

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

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

VIRTUAL: Jill Armentrout, Jacob Kern

ABSENT: Jaime Huffman, Robert Woods

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.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Lisa Coney to amend tonight's agenda to include 'Closed Session'. Motion carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. BOARD TRAINING FY 2026 SCCMHA STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Delayed until Monday, December 1st.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – October 13, 2025

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Joan Williams to approve the October 13, 2025, 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
????, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair

C. Ends Committee – NO QUORUM
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair

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

VI. CEO REPORT

Bob Sheehan Retiring from CMHA

Alan Bolter is going to be serving as Interim CEO for time being with Bob formally retiring in November 2026. There will be a goodbye party at some point in the future.

Great Start Collaborative

GSC lost their funding in FY 2026 State Budget/Potential Closure on October 30, 2025. There will still be some services but six (6) staff will be lost unfortunately.

SNAP Services

Cuts to SNAP were set to go into effect over the weekend. Saginaw food pantries have stepped up and there was a list provided at tonight's meeting to help assist. There is some work by the Michigan Legislature to potentially cover some of the losses. Stay tuned for additional information on this topic. States have filed suit to force the federal government to continue with SNAP payments during federal government shutdown.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to receive and file CEO report. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Susan McCauley to go into closed session at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to reopen regular session at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

VIII. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of FY 2026 PIHP Contract with MSHN

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski with support from Susan McCauley Authorizing the CEO to sign FY 2026 PIHP (Medicaid) Contract with MSHN. Motion carried.

B. Approval of FY 2026 CMHSP Contract with MDHHS

Motion made by Cym Winiecke with support from Susan McCauley Authorizing the CEO to sign FY 2026 CMHSP (GF) Contract with MDHHS. Motion carried.

C. Approval of 2026 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to table until December meeting. Motion carried.

D. Feedback from CMHA Fall Conference

Board members present thought that this was a great conference (very supportive/information/interesting content in the sessions attended). Group felt that Bob and Alan did a great job keeping us informed on things going on in CMH System.

E. Reschedule December Board Meeting (1st or 15th)

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski with support from Cym Winiecke to approve the rescheduling of December Board meeting for December 1st. Motion carried.

IX. BOARD INFORMATION

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

- [update/](#)
B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>
C. November is National Native American Heritage Month, Veterans Day [11th], Transgender Awareness Week [13th-19th], Transgender Day of Remembrance [20th], International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day [22nd]
D. CMHA Action Alert – MDHHS RFP Raises Legal Concerns – 10/25/25

X. 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

XI. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joan Williams supported by Mike Cierzniewski to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 PM p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
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Manager of Office of CEO