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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2026

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

Absent: D. Stimpson; T. Kelly; R. Tillotson

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Amy Palmer, Board Chair.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve previous minutes dated February 26, 2026. **SUPPORTED BY N. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jennifer Pagel

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Performance Improvement Committee

Performance Improvement Committee met on March 11th. Jackie Bradley provided a summary of the Performance Improvement Report, including the progress of the PIP Teams and Standing Committees.

MOTION BY J. Ackley to approve the FY2025 Performance Improvement Report. **SUPPORT BY N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Operations and Budget

i. Policies

a. Regional – #4523 Corporate Compliance

MOTION BY N EATON GORDON to approve Regional Policy – #4523 Corporate Compliance. **SUPPORT BY N. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. **Policy #2555 -Application for Guardianship**

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve Policy #2555 Application for Guardianship. **SUPPORT BY L. PICKLES. MOTION CARRIED.**

c. **Policy #6533 - Access to Services**

MOTION BY L. PICKLES to approve Policy #6533 Access to Services. **SUPPORT BY N. WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

d. **Policy # 9682 - Board Member Per Diem**

MOTION BY N. EATON GORDON to approve Policy #9682 Board Member Per Diem. **SUPPORT BY N. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

e. **Policy #9537 - Composition of the LCMHA Board and Committees**

MOTION BY J GOETZ to approve Policy #9537 Composition of the LCMHA Board and Committees. **SUPPORT BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. ***SUD Core Provider Contract Amendment***

Replaces Attachment D, and adding PA2 funding reporting requirements.

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the SUD Core Provider Contract Amendment. **SUPPORT BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

iii. ***Data Report***

Kathryn reported that in February we had 93 mental health inquiries. