCCMHA staff working in host medical settings are compliant with the CMS Vaccination Mandate. Notices attesting to the compliance are in the process of being sent to those organization. This includes 14 full time staff, 3 MSW Students and 18 contingency APS Staff working at the Covenant Emergency Care Center and 10 additional staff working in other medical setting like primary care practices and nursing homes. The difference in the numbers of staff subject to the mandate from the February report, are do to discovery of additional staff requiring vaccination and a reduction in the students be supervise in host setting also subject to the mandate.

MDHHS/Milliman Behavioral Health Fee Screen Salary and Wage Survey (See packet for additional information)

Members of the SCCMHA Board of Directors, will find documents in the information section of the meeting packet this month that describe a new requirement of all CMHSPs and their contractors of all types in the state. Members will find the MDHHS related email describing the required Salary and Wage Survey found on the MDHHS website (directions, Excel file for completion and training video). CEO, S. Lindsey sent a memo to all SCCMHA contracted providers explaining the requirement due to MDHHS by 3/31/22 along with MDHHS Website screen shots to assist providers find the related document for completion. CFO, Laura Argyle will ensure the response to the survey for the staff of SCCMHA by the deadline. Concerns exist about all of our network providers ability to meet the deadline especially smaller providers generally and residential providers still managing COVID Omnicron illness for residents and staff 24/7.

CMHA Central Region Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 (See packet for additional information)

CMHA has asked all CMHSPs to select board members to attend the virtual regional business meeting of the association along with their CEO. The Central Region to which SCCMHA is a member will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd at 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. via Zoom. The selection of the SCCMHA Board Members for participation is on the Action Section of the Board Agenda. Connection and related documents will be sent to the CEOs to be shared with their board member before the meeting.

March Update: Tracey Raquapaw, Mike Cierszniewski and Sandy attended the meeting.

Advocacy In Opposition to SB 597 & 598 (See packet page 104-107)

At the end of the meeting packet, you will find CMHA Advocacy documents in opposition to SB 597 & 598. See the electronic links to the related Action Alerts and Petition on page 104. CMHA is asking board members to complete the Action Alerts as they are sent and to add their names electronically to their petition. In addition, CEO, S. Lindsey has written a letter to Sen Ken Horn with will be sent to him soon just before the expected Senate floor vote on these bills expected to take place yet this month. Hard copies of the letter will be brought to the meeting.

March Update: Last week the MI Senate took up the third reading of Senate Bills 597 & 598. There was also a Whip count of Republican votes for the bills and there are not yet enough votes for passage in the Senate. The Senate has 38 members, 22 are Republicans and 16 are Democrats. All Democrats are in opposition to the bill. Sen. Shirkey has 5 members voting in opposition to the bills this far and a few members still undecided. Alan Bolter of CMHA meet with the PIHP/CMHSP CEOs on a Zoom call last Thursday 3/3/22 to review the situation. Sen. Horn of Saginaw is regrettably supporting the bills.

If the bills find a majority of Republican votes and the bills move out of the Senate to the House, it is believed that the Republican House leadership will not be in a hurry to take up the bills as they have their own ideas about redesign of the system, but this is still a very fluid legislative environment as it is an election year.

Other Updates:

MSHN/CEO Staffing Support Provider Stabilization Program

This month at the CEO Operations Counsel there was agreement that MSHN has available resources to launch a region wide program for all CMHSP contracted providers to support staffing challenges. MSHN Will offer a similar but separate program to their SUD Network. The program would utilize \$10 million with a \$3 million contingency of available resources this fiscal year through a central application process to provide additional resources for staff recruitment and retention. The CEOs in the region are meeting this Thursday, February 17th to complete the application parameters. The final programs will be brought to the March MSHN Board of Directors meeting for approval.

March Update: MSHN Board approved on 3/1/22. The packet of materials describing the opportunity, provider application and language announcing the program were finalized on 3/3/22. The package was set to the SCCMHA contracted network on 3/4/22.

MSHN/CMHSP Request for Regulatory Relief, Staff Training and Credentialing Flexibilities

In response to the terrible workforce shortages in the PIHP/CMHSP Networks across the state, MDHHS has established a new work group to evaluate the feasibility of ideas from the field for Credentialing and Training Flexibilities and Regulatory Relief. A hard copy of the list of ideas sent to MSHHS by MSHN will be brought to the meeting.

