

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
MAY 27, 2026 – 5:15 P.M.
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Lisa Coney, Tracey Raquepaw, Cym Winiecke

VIRTUAL:

ABSENT: John Pugh

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jan Histed, Fred Stahl & Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Cym Winiecke, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m., a quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. EXPENSE REPORT & BALANCE SHEET THRU APRIL 2026

Jan Histed, CFO reviewed the Statement of Net position (balance sheet) & Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position as of 04/30/2026.

Motion was made by Tracey Raquepaw and supported by Lisa Coney to receive & file EXPENSE REPORT & BALANCE SHEETS THRU APRIL 30, 2026. Motion carried.

IV. MONTHLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Sandy noted that there were no violations of the Executive Limitation Policies.

Motion was made by Lisa Coney and supported by Tracey Raquepaw to receive and file the MONTHLY REPORT ON EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS. Motion carried.

V. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICIES

As part of SCCMHA's annual review of agency policies all Board Policies are on the agenda tonight. Copies of all the Governance, Executive Limitations and Ends Committee policies were included in the packet. Ryan noted that marked up versions of the SCCMHA Board Policies with changes noted in red font are going to be sent out electronically by Ryan to Governance, Ends & Executive Limitations Committee members. These revised policies will then be formally approved at the June 8 Board meeting. Any recommended changes should be returned to Ryan no

later than May 29, 2026. Note: there are several board policies associated with different committees that will be reviewed by all committees.

The Executive Limitations committee was able to ask questions / make comment. See handouts for details.

VI. CEO CANDIDATE SEARCH UPDATE

Sandy reported that there are currently nine applicants for the CEO position (three internal and six external). These individuals have not yet been vetted by Human Resources to confirm they meet the minimum qualifications. The posting has been active for approximately 30 days, and Sandy is recommending it remain posted for an additional 30 days. After discussion, the committee agreed to keep the posting open until June 30.

Fred explained and the committee agreed that "prioritization" or "preferred customer status" should be added on the websites where the position is posted. This will ensure the posting remains at the top of the job boards.

The group also decided to begin reviewing applications. Ryan will send the application files for the first nine candidates to committee members by June 5. Meanwhile, Human Resources will continue determining which applicants meet the minimum qualifications. Sandy noted that at least two of the nine applicants are unlikely to meet the minimum requirements, but all applications will still be provided to the committee as previously requested.

Sandy also reported that 8 of the 9 applicants, so far, have elected to keep their applications confidential. (This means that the EL Committee will go into a closed session for the review of these applications.)

The committee agreed to move the July EL Committee meeting to July 29 to accommodate Lisa's schedule and to allow time for final review of candidate application files.

Sandy has drafted interview questions, which were distributed to the committee at tonight's meeting for review. Her next step is to develop guidance on key elements to listen for in applicant's answers to these interview questions (to assist the committee). She and Fred Stahl (along with the SCCMHA HR Department) are also preparing potential writing assignment scenarios for applicants. These scenarios will be presented to the EL Committee at an upcoming meeting.

VII. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Next PIHP RFP

Sandy noted that the State of Michigan has not yet released a new PIHP RFP. She thought it might have been released over the Memorial Day holiday, but no release as of this meeting date.

She also noted that Southwest MI Behavioral Health (SWMBH) and MSHN are discussing a joint submission to the next PIHP RFP. Sandy is co-chairing along with Jeff Patton from Kalamazoo CMH, the joint meeting of SWMBH and MSHN PIHP and CMHSP CEOs. The group is meeting virtually every week. Because CMHSPs under the authority of the MI Mental Health Code and codified by Judge Christopher Yates in the recent MDHHD litigation, can create "Regional Entities" the CMHSP CEOs are leading the RFP response planning.

Pause on Mental Health Framework (MHF):

MDHHS recently pulled back and paused the implementation of the Mental Health Framework last week that was targeted to commence on October 1, 2026.

The MHF in essence bifurcates the MI Medicaid population between those receiving their behavioral health services from Medicaid Health Plans and those receiving services in the Specialty Benefit delivered exclusively by the public mental health system. In the emergency space, it would allow Medicaid Pre-Admission Screening for Psychiatric Inpatient Care and hospital claims payment, to be moved to the Medicaid Health Plans for their members. This authority has been uniquely granted to CMHSPs in the MI Mental Health Code for 30 years.

Last month (April) MDHHS sent out two MHF Policy change documents requesting public comment from the system. Sandy indicated her public comment document was 8 pages long and she assumes all 46 CMHSPs in the state offered similar public comment, characterized by the MHF not only being in violation of the multiple CMHSP Authorities specified in the MI Mental Health Code, but in addition operationally a very bad idea for consumers and local hospital emergency departments. It is likely that the CMH system state-wide, provided feedback that may have overwhelmed MDHHS. The MHPs have also facilitated proposed changes to Mental Health Code in boilerplate language as a part of the FY 2027 State Budget. CMHA is countering this proposal with language that would reinforce the current MI Mental Health Code authority in this regard for CMHSPs.

CARF Survey Update

The last step in the CARF survey site visit to address CCBHS CARF standards, concluded last Friday. SCCMHA did well and we expect our overall final written survey report in the next 6-8 weeks.

SCCMHA is preparing next for the MDHHS /MSHN annual audit of Medicaid Waiver Programs for later this summer (July 2026).

Great Lakes Bay Health Clinic "Changing Lives Because You Care" Fund Raising Lunch on 5/21/26

SCCMHA was a table sponsor for this year's GLBHC Fundraiser held at Horizon last Thursday. It was a lovely event. Reception for donors is coming up on June 8. I have sent our regrets as we have a Board meeting that same evening and it is also the start of the CMHA Summer Conference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made by Tracey Raquepaw with support from Lisa Coney to adjourn this meeting at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried.