



## Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2026

**Present:** A. Palmer; N. Wilson; N. Smith; N. Eaton-Gordon; H. Terrill; L. Pickles; E. Starlin; J. Goetz;  
R. Tillotson;

**Absent:** D. Stimpson; T. Kelly; J. Ackley

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION BY J. GOETZ** to approve previous minutes dated January 29, 2026. **SUPPORTED BY N SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Consumer Action Committee**

**MOTION BY N. EATON GORDON** to approve Meagan Davison as a new member for the Consumer Action Committee. **SUPPORT BY L. PICKLES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. Operations and Budget**

**i. Policy**

**a. Augmented Intelligence Policy**

**MOTION BY N. SMITH** to approve the Augmented Intelligence Policy. **SUPPORT BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED**

**ii. Training Expenses**

We will be hosting other community trainings, such as GRIN and ASIST, and we need to train new Mental Health First Aid and safeTALK trainers. Requesting funding for cost of the trainer, supplies, and other expenses.

**MOTION BY N EATON GORDON** to approve up to \$20,000 for training expenses. **SUPPORT BY HOLLY TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. **Data Report**

Kathryn reported that in January we had 104 mental health inquiries. 22 referred out, 78 intakes were scheduled, 4 declined. 53 initial assessments were completed with 28 found to be ineligible, 34 eligible and receiving services, 1 declined. 71% Medicaid, 23% Healthy Michigan, 6% (2) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in January totaled 46, 1 was referred out with benefits. 45 were authorized. 24 Healthy Michigan, 16 Medicaid, 5 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 31 admitted to hospital in January. 39% Medicaid, 55% Healthy Michigan, 6% General Fund. 52% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 45% were previously unknown to us. 9 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 15 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 8. 15 went in on petition. We were unable to reach 3 for follow up.

iv. **Finance Report**

We are 25% through the fiscal year, at 21% spent, about 4% under budget. We are still seeing the jump in State-Inpatient Local Share due to the Department's billing process. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$70,000 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 N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- The State of Michigan has officially cancelled the RFP that sought to re-design our public mental health system. There is still interest at the State level to change the public system in the future.
- We just completed our triennial Rights System Assessment and we received full compliance with a score of 100%!
- Eleos, our Augmented Intelligence platform, went live yesterday.
- Mobile Crisis Unit has been called out into the community a few times since its launch in January.

6. **REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR**

a. **Board Terms Expiring**

Amy Palmer, David Stimpson, Jim Goetz and Judy Ackley's terms are expiring and they have all expressed an interest to be reappointed. **MOTION BY L PICKLES** to approve sending the recommendation for reappointments to the County Commission. **SUPPORT BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. **Appoint Londa Pickles to Performance Improvement Committee**

There is a vacancy on the Performance Improvement Committee since Deidre's resignation. Londa has agreed to serve on this committee. **MOTION BY N SMITH** to appoint Londa Pickles to the Performance Improvement Committee. **SUPPORTED BY N EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD**

- Reviewed Quality Improvement Plan
- Lenawee has 1 open seat on the OPB
- Washtenaw and PIHP have been dropped from Waskul lawsuit

8. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

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N. Smith  
Secretary

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Date