March Update: No response from MDHHS as of this writing.

Gov. Whitmer's FY 2023 Executive Budget and 2022 MDHHS Budget Supplemental

The Governor's FY 2023 Executive Budget and 2022 MDHHS Budget Supplemental were released last Thursday, February 10,2022. Hard copy summaries prepared by Alan Bolter of CMHA, will be brought to the Board meeting.

New - MDHHS Reorganization Announced

Last Thursday 3/3/22, Senior MDHHS officials met via Zoom with the PIHP/CMHSP CEOs as part of a pre-announcement about a large reorganization of MDHHS that will touch everything except the Child Welfare and Child Protection divisions of MDHHS.

This meeting was one of many held with the downstream audience of groups doing business with MDHHS. The public announcement was made on Friday with a press release. Materials were included in the meeting packet describing the leadership changes starting with the promotion of Farah Handley where the newly organized divisions touched by the reorganization will report. The impact of the reorganization on the PIHP/CMHSP System is not yet known. There is a PIHP/CMHSP Directors forum on March 30 & 31st and this change will be discussed there with MDHHS staff. When asked if the reorg was connected to the legislative intent to redesign the system, officials responded that it was not related.

Plaque presented to Larry Jones by Sandy. See packet for copy of document.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. 2022 Annual CMH PAC Campaign

Sandy noted that the CMHAM 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.

B. Approval of FY 2022 SCCMHA Service Provider Contracts / Contracted External Provider Network Fee Schedule

Motion made by Larry Jones and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the FY 2022 SCCMHA Service Provider Contracts / Contracted External Provider Network Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

C. Approval of FY 2021 Annual ORR Report & Summary Report of Annual Submission

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Larry Jones to approve the FY 2021 Annual ORR Report & Summary Report of Annual Submission. Motion carried.

D. Appointment to SCCMHA ORR Committee – Lisa Sawyer

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Robert Woods to appoint Lisa Sawyer to SCCMHA ORR Committee. Motion carried.

E. Citizens Advisory Committee Reappointments (Davis, French, Nelson, Roat)

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Larry Jones to reappoint Maggie Davis, Arletta French, Cheryl Nelson & Tracey Roat to SCCMHA CAC Committee. Motion carried.

F. Recognition of Outgoing SCCMHA Board Members – Leola Wilson & Larry Jones

Sandy read Larry's plaque aloud and presented to him. Leola was not able to attend the meeting and we hope to see her in April.

G. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Tracey Raquepaw, Board chair, reached out to Cym Winiecke and Jill Armentrout and asked them to participate in SCCMHA Nominating Committee (which they agreed to do). 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 April 11 Board meeting.

BOARD INFORMATION

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – Jan / Feb 2022 links: <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>**
- B. Mental Health Listening Tour / Michigan House Democrats**
- C. Behavioral Health Fee Schedule Provider Reporting Requirements**
- D. Summary of CMHA’s strengthened advocacy effort**
- E. FY23 Executive Budget Proposal from CMHA & Highlights**
- F. Letter to Comm. Ruth re. Recommended Board Appointments – 02/25/22**
- G. Letter to Rep. Horn re. Opposition to SB 597-598**
- H. SB 597 & 598: The Wrong Step At The Wrong Time Dangerous, Costly & Bad for MI**
- I. These Stars Do Not Align With Quality Behavioral Health: Say No To SBs 597 & 598**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. CMHA Press Release: New Poll Finds Two out of Three Likely Michigan Voters and More Than 100 Michigan-Based Groups Prefer Public-led Mental Health System**
- B. 600 Sample Statewide Survey of conducted for CMHA, the Community Mental Health Assoc on the privatization of Mental Health Care System for Medicaid Patients**
- C. MDHHS Press Release: MDHHS realigns to improve coordination of behavioral health services; Farah Hanley appointed chief deputy director for health**
- D. S. Lindsey email to Leadership Team on MDHHS Reorganization – 03/04/22**

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sandy noted that each year SCCMHA must complete an annual Community Needs Assessment through a stakeholder survey as part of our Annual Submission. If you would like to give feedback please do so.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods supported by Cym Winiecke to adjourn this meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion carried.

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