

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Mike Cierzniewski, Cym Winiecke, Jacob Kerns, Susan McCauley, Jaime Huffman, Joan Williams, Maria Vela, John Pugh, Lisa Coney, Robert Woods

VIRTUAL: Jill Armentrout

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jan Histed, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:18 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 – March 10, 2025

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Jaime Huffman to approve the March 10, 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 – March 19
???, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair
Reported by ???.

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

C. Ends Committee – March 24, 2025
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair
Reported by Jill Armentrout.

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

D. Executive Limitations – March 26, 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

U.S. Dept of HHS Abruptly Ends Funding for COVID and ARPA Related Grants

(See Attachment in Board packet, VII. Information item M., page 96)

Sandy reviewed the abrupt order from HHS to stop all spending for 2025 COVID and ARPA related grant spending. MDHHS was the grant administrator of these federal funds and held an emergency virtual meeting of grantees to explain the federal order on April 1, 2025. The document in the packet summarizes the three related grants to SCCMHA for 2025 and the amounts of the award unspent at the time of the federal order.

PIHP Procurement Activity – CMHA Action Alert

(See Attachments in Board Packet, VII.)

Sandy reviewed with the Board the documents included in the packet as listed below.

Information items G., page 82 -84 on CMHA Advocacy Strategy

Page 95 CMHA Action Alert

Page 97 Infographic Protecting People over Profit and

Page 88 & 89, PR/Op Ed from Ed Woods, MSHN Board Chair

Additional walk on document (CMHS PR From 2/21/2022) about last time there was a privatization threat from Sen. Shirley's 298 legislation Section 298 and EPIC Poll

Federal Medicaid Reductions- \$880 Billion over 10 years.

(See Attachment in Board Packet, VII, H. Pages 85-87 CMHA Document on Potential federal Medicaid Reductions)

The attachment in the meeting packet from CMHA describes the potential ways the federal government could implement the \$880 Billion dollars in Medicaid federal funding to states and US territories through 2034. The \$880 Billion dollar reduction target was included in the US Congressional Budget framework passed last month in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson, has indicated publicly that he wants the details about these federal cuts and other federal program cuts contained in the framework, to be wrapped up by Memorial Day.

Notes:

- MDHHS anticipates its share of the cut to exceed \$16 Billion.
- The 2025 MDHHS Medicaid Budget is \$27.8 Billion (34% of the State Budget), 71% of the MI Medicaid Budget is support by Federal Medicaid Match
 - Medicaid Program -federal match is 65%.
 - Healthy Michigan Program (Medicaid Expansion) – federal Match is 90%
- MI Medicaid Programs provide health care insurance for 1 in 4 Michiganders, 2.6 million each month.
 - 1 million Michigan Children
 - 300,000 people with disabilities.
 - 168,000 seniors
 - Nearly 725,000 adults are covered by Healthy MI Plan
 - 45% of births in Michigan are covered by Medicaid.
- In Saginaw County, nearly 58,000 residents are insured by Medicaid Programs including 14,747 in the Health MI Program (as per the April Enrollment file).
- MI Medicaid Costs by type of Expenditure are as follows.
 - 33% Hospital Care
 - 18% Pharmacy
 - 16% Behavioral Health
 - 15% Long Term Care
 - 12% Physician Services
 - 2% Dental
 - 4% Other
- MI Medicaid is the largest payer of mental health services, long term care services and births in the State of MI.

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MSHN Financial Condition

(See attachment in Board packet, VII. Information item K., pages 93-94)

The two page document from MSHN describes the funding shortfall from 2024 and another forecasted for year-end 2025 respectively, of \$24 Million and \$30 Million. The info graphic on page 93 of the packet explains the causal factors for these unsustainable deficits.

- MDHHS Revenues Provided Below Projections,
- Regional Service Levels Expenditures Well Above Projections,
- Significant Increases in both the Number of Persons Served and their Volume of Needed Services
- Significantly Increased Staffing and Other Costs of Operations

Hancock Remodel of CSS and Expanded Lease at Child Youth and Family Services at Bay Road & McCarty location.

Building construction for the remodel of Community Support Services (CSS) is wrapping up. Waiting now on furniture delivery. Both CSS Case Management Teams targeted to move into new space in late May. The work will continue on the remodel of the new Outpatient Suite (behind Genoa Pharmacy at the Hancock Building).

Expanded Office Space Lease is Underway for the SCCMHA Child, Youth and Family Services location on Bay Road at McCarty. All the staff members that report to Erin Nostrandt, Director of Children's Services, currently at our office in Buena Vista on Towerline Road will be moving into the new Bay Road expansion space in late 2025/early 2026.

SCCMHA Recipient of the BWell Champion Award at the BWell Summit on April 11, 2025, for leading two projects:

SCCMHA is receiving the award for two BWell Projects.

1. Leadership and collaboration with other Saginaw behavioral health providers to create an electronic BH Directory for residents seeking treatment and for healthcare providers that want to refer their patients to BH Providers. There is still more work to be done this year to promote the directory.
2. Production of 7 short anti-stigma videos of familiar residents that either tell their stories of seeking mental health treatment or how they helped others. The videos have been pushed out on the SCCMHA Facebook page and can also be found on both the BWell and SCCMHA websites.

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

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of FY 2025 Provider Contracts and Fee Screens

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the FY 2025 Provider Contract and Fee Screens. Motion carried.

B. Approval of FY 2025 Network Service Providers / New Program Sites

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the FY 2025 Network Service Providers / New Program Sites List. Motion carried.

C. Appointment to ORR Committee – Deb Nagel

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Lisa Coney to appoint Deb Nagel to SCCMHA Recipient Rights Committee. Motion carried.

D. 2025 Annual 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.

E. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Tracey Raquepaw, Board Chair, asked Susan McCauley and Maria Vela to participate in an SCCMHA Nominating Committee and they agreed to do. Individuals interested in serving as Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary were asked to contact Susan or Maria.

F. CMHA refining educational offerings to the board members of MI's public mental health system

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

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

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

C. April is Developmental Disabilities Awareness, Social Work, & Women's History Month

D. SCCMHA Sponsorship of GLBHC's *Changing Lives Because Your Care* Luncheon – 05/06/25

E. Letter to D.Nagel re. CAC Reappointment – 03/17/25

F. Letter from J.Tany re. SCCMHA Board Reappointments – 03/19/25

G. CMHA Advocacy Strategy: MDHHS survey related to system improvement and potential PIHP procurement – 03/2025

H. CMHA Potential Medicaid Reductions

I. MSHN Release 'Michigan's Public Behavioral Health System Should Be Preserved – and Better Supported' – 03/24/25

J. SCCMHA being honored with 2025 BWell Champion Award – 03/21/25

K. MSHN Update on FYE 24 & FY 25 Financial Conditions – 04/25

L. CMHA Action Alert 'Tell MDHHS to Maintain Public Management of MI's Mental Health Services – 04/01/25

M. US Dept of Health & Human Services Abruptly Ends ARPA & COVID Related Grant Funding – 04/01/25

N. CMHA 'Protecting People Over Profit – Public Management of MI's Behavioral Health System' – 04/2025

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sandy is behind in writing her job description for the new CEO. This is still on her list of things to do but at moment all her time has been spent on more time sensitive activities.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods supported by Cym Winiecke to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 PM p.m. Motion carried.

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