

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2024, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Deb Nagel, Mike Cierzniewski, Cym Winiecke, Kathleen Schachman, Lisa Coney, Jill Armentrout, Robert Woods

VIRTUAL: Joan Williams

ABSENT: John Pugh, Cherie Long, Steve Fresorger

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jan Histed, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw - Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was not any public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – February 12, 2024

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Deb Nagel to approve the February 12, 2024, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance Committee – No Meeting
Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / *Vacancy*, Vice Chair

B. Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting
Deb Nagel, Chair – *Vacancy*, Vice Chair

C. Ends Committee – No Meeting
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair

D. Executive Limitations – February 28, 2024
Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Lisa Coney to receive and file this report as edited. Motion carried.

V. CEO REPORT (Prepared March 11, 2024)

SCCMHA Certification by MDHHS as CMHSP

MDHHS recertifies all CMHSPs in Michigan every three years to be sure they meet all the standards in the Michigan Mental Health Code, under the Administrative Rule 330.2801 for Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSP). Our recertification process began a couple of months ago. This involves the submitting of SCCMHA policies, procedures reports and other documented evidence that we meet all the required standards for CMHSPs.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Contracts and Quality Management has reviewed the SCCMHA CMHSP certification renewal application and related documents we submitted a couple of months ago. On February 22, 2024, we received a letter from MDHHS indicating that our application and the voluminous supporting documentation that we submitted into the MDHHS CRM Portal, were determined to be adequate for recertification. Related but separate from this activity, but required for full CMHSP Certification, is the audit of our Office of Recipient Rights which will be scheduled by MDHHS ORR sometime next year.

SCCMHA CCBHC Update

The SCCMHA Entitlements Office, the unit for the responsibility for CCBHC consumer enrollment reported a total enrollment at the end of FY 2023 of 3,810 persons (3658 Medicaid and 152 Non-Medicaid). The enrollment continues to expand. MSHN pulled enrollment data for the 4 CMHSP CCBHC-D sites in the region and as of February 13, 2024, the Saginaw CCBHC enrollment had climbed to 4,108 persons (3,697 Medicaid /411 non-Medicaid). See the *Mid-State Health Network CCBHC Report* on this point in time enrollment for all four sites in the region (SCCMHA, Clinton-Eaton-Ingham CMH, the Right Door (Ionia CMH) and Lifeways (Jackson Hillsdale CMH) in the Information Section of the board packet.

Besides continuous enrollment of new consumers into CCBHC, SCCMHA has begun work to meet the new SAMHSA CCBHC Certification Criteria by October 1, 2024 for FY 2025. The new certification criteria require, new staff training in Evidenced Based Practices, improvements in the timeliness of service access from intake at our Central Access and Intake Department to first service at our treatment teams and into active therapy only for those with Mild/Moderate conditions. SCCMHA will also need to add a new Designated Coordinating Organization (DCO) for SUD Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), yet this spring/summer. The SCCMHA Mobile Response and Stabilization Unit is on track to expand services so that they can provide services not just by telephone and telehealth virtually, but to also deploy clinical teams of two staff out to community locations 24/7. SAMHSA has also added new quality measures for FY 2025. All together the new certification criteria readiness and the documented evidence to support compliance, will touch almost all operations and workflows, so there is much to do in the 7 months remaining of FY 2024.

The SCCMHA Clinical Leaders Team plus Network Business Operations, Finance, Quality, and IT leaders met today to review and assign responsibility for the 46 pages of CCBHC Certification requirements and related readiness tasks this afternoon.

MDHHS Presentation to MI Senate on Behavioral Health Services and State Hospitals

Note the MDHHS Slide Deck in the Informational section of the board packet. This presentation by MDHHS senior leadership was made to the MI Senate Appropriations

Subcommittee on February 27, 2024. The slide deck is dedicated to the MDHHS CCBHC-Demonstration and to State Hospitals content updates.

SCCMHA Welcomes McDowell Center for the Healing Arts to Network

SCCMHA Network Services and Network Business Operations has been working with Melvin McDowell for the last several months on a contract and related activities to add his organization, McDowell Center for the Healing Arts, to the SCCMAH Clinical Outpatient Network. The addition of this outpatient provider is to create additional capacity in the network for outpatient therapy services for persons with Mild/Moderate disorders related to the CCBHC-D requirement to open our doors to this population for the first time in SCCMHA history. The addition of this organization will also greatly assist with our ability to provide consumer choice of therapist with regard to gender, cultural and racial preferences. Training and credentialing of staff are underway and referrals and related therapy service with CCBHC enrolled consumers which will begin in a week or so.

SVSU School of Social Work – A Closer Relationship with SCCMHA for SW Practicum Placements

Sandy met with the SVSU Health and Human Services Dean, Marcia Ditmyer, and Prof. Catherine Macomber at the Hancock Building on February 21 to provide an orientation to the MI Public Mental Health and SUD System and to SCCMHA, for the purpose of showcasing SCCMHA as a rich learning environment and experience for Social Work students at both the BSW and MSW level. The desire is to make SCCMHA and our network a preferred choice for student practicum placement; an important strategy to address workforce shortages in social work network wide.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services Staffing

As mentioned earlier in this report, our Mobile Response and Stabilization Unit (MRSS) both a CMHSP and CCBHC service requirement, has been struggling to hire clinical staff for the overnight and weekend schedule for over a year. We have used our own staff interested in picking up extra work and contracted contingency staff to cover until 10 p.m. seven days a week since last fall. Recently we have finally been able to hire after-hours staff full-time.

The Medicaid requirement for every shift is one MSW and one BSW at a minimum. The duties are to answer Crisis Calls 24/7 via telephone or by way of Telehealth virtually, through our Doxy.me application, and to be able to deploy two-person clinical teams to community locations. This unit answers their own MRSS Crisis Number (989) 272-0275 and serves as the backup for our Crisis Intervention Unit (CIS) at 989-792-9732 or 1-800-233-0022 as advertised. MRSS started as a Medicaid covered service for youth and families several years ago, but now serves adults as well for all matters of behavioral health needs, no matter if they do not have an open case in the network. Under CCBHC, the unit also serves all callers no matter how they are insured if at all. This is also the unit that accepts the relayed calls from 988/MI MiCAL. The unit just recently received their first 988/MiCAL relayed call as connections to 988/MiCAL have just become active in the MSHN Region 5.

The staff positions budgeted for the unit this year for the daytime team include 4 full-time MSW positions and all these positions are filled. The unit for the night-time team is budgeted for 2 MSWs and 2 BSWs. We hired a full time MSW in November but could not fill the remaining three vacancies for many months. We were finally able to hire a BSW

last month, and we have a job offer pending with an internal staff member who has an MSW.

Presently, the evening and weekend team is a combination of staffing coming from various clinical staff in the agency that like picking up extra work and contracted contingency staff. MRSS has 13 different MSWs and 10 BSW staff that cover these hours. We are in addition going to be adding a Peer Support Specialists to this team.

MRSS also has 3 MSW practicum placement students being supervised in the unit, and one of these has already committed to return to the unit next school year. The evening/weekend team is very attractive to SW students because of the availability of evening and weekend hours.

Increase in HUD Shelter Plus Care Award for July1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

At the end of January, the federal Housing and Urban Development Authority (HUD) announced \$3.2 billion in FY 2023 Continuum of Care Competition (CoC) Awards across the county to CoC grant recipients. Here in Saginaw the grant recipient are all members of the Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Providers (SC-CHAP). Members include United Way of Saginaw that manages the HMIS information System for SC-CHAP and the following provider organizations; Saginaw County Youth Protection Council, Underground Railroad, SCCMHA, Restoration Community Outreach, and Mustard Seed. Most all members received notice of additional funding for the next cycle which begins on July 1, 2024.

In the case of SCCMHA, our award increased by \$57,576.00, and was the largest for a total award of \$564,923. We are awaiting further direction from HUD on any limitations or new requirements connected to the increased funding. Our historic and ongoing awards of the last 20 plus years from HUD including this next one, are directed to fund our Shelter Plus Care housing program for homeless persons with disabilities and/or families with a disabled child. The program lets us count the cost of behavioral health services as match to the HUD award, supporting our voucher based rental subsidy program, The program allows the use of the funds to cover the cost of rent for tenants over 30% of their adjusted gross income with included factors accounting for household size.

SCCMHA Local Event Sponsorship

The local events recently sponsored by SCCMHA can be found listed in the Information section of the Board packet. I was a speaker at the Juvenile Justice Reform Legislation event organized by the Community Alliance for the People on February 21, 2024. I also attended the Ezekiel Project MLK Breakfast, where I ran into Leola Wilson and her sons. Leola is a former long time Board member. She looked great and sends her regards to the members of the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO

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

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Citizens Advisory Committee Reappointments (Finta, Sawyer, Nesbit)

Motion made by Deb Nagel and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to reappoint Ann Finta, Lisa Sawyer and Jim Nesbit to Citizens Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

B. 2024 CMH PAC Campaign

CMHA is again 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. Goal is \$500 collective contribution from board members and/or staff.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – January 2024 links:** <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
- C. March is Developmental Disabilities Month & Social Work Month**
- D. SCCMHA Sponsorship of Mental Health Awareness Night Game – 02/10/24**
- E. SCCMHA Sponsorship of Ezekiel Project MLK Prayer Breakfast – 02/24/24**
- F. SCCMHA Sponsorship of Mental Health Explosion / Parent Educational Program INC – 03/09/24**
- G. SCCMHA Sponsorship of BWELL Saginaw Obesity Summit 2024 – 04/12/24**
- H. SCCMHA Sponsorship of Heart of the City Banquet – 06/06/24**
- I. Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) flyer**
- J. MDHHS Senate Subcommittee Presentation re: Michigan's Behavioral Health Services & State Hospitals**
- K. Juvenile Justice Reform Legislation Community Alliance for the People Event – 02/21/24**
- L. MSHN CCBHC Sites Enrollment Report**
- M. Letter to BOC C.Boyd re: SCCMHA Board Reappointments/Appointment – 03/01/24**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sandy noted that a request for reappointment to SCCMHA Board members Jill Armentrout, Deb Nagel and Kathleen Schachman has recently been made to Saginaw County Board of Commissioners Chair Chris Boyd. Also recommended that Marie Vela be elected to replace Steve Fresorger who did not wish to be reappointed. This is to be taken up at the March 19 meeting of the whole.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods supported by Cym Winiecke to adjourn this meeting at 6:15 PM p.m. Motion carried.

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