

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2025, 6:00 PM  
Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Ann Finta, Cheryl Nelson, Tracey Roat, Duke Peltier, Lyn Bradfield, Lisa Sawyer, Deb Nagel, Vicki Mikolajski, Jim Nesbit

**ABSENT:** Bridgett Townsend-unexcused, Maggie Davis-unexcused, Lesia McAfee-unexcused

**STAFF:** Sandra Lindsey, AmyLou Douglas, Ryan Mulder

**GUESTS:**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ann Finta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Verification of the public posting was acknowledged, and a quorum was established.

Ann welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of May 1, 2025.

**Motion made by Vicki Mikolajski and supported by Lisa Sawyer to approve the minutes of May 1, 2025, as written. Motion carried.**

**II. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FY24 REPORT & FY25 PLAN**

AmyLou Douglas, Chief Information Officer | Chief Quality and Compliance Officer presented the Quality Improvement Program, FY 24 Report & FY 25 Plan for the CAC. The following was noted in the presentation:

- Executive Summary
- Quality Improvement Committee
- Continuous Monitoring of Committee Reports
- Quality Improvement Annual Goals
- QIP Domains
- SCCMHA FY 2025 Annual Quality Plan / Quality Improvement Plan Domain Goals

**Motion made by Tracey Roat and supported by Deb Nagel to receive and file the Quality Improvement Program, FY 24 Report & FY 25 Plan. Motion Carried.**

### **III. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE / ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee made up of Jim Nesbit and Jim Nesbit reached out to members of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and made the following recommendation for state of officers:

- Bridgett Townsend – Chair,
- Jim Nesbit – Vice Chair
- Cheryl Nelson – Secretary

All agreed to do so.

**Motion made by Tracey Roat and supported by Duke Peltier to cast a unanimous vote to elect Bridget Townsend – Chair, Jim Nesbit – Vice Chair and Cheryl Nelson – Secretary for the CAC Committee. Motion carried.**

### **IV. CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS**

Members of the CAC were encouraged to sign their annual confidentiality agreement forms and return to Ryan as soon as possible. Any questions or concerns please give him a call at 989-797-3501 or email [ryan.mulder@sccmha.org](mailto:ryan.mulder@sccmha.org).

### **V. CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS (CCBHC) ADVISORY COUNCIL – UPDATE [FEB / MAY / AUG / NOV]**

No report.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. MSHN Citizens Advisory Council Update – No Meeting**

#### **B. Future CAC Agenda Items**

If the CAC has any other subjects they would like to see covered, they are encouraged to send their ideas to Ryan. Recommendations as of today's meeting include:

- MRSS Follow-up
- CMU Co-Location Project
- Transition Aged Youth TAY Program
- School-based Mental Health
- Client Health Self-Management Project
- STARS Rides for Wellness
- Zero Suicide (Mary Baukus has given an update / orientation)
- Veterans Navigators
- Service Delivery / Barriers
- Community Inclusion / Respite
- Mental Health Court Update **NEW TOPIC**

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Attendance Log**

The Attendance Log was reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**Motion by Deb Nagel and supported by Vicki Mikolajski to approve the Attendance Log. Motion carried.**

**B. Membership Log**

The Membership Log was reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee. It was noted there are still three (3) vacancies:

Three (3) Community

**Motion by Duke Peltier and supported by Deb Nagel to approve the Membership Log. Motion carried.**

**VIII. CEO REPORT – SANDRA LINDSEY**

**May 23, 2025, MDHHS Messaging on PIHP Survey and Plan for PIHP Procurement**

On the afternoon of May 23, 2025, MDHHS sent out a Press Release titled “MDHHS releases results of behavioral health care survey and details related to PIHP procurement requirements”. The press release was embedded with links to related documents posted to the MDHHS Specialty Behavioral Services webpage. The links were to the following resources:

1. Anticipated PIHP contract requirements
2. PIHP Public Survey Summary (based upon public survey solicitation in February of 2025)
3. New PIHP Regional Map- moving from 10 to 3 regions.
4. PIHP Regions Detail Table – which CMHSPs would be in each of the 3 new regions.
5. PIHP Network Adequacy Standards
6. A recorded webinar slide deck with audio from Megan Groen, MDHHS Medicaid Director on the state procurement plan. The short webinar was shown at the top of the Board meeting.

**MSHN Mid-Year Medicaid Rate Adjustment/Increase Update:**

MDHHS held a Mid-Year rate setting meeting on May 29th with all 10 of the PIHPS indicating their intent to:

- a. Push out a rate adjustment of about \$160 Million with an amendment and
- b. Seek a supplemental from the MI Legislature to push out an additional roughly \$25-30 Million, associated with the changes to Minimum Wage and ESTA. Rate

adjustments from this supplemental will be paid out to PIHPs and subsequently CMHSPs later this year, after the legislators pass the supplemental.

