

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

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

VIRTUAL:

ABSENT: Jacob Kern, Robert Woods

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey & Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, 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 participation.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – September 8, 2025

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Jaime Huffman to approve the September 8, 2025, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance Committee – September 18

Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / *Vacancy*, Vice Chair
Reported by Mike Cierzniewski.

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

B. Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting

????, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair

C. Ends Committee – NO MEETING

Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair

D. Executive Limitations – September 24, 2025

Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

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

V. CEO REPORT

U.S. Court of Claims Hearing on Thursday, October 9, 2025

See my October 13, 2025 "Memo to Members of the SCCMHA Board and Management Team", about the hearing that I read at the meeting and Ryan forwarded to board members as an email attachment. The memo was also shared with the Saginaw County BOC leadership.

Note: Two YouTube video links of the court hearing were also sent to members for both morning and afternoon section of the hearing.

2026 Medicaid Rates Received with Additional Revenue for SCCMHA

MSHN has received the new 2026 Medicaid Rates. The SCCMHA Share of new Revenue is \$19+ Million. Jan Histed, CFO, is unpacking the details of the rates and will be working on a Budget Amendment with the 2026 revenue. This will take some time but the corrected revenue and an amended 2026 Budget when ready will be brought through Executive Limitations Committee and then to the full Board. With the other year end reporting demands for our Finance Department, the amended budget may not be ready until the November Executive Limitation Committee meeting.

State Budget Update for FY 2026

On October 8, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, eight days into the start of the fiscal year. The Republican-led House and Democrat-led Senate came to an agreement on a spending plan in the very early hours of October 3.

The final FY 26 budget totals \$75.95 billion. The General Omnibus budget, House Bill 4706, appropriates \$51.8 billion (\$12.5 GF/GP). Savings to the state were realized through programmatic lapses from FY 25, programmatic reductions, and eliminations, as well as the reduction of 2,000 unfilled full-time employee positions. For the School Aid budget, Senate Bill 166, it appropriates \$24.12 billion (\$1.56 GF/GP) for K-12 schools, community colleges, and higher education.

I have pulled specific 2026 State Budget items that I thought would be of interest to the Board and they follow:

- The K-12 portion of the budget saw a 2.5% increase in funding from FY 25.
- The Health and Human Services budget allocates \$30 billion Gross (\$7.1 GF/GP), \$7.62 billion less than FY 25. Notable new funding items include:
- Continuation of the \$3.40 increase to the Direct Care Worker Wage
- \$10 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for supportive housing services for eligible direct services
- \$8.9 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for MI Choice and community transition service infrastructure
- \$4 million GF/GP for increased Safety Net Dental Payments
- \$2.8 million Gross to provide Medicaid eligibility phone renewal services
- \$1.8 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for MI Choice presumptive eligibility
- \$250 million Gross in FY 25 supplemental appropriations for RxKids– prenatal and infant support program for expectant mothers and households with a child less than one year in age
- \$250 million in federal funds assumed from the Rural Health Transformation Program Grants (Michigan application not yet submitted or approved)
- \$160.9 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for direct care worker training, credentialing, recruitment, support, and retention

- \$50 million Gross for Meals on Wheels
- \$39.3 million Gross for utilization and cost adjustments for the certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs)
- \$16 million Gross (\$8 million GF/GP) requiring DHHS to adopt chip card technology and other security upgrades for Michigan Bridge cards with a January 1 implementation date
- \$16 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for adult home help respite services
- \$10 million from the ARP-home-and community-based services projects fund for supportive housing services for eligible direct services
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Legislative Schedule

Following a week of lengthy session days and night to finalize the FY 26 budget, the legislature is expected to return to a normal legislative calendar mid-October.

Motion by Mike Cierzniewski supported by Susan McCauley to receive and file CEO Report. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of Preliminary FY 2026 Operating Budget & Multi-Year Budget

The SCCMHA Preliminary FY 2026 Operating Budget and Multi Year Budget were reviewed by Jan Histed (Total Revenue of \$141,445,331 / Total Expenses of \$141,445, 331). The Operating Budget Recap and Assumptions, Revenue / Expense Comparison & Key Assumptions were reviewed in detail. Jan noted a revised budget will be necessary as CMHs just received rates for FY 2026. There will be an amended version coming to Executive Limitations Committee shortly once it is available.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke with support from Jaime Huffman to approve the 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget and Multi Year Budget. Motion carried.

B. Approval of CEO Evaluation

Ms. Lindsey thanked the Board for their continued support and confidence in her ability to manage SCCMHA. She indicated enjoying the feedback and loves working here in Saginaw and it is her pleasure to continue to do so. She thanked the board for completing this evaluation and sharing such positive comments.

Motion made by Lisa Coney with support from Mike Cierzniewski to approve the CEO Evaluation as written. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Emergency CEO Succession FY 2026

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Susan McCauley to approve the FY 2026 annual CEO Emergency Succession Plan. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – October 2025 links:**
<https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
- C. Letter of Commitment from Saginaw County CMH – 09/12/25**
- D. October is ADHD Awareness, National Substance Use Prevention, Depression and Mental Screening, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Red Ribbon Week [23rd-31st] & World Mental Health Day [10th]**
- E. Email from RSheehan-CMHA re: Most recent political and media strategy work in opposition to bid out – 09/19/25**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. County of Saginaw Newsletter – October 2025**
<https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/county-administrator-finance/county-newsletters/>
- B. Detroit News editorial (Robert Sheehan) 'Stop the privatization of Michigan's mental health system' – 09/15/25**
- C. SCCMHA Provider News – September 2025**

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Cierznieski supported by Joan Williams to adjourn this meeting at 6:02 PM p.m. Motion carried.

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