

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Mike Cierzniewski, Cym Winiecke, Susan McCauley, Joan Williams, Maria Vela, Jaime Huffman, John Pugh

VIRTUAL:

ABSENT: Jacob Kern, Lisa Coney, Jill Armentrout, Robert Woods

GUESTS: Lakeya Montgomery-SVSU MSW student

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 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 – August 11, 2025

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to approve the August 11, 2025, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. Recipient Rights Committee – August 13, 2025
???, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair
Reported by ???.

Motion made by Joan Williams and supported by Jaime Huffman to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

C. Ends Committee – August 25, 2025
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair
Reported by Joan Williams.

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

D. Executive Limitations – August 27, 2025
Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

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

V. CEO REPORT

Update on PIHP Procurement

Delays due to volume of questions from potential bidders necessitated an extension of the submission deadline from September 29th to October 16th. MSHN Is making a submission to the PIHP Procurement. The MSHN CMHSP CEOs will be reviewing procurement development for select sections of the submission.

MDHHS is moving 30+CCBHC State Demonstration Sites including SCCMHA Away from MSHN Oversight including Direct Reporting to MDHHS and Direct Fee for Service Payment from MDHHS.

Since June, MDHHS established five Planning and T.A. Work Groups have been working with CCBHC site staff members and MDHHS staff subject matter experts along with PCE Systems, our EHR vendor, to prepare for this change effective 10-1-25. This means moving all CCBHC Enrollees and the responsibility for their services directly to SCCMHA out from under MSHN Oversight and moving away from the historic financial sub-capitation arrangement with MSHN. There is potential financial risk connected to this change and MDHHS is not offering a signed contract to describe these changes.

The pending changes will particularly impact the SCCMHA Finance Department and our Information Technology and Quality Departments due to many changes to our Electronic Health Record, Sentri. The last time we billed Fee for Service Medicaid was in 1996. There will be much more work volume connected to coordination of insurance benefits with commercial and private insurers and Medicare. We have a high level of confidence in SCCMHA's Finance and Billing Department, but we will need to hire more staff. We have a cross-functional plan for all of the departments impacted by the changes, but time is not on our side, as so many questions remain unanswered by MDHHS at this time. Stay tuned.

SCCMHA Annual Report

2024-25 SCCMHA Annual Report has been completed and available now on the SCCMHA website at: <https://www.sccmha.org/news-and-information/annual-progress-report.html>. Hard copy version will be made available to key stakeholders very shortly as well.

Motion by Mike Cierzniewski supported by Jaime Huffman to receive and file CEO Report. Motion carried.

VI. CLOSED SESSION [FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING LEGAL STRATEGIES RELATED TO PIHP PROCUREMENT – ATTORNEY PRIVILEGE ABOUT POTENTIAL LITIGATION]

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to go into closed session at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to reopen regular session at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. Motion for Board of Directors Consideration re: Support for Changes to MSHN Bylaws

Sandy updated the Board on proposed MSHN Bylaw changes.

Motion by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to support Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Bylaw Changes. Motion carried.

VIII. BOARD INFORMATION

- B. CMHA Weekly Update – September 2025 links:** <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- C. SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
- D. Saginaw County BOC Resolution re: Opposition to MDHHS Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process for PIHPs – 08/19/25**
- E. September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness, Recovery, Hispanic Heritage [Sept. 15th-Oct.15th] Month & Direct Support Professional Recognition week [7th-13th]**

IX. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. County of Saginaw Newsletter – September 2025**
<https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/county-administrator-finance/county-newsletters/>

X. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sandy reported that the Annual Walk A Mile Rally will be held on September 17 and that Sen. Debbie Stabenow will be the keynote speaker in opposition to the PIHP Procurement. SCCMHA is planning transport for consumer advocates on two large busses.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cym Winiecke supported by Mike Cierzniewski to adjourn this meeting at 6:13 PM p.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes prepared by:
Ryan Mulder
Manager of Office of CEO**