**The overall estimated rate increase for SCCMHA from the rate adjustment amendment, will provide additional 2025 revenue of \$5,694,254.17.**

**Planning for FY 2026 CCBHC Direct Fee for Service Billing to MDHHS and Direct Payments to CCBHCs**

MDHHS met virtually with the CCBHC Demonstration sites on May 29<sup>th</sup> to learn of the final decision to move all of demonstration's financing out of the PIHPs to the CCBHC Sites directly by October 1, 2025. There is much to do to move the financing architecture to a direct payment and reporting model separate from MSHN. Model. Beyond the financing changes, there are also significant changes to IT Systems, Financial Reporting, State Quality Metrics and Demographic Reporting, select Utilization Management activities, WSA enrollment and Care Connect 360 Access, and SUD Service Management as the PIHPs will no longer have an oversight role. Statewide workgroups are forming along these functional areas.

**Federal Budget Cuts to HUD Programs**

In early May the President released a proposed FY 2026 budget that recommends elimination of the Federal Continuum of Care (COC) program within the US Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD), shifting its resources to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program which has different eligibility and shorter duration limits for assistance. The proposal would also slash the overall budget for homelessness assistance and other critical anti-poverty programs.

In Saginaw County the Continuum of Care competitive applications are managed by the Saginaw County Consortium of Homeless Assistance Providers known as SC-CHAP. The group of providers at SC-CHAP is led by Erin Riley at the Saginaw United Way. The consortium is perhaps best known by the public for conducting the Annual Homeless Count.

Provider members of SC-CHAP include the following Agencies that all have Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) grants from HUD as a part of their operations:

Underground Railroad, Restoration Community Outreach (RCO), Mustard Seed, Saginaw Youth Protection Council and SCCMHA.

The funding to Saginaw's SC-CHAP members that provide Permanent Supported Housing (PSH) is at grave risk in the current federal budget being debated now in the U.S. Senate.

100% of the HUD funded Permanent Supported Housing rental subsidy programs in Saginaw County operate under the Continuum of Care HUD Program. Proposed for elimination.

SCCMHA has had a HUD PSH Grant called Shelter Plus Care, for more than 20 years. The current grant award is \$564,923 and will run until the end of this month. The calendar cycle for these HUD grants runs July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Last year, SCCMHA's Housing Resource Center used the grant funding to provide rental subsidies to 75 households serving 134 people using the HUD formula based upon household income and size, such that participants would only need to provide 31% of their adjusted gross income for their rental housing costs.

Any cut or elimination of PSH rental subsidy funded by HUD through this grant would result in the eviction of those served by our program in 30-60 days, because these people/families do not have enough income to pay fair market rental costs for their housing. SCCMHA has no allowable funding to replace this grant funding if eliminated.

Surprisingly, SCCMHA was contacted last month by our HUD grants manager out of the Detroit Office, with a new grant award that would start on July 1, 2025. We were strongly encouraged to sign the Agreement and return it as soon as possible. Unlike grants of the previous 20 years, this new Agreement with total specified funding of \$631,487, had a completely new page of grant conditions. The grant conditions include requirements from Presidential Executive Orders via the federal Office of Management and Budget, addressing the following subjects; requirement to only recognize two genders (Male and Female) in demographic data collection , prohibition of any DEI activity, and a new requirement for us to check the legal immigration status of those we serve just to name a few of the conditions.

Though these new conditions were offensive to us, I signed the contract to extend the life of our program to keep those we served housed. I also felt a new signed agreement would give us better "standing" to deal with whatever is to come as the federal budget process moves forward.

#### Impact on SCCMHA DEI Activity

The conditions in the grant agreement, especially on the prohibition for DEI activities, will result in our need to make changes to front facing DEI document postings, publications, internal and external communications and significant changes to the Employment Opportunities and DEI Sections of our website, as well as a need to re-brand the initiative yet this summer.

#### **More on Federal HUD and Housing Cuts**

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the federal budget cuts to HUD programs go beyond just the abolishment of the competitive COC structure. The budget as it reached the Senate this month, would slash \$26.72 billion from HUD's rental assistance programs- including Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV), Public Housing, Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), Section 202 Housing for the Elderly, and Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities by combining them and block granting them into one Program, State-Rental Assistance Block Grants.

The proposal would reflect an unprecedented 43% cut to HUD rental assistance and would impose a two-year time limit on receiving rental assistance for “able-bodied adults” and encourage States to provide funding to share in the responsibility to ensure that similar levels of recipients can benefit from the block grant.

*More details can be found posted on the SCCMHA Website under the Newsroom Tab.*

### **SCCMHA Advocacy Activities on HUD PSH Cuts**

Last month when word on the federal cuts to HUD became known we issued correspondence to all of the individuals and families being served by our Shelter Plus Care rental subsidies and provided information about the risk of rental subsidy loss and encourages contact with federal officials providing their names, contact information and a sample script.

In addition, I have been talking to SC-CHAP to encourage community education and a Call to Action to the multiple audiences likely to be impacted including, city and county governments, human service providers, health care providers, first responders and other citizens.

## **IX. OTHER INFORMATION**

**A. June is *Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness, LGBTQ+ Pride, Juneteenth Freedom Day* [19<sup>th</sup>]**

**B. Michigan Advance 'House GOP proposes all-out assault on Medicaid' – 05/14/25**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Vicki Mikolajski and supported by Deb Nagel to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Motion carried.**