

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024, 2022 – 5:15 PM  
ROOM 190**

**PRESENT:** Tracey Raquepaw, Mike Cierzniewski, Joan Williams, Cym Winiecke, Maria Vela, Deb Nagel, Jill Armentrout, Kathleen Schachman, Robert Woods, Lisa Coney

**VIRTUAL:**

**ABSENT:** John Pugh

**GUESTS:**

**STAFF:** Sandra Lindsey, Jennifer Keilitz, Jan Histed, 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. BOARD TRAINING FY 2024 SCCMHA STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES 1-3**

Sandra M. Lindsey reviewed the SCCMHA Strategic Priorities 2024-2025 document included in tonight's packet. The final document will be available at: <https://www.sccmha.org/userfiles/filemanager/v33jojzy9tmjod6gwray/> 1 hour of Training Credit will be given to members present and those joining on the virtual/phone connection.

**IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

**A.** Board Meeting – October 14, 2024

**Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Deb Nagel to approve the October 14, 2024, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried.**

**V. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**B.** Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting  
Deb Nagel, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair

**C.** Ends Committee – October 28, 2024  
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair  
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

**Motion made by Jill Armentrout and supported by Kathleen Schachman to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.**

- D. Executive Limitations – No Meeting**  
Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair

## **VI. CEO REPORT**

### **Fall Conference Debrief**

Mike appreciated an excellent session on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Overall good interview with Elizabeth Hertel. Also excellent Keynote by Bhushan, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Daybreak Health: Addressing Stigma to Optimize Health and Healing. In this presentation, the four facets of stigma were defined, with key personal and research-based examples of how you can impact belonging, professional success, and health. Attendees gained tools for crafting clinical communication that is free of stigma and bias to enhance equity in outcomes and will also understand key systemic and individual strategies that work in tandem to both reduce stigma and enhance well-being, including lessons from the speaker's own journey. Objectives: 1. Define stigma and its attributes. 2. Describe potential impacts of carrying a stigmatized identity on belonging, professional success and health. 3. Gain tools for crafting clinical communication that is free of stigma and bias. 4. Understand systemic and individual strategies to reduce stigma and enhance well-being.

Sandy noted that she was taken a bit aback by statements from Liz Hertel, specifically her statement that the Department and CMH system were "not exactly partners". Found this very disconcerting and wondered why Director Hertel felt the need to make the statement.

### **Additional 2024 Medicaid Funding**

1% additional rate adjustment did happen and did help the system in the close out of FY 2024. SCCMHA finds itself in a different place than most of our 11 MSHN CMHSP partners that are overspent in 2024, with big gaps in revenue. Sandy commented that SCCMHA was in a similar place in 2014 and recognizes what a difficult position many of our CMHSP partners are in and the difficulty in reducing costs without reducing services.

**Motion made by Cym Winiecke with support from Deb Nagel to receive & file this report. Motion carried.**

## **VII. BOARD ACTION**

### **A. Approval of 2025 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule**

**Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Deb Nagel to approve 2025 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.**

## **VIII. BOARD INFORMATION**

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – October 2024 links:** <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
- C. November is Native American Heritage Month & National Diabetes Awareness Month**
- D. Update from the SCCMHA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Team**
- E. Sponsorship of Saginaw Promise / Power of a Promise Fundraiser – 10/22/24**
- F. Child Protection Flyer on TEN-4-FACESp method to recognize signs of child abuse & [video](#)**

**G. Sandy's Response from Sen. McDonald Rivet re: Urge MDHHS to Revise Medicaid Mental Health Rates to Address Significant Revenue Shortfall – 10/24/24**

**IX. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS**

**A. Press Release 'Michigan Gun Violence Prevention Task Force holds first meeting' – 10/22/24**

**X. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Robert Woods supported by Cym Winiecke to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 PM p.m. Motion carried.**

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