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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2026

Present: N. Wilson; N. Smith; N. Eaton-Gordon; J. Ackley; H. Terrill; L. Pickles; E. Starlin; T. Kelly; J. Goetz;

Absent: D. Stimpson; R. Tillotson;

Staff: K. Szewczuk; T. Good; B. Meads; H. Owen; J. Bradley

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Amy Palmer, Board Chair.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve previous minutes dated December 17, 2025. **SUPPORTED BY N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- a. TLC presented a donation for \$4,200 for the Denim for Donation program.
- b. Bobbi Smith – 10 year service award
- c. Kaitlin Emmons – 10 year service award

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Operations and Budget**

a. **Contracts**

Riverside Bathroom Renovation Estimates

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve the Krieghoff quote. **SUPPORT BY J. GOETZ. MOTION CARRIED**

b. **Data Report**

Kathryn reported that in December we had 88 mental health inquiries. 19 referred out, 68 intakes were scheduled, 1 did not return call. 59 initial assessments were completed with 11 found to be ineligible, 47 eligible and receiving services, 1 declined. 57% Medicaid, 36% Healthy Michigan, 6% (3) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in December totaled 53, 2 did not return call. 51 were authorized. 33 Healthy Michigan, 13 Medicaid, 5 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 23 admitted to hospital in December. 35% Medicaid, 57% Healthy Michigan, 9% General Fund. 65% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 57% were previously unknown to us. 7 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 10 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 9. 16 went in on petition. We were unable to reach 3 for follow up.

c. **Finance Report**

We are 17% through the fiscal year, at 15% spent, about 2% under budget. We are slightly over budget in SUD, specifically Block Grant. Significant jump in State-Inpatient Local Share due to inconsistent MDHHS billing. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$62,000 to the fund balance. General Fund investment and Hendershot both saw an increase.

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the finance report and accounts payable report. **SUPPORTED BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Courts found in favor of CMHs and PIHPs in the lawsuits regarding procurement-determining the terms of the RFP did not allow for CMHs to complete their statutory role. January 29th is the deadline for an appeal, one has not been filed yet.
- LPTA is continuing to struggle with limited funds. They are working with Goodwill on rates, and considering a millage.
- New phones were installed this past week.
- Met with Midwest Behavioral Health regarding their credentialing.
- Maumee Building and Mobile Crisis are up and running, the open house went very well.
- Jackie Bradley and Kathryn attended the Neighbor to Neighbor presentation.
- Greg Adams eRace Stigma 5K will be on Sunday, May 17th.

7. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

- Consider donating to the PAC if you are able.
- Bridging the Gap: Presentations are completed.

8. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

- January meeting was canceled due to weather.

9. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Literacy Board is having a Spelling Bee and is looking for sponsors.
- Greater Lenawee Chamber is hosting Leadership Conference – primary focus on women in leadership

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm

N. Smith
Secretary

Date