

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2025 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

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

VIRTUAL: Jill Armentrout

ABSENT: Robert Woods, Jaime Huffman, John Pugh

GUESTS:

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Matt Briggs, Jan Histed, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

Motion made by Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Cym Winiecke to amend tonight's agenda to include Item VI. A. 'Motion for Board Consideration in Response to MDHHS RFP for PIHP Procurement'. Motion carried.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – July 14, 2025

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the July 14, 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 – No Quorum
????, Chair / *Lisa Sawyer*, Vice Chair

C. Ends Committee – No Meeting
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Joan Williams, Vice Chair

D. Executive Limitations – No Quorum
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

CCBHC Community Needs Assessment and Related Surveys

All the MDHHS CCBHC Demonstration sites including SCCMHA, are required to perform a Community Needs Assessment (CAN) yet this fiscal year. Three surveys have been constructed by the SCCMHA Quality Department for different audiences to inform the CNA. The first "Staff Survey" has gone out to all SCCMHA staff members and to the staff of contracted network providers. The second is for "Community Partners," which are identified as organizations for which we have working relationships and may have clients in common. This would include organizations like law enforcement, courts, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers and other medical practices, Public Health, the CMU Medical School, SVSU Social Work School, Genoa Pharmacy and so on. The third survey is for persons with "Lived Experience/General Community" members.

To increase our outreach to the General Community we designed ads with the QR Code and a link to the survey. We purchased space for the Ads in free publications to the public that will run in the month of August, including Word-Up, the Banner, and in the southern part of the county, the Tri County Citizen. We also included the same links to the survey in our article for the monthly Saginaw County Newsletter which goes out broadly to not just County Departments but to municipalities of all types across the county.

In addition, the Lived Experience/Community Surveys are being shared by staff across the network with persons served and their families and every waiting room at every contract agency and our SCCMHA Departments have flyers available to encourage participation.

We also created a Press Release that the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce agreed to send out to their members for us. In addition, we are taking copies of the "Community" CAN Survey flyer to all the summer community events we will be attending in August, the most recent being the Walk for Hope held on August 3rd and the upcoming Light Up the City event.

The electronic surveys opened to participation on Friday, August 1st and remain open through August 31st. The results will be compiled by the SCCMHA Quality Department in September, and a final report will be due to MDHHS by September 30th. Both the Board and CAC will receive copies in October.

PIHP Procurement Request for Proposals (RFP)

MDHHS published the RFP for the selection of new PIHPs for the 3 new regions discussed at the July board meeting. SCCMHA is in the new Region 3 along with 32 other CMHSPs covering 44 counties, meaning in the geography of the new region 3 the RFP will reduce the public PIHPs from 5 to 1. Because of the competitive nature of the RFP (as I mentioned at the Board meeting) I am not going to put into this report details I shared at the meeting but will provide the public timetable in the RFP for the procurement process and its transition to new PIHPs with this report in the August 11 Board Meeting Minutes.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Department of Technology, Management, and Budget – Procurement

**Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP)
Request for Proposal No. 250000002670**

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**This is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for:
Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP)**

RFP Timeline

Event	Time	Date
RFP issue date	N/A	Monday, August 4, 2025
Rate Setting Meeting	10:00 a.m. Eastern	Monday, August 11, 2025
Bidder's Conference	1:00 p.m. Eastern	Monday, August 11, 2025
Deadline for bidders to submit questions about this RFP	12:00 p.m. Eastern	Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Anticipated date the State will post answers to bidder questions on www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS	5:00 p.m. Eastern	Friday, August 29, 2025
Proposal deadline*	11:50 a.m. Eastern	Monday, September 29, 2025
Anticipated date of contract signature (start of transition period)	N/A	Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Contract effective date (services begin)	N/A	Thursday, October 1, 2026

*A bidder's proposal received at 11:50:01 a.m. Eastern is late and subject to disqualification.

This RFP is subject to change. Check www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS for current information.

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

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Motion for Board Consideration in Response to MDHHS RFP for PIHP Procurement

Sandy updated the Board on MDHHS planning related PIHP Procurement.


Motion by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to support Sandra Lindsey, CEO, to pursue all options to protect current and future

Medicaid beneficiaries and the CMHSP/PIHP System that serves them, including joining collective legal action with other Michigan CMHSPs against MDHHS to halt the PIHP Procurement process at any and all stages. Further, to simultaneously participate in the planning and creation of a submission to MDHHS in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the best interest of those persons served by the public CMHSP / PIHP system, their families and the greater Saginaw Community. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

- B. CMHA Weekly Update – July 2025 links: <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>**
- C. SCCMHA CAC Minutes <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>**
- D. August is National Wellness Month, Grief Awareness Day [30th] and International Overdose Awareness Day [31st]**
- E. J.Sedlock memo re: 1915(c) HCBS Waivers and 1915 iSPA 90-Day Site Review – 07/03/25**
- F. S.Lindsey letters to MI legislature Resolution re: Opposition to MDHHS Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process for PIHPs – 07/18/25**
- G. S.Lindsey letters to T.Slodowski, HSC re: Opposition to MDHHS Plan to Implement a Competitive Procurement Process for PIHPs – 07/18/25**
- H. CMHA 'Concerns Regarding MDHHS PIHP Contract Procurement Proposal'**
- I. Email from E.Roxberry re: Incredible Week at Hartley – 07/24/25**
- J. CMHA Action Alert email 'Tell Your Legislator to Express Concern Over MDHHS PIHP Procurement Proposal' – 07/28/25**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. County of Saginaw Newsletter – August 2025
<https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/county-administrator-finance/county-newsletters/>**
- B. SCCMHA Family Unity Day Video  [2025_07_FamilyUnityDay_Update.mp4](#)**
- C. Press Release 'MDHHS commemorates 60th anniversary of Medicaid' – 07/30/25**
- D. MSHN Board Newsletter – 08/05/25**

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes prepared by:
Ryan Mulder
Executive Assistant to CEO