

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Mike Cierzniewski, Cym Winiecke, Susan McCauley, Jaime Huffman, Joan Williams, Jill Armentrout, Jacob Kern

VIRTUAL: Lisa Coney

ABSENT: John Pugh, Robert Woods, Maria Vela

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Matt Briggs, 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. COUNTY BOND CLOSURE/CAPITAL ASSET PROJECTS UPDATE

Matt Briggs and Jan Histed presented an Update on County Bond Closure / Capital Asset Projects. The following was noted from the slide deck:

- Summary of Projects
- Hancock Natural Gas Generator
- Genoa Pharmacy Remodel
- Hancock CSS 2nd Floor Remodel
- A&W Room 116 & 115 Operable Soundproof Collapsing Room Divider /Removing Permanent Wall
- Hancock Parking Lot Expansion
- HR Suite Expansion & Transportation Supervisor Office
- A&W Marquee Signage
- A&W Water Tower / Chiller Replacement
- SCCMHA Commercial Fleet Vehicle Upgrades (9)
- Lamson Kitchen Hood Installation
- Total Cost - \$4.58M

Motion by Cym Winiecke supported by Mike Cierzniewski to receive and file County Bond Closure/Capital Asset Projects Update. Motion carried.

IV. TOUR OF NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (CSS) SPACE

Tour of New CSS Space will take place after tonight's meeting for those members wishing to do so.

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – June 9, 2025

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to approve the June 9, 2025, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** Governance Committee – No Meeting
Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / *Vacancy*, Vice Chair
- B.** Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting
????, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair
- C.** Ends Committee – June 23, 2025
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

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

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

VII. CEO REPORT

The CEO Report this month is focused on activities and updates concerning the MDHHS Plan for PIHP Procurement.

- Hard copies of the new MDHHS proposed state map for three new PIHP Regions as well as the existing PIHP Map were provided to the board members. The new map represents a reduction from 10 PIHP Regions to 3 PIHP Regions. SCCMHA would be a part of the new Central Region which would combine 5 current PIHP Regions, collectively representing 33 CMHSPs across 44 counties. The latest infographic from CMHA, opposing the PIHP Procurement titled, "*What Happens if the State Privatizes Mental Health,*" designed for a consumer/family audience, was also provided hard copy to board members' at the meeting.
- The latest activities since the MDHHS Press Release of May 23, 2025, announcing the PIHP Survey Results and PIHP Procurement intent, were reported.
- CMHA remains committed to efforts to prevent the procurement process from moving forward. Bob Sheehan, CEO at CMHA, was recently contacted by Gov. Whitmer's Office and by MDHHS Dir., Elizabeth Hertel, with requests for meetings to discuss communications from a large volume of stakeholders in opposition to the PIHP Procurement and "privatization" of the system.
- CMHA (Bob Sheehan and Alan Bolter) have created a new group of seven veteran CMHSP CEOs including Sandy, to prepare both information directing advocacy action and alternative suggestions for system changes/improvements short of moving to full re-procurement to share with MDHHS and CMHSP CEOs across the state and state advocacy groups. The next meeting of the group is the afternoon of July 31, 2025.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke with support from Mike Cierzniewski to receive & file this report. Motion carried.

VIII. BOARD ACTION

A. Report from Nominating Committee / Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee of Susan McCauley and Maria Vela reported that:
following:

- Current Officers Tracey Raquepaw – Chair, Cym Winiecke – Vice Chair & Joan Williams – Secretary all are interested in remaining as Officers.
- Mike Cierzniewski is interested in being Secretary.
- Jaime Huffman is interested in being Vice Chair

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair temporarily yielded the leading of the meeting to Sandra Lindsey who reviewed with the group how the election would be conducted. It was noted that it is our custom to call three (3) times from the floor for nominations. Sandra Lindsey did call for nominations from floor three (3) separate times and no new names were offered.

Motion by Jaime Huffman and supported by Cym Winiecke to cast a unanimous vote to elect Tracey Raquepaw as Board Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Tracey Raquepaw and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to cast a unanimous vote to elect Cym Winiecke Board Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Motion by Tracey Raquepaw and supported by Cym Wienecke to cast a anonymous vote to elect Joan Williams Secretary. Motion carried.

B. Approval of FY 2024 Compliance Audit

Jan Histed, CFO very briefly reviewed SCCMHA's FY 2024 Compliance Audit Report. Yeo and Yeo has given us an unmodified opinion and SCCMHA complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year end September 30, 2024. The Board was able to ask questions / make comments.

Motion made by Jaime Huffman and supported by Jill Armentrout to approve the FY 2024 Compliance Audit Report. Motion carried.

C. Board Resolution in Opposition to MDHHS PIHP Procurement

Sandy updated the Board on MDHHS planning related PIHP Procurement.

- If this plan proceeds it would likely result in PIHPs being reduced from 10 regions to 3
- Privatizing of PIHP system
- Request allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system be part of any bid process
- Vital role of local governance would no longer be present in PIHP system

Roll call vote was made to approve SCCMHA Resolution in Opposition to MDHHS PIHP Procurement (results: '8' votes for yea & '0' votes nay). Motion carried.

IX. BOARD INFORMATION

A. CMHA Weekly Update – June 2025 links: <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>

B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>

C. July is Independence Day [4th], Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, and International Non-Binary People's Day [14th]

D. Response Kristen McDonald Rivet – 06/13/25

E. CMHA email re: CMH PAC Tiger Drawing – 06/27/25

F. S.Lindsey letters to MI legislature re: School Aid Act – 06/30/25

X. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

A. County of Saginaw Newsletter – July 2025

<https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/county-administrator-finance/county-newsletters/>

B. Mid-Michigan Now Story 'Saginaw police adapt to rising mental health crisis calls with new strategies' – 06/25/25 <https://midmichigannow.com/news/special-reports/saginaw-police-adapt-to-rising-mental-health-crisis-calls-with-new-strategies>

XI. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cym Winiecke supported by Mike Cierzniewski to adjourn this meeting at 6:51 PM p.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes prepared by:
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