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Board Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2025

Present: N. Wilson; J. Goetz; J. Ackley; R. Tillotson; H. Terrill; E. Starlin; N. Eaton-Gordon;

Absent: N. Smith; T. Kelly; D. Stimpson; A. Palmer

Staff: K. Szewczuk; H. Owen; J. Bradley

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Nic Wilson, Board Vice-Chair.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve previous minutes dated June 26, 2025. **SUPPORTED BY N. EATON-GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Consumer Action Committee**

J. Ackley reported on this committee which met on July 16, 2025.

The Committee discussed several upcoming events, including the Regional Picnic which will be on August 18th at Munson Park. They are looking at ways to spread the word about the procurement, including a video that could be shared on Facebook. They are also ordering some branded bags and wristbands to hand out at events.

b. **Operations & Budget Committee**

N. Wilson reported on this committee which met on July 16, 2025.

i. **Policies**

MOTION BY N. EATON-GORDON to approve policy: Behavior Treatment Plan Review Committee. **SUPPORTED BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion: Many of the changes to this policy were due to a recent state Office of Recipient Rights audit and Home and Community Based Waiver changes. All policies have been reviewed by Regional Committees and local leadership.

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to approve policies Claims Payment and Appeal; Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Services; Financial Fraud and Abuse Reporting. **SUPPORTED BY H. TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. **Data Reports**

Mental Health Inquiries: Kathryn reported that in June we had 105 mental health inquiries. 39 were referred out, 61 intakes were scheduled, 3 declined, 2 did not return phone call. 47 initial assessments were completed with 8 found to be ineligible, 1 declined, 38 eligible and receiving services. 47% Medicaid, 29% Healthy Michigan, 24% (9) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance Use Disorder Inquiries: In June, Substance Use Disorder Inquiries totaled 61. 1 was referred out with benefits, 4 had no needs identified, 5 declined. 51 were authorized. 33 Healthy Michigan, 13 Medicaid, 5 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations: There were a total of 31 people admitted to hospital in June. 61% Medicaid, 29% Healthy Michigan, 6% General Fund. 35% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 68% were previously unknown to us. 7 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 11 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 4, 1 placed in crisis residential, 2 authorized for partial hospitalization. 17 went in on petition. 2 no showed for a follow up appointment – we were unable to reach after multiple attempts.

iii. **Finance Report**

As of May, we were 67% through the fiscal year, at 58% spent, about 8% under budget. No outliers, trending similar to recent months. Slightly overspent in Health Michigan, but there is enough Medicaid to cover the gap. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$286,000 to the fund balance. Both investment accounts saw a decrease.

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the finance report and two accounts payable reports, totaling \$692,997.89 and \$1,350,131.38. **SUPPORTED BY N. EATON-GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- Last fall, the state legislature approved a rate increase for Autism Behavioral Techs up to \$66/hour. This increase was effective November 1, but the state still has not released the money to the PIHPs. Our region did not implement the increase, since the funds were not yet available. However, other regions have begun to implement, so we will likely do the same.
- Kathryn has met with a number of local leaders to discuss the issue of PIHP Procurement. She has also met with a reporter from the Lenawee Voice; they expressed that they hope to

include an article in their August edition. Kathryn will be presenting at the County Board of Commissioners' meeting on August 13th at 1:30 pm. These meetings are livestreamed and recorded. We hope that the county will issue a resolution opposing the procurement following that presentation. We have scheduled a Town Hall on September 16th from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Align Center. Alan Bolter from the CMH Association of Michigan and James Colaianne from the Region will present. The state is expected to release the Request for Proposals this week, but we haven't seen it yet. Some PIHPs are discussing submitting proposals, but we have not committed to any option that has been proposed.

- The State is once again discussing a "mental health framework." They are going to require that anyone doing assessments use the same assessment. However, the assessment they have selected is not a clinical assessment. They are also planning for the Health Plans to take over managing crisis care, including hospitalization, for anyone in their population (mild/moderate). This seems to be, in part, a continuation of the conflict free access and planning initiatives.

6. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

No report.

7. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

The Regional Board hasn't met since our last Board meeting. Their next meeting will be in August.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board member opening has been posted.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

N. Smith
Secretary

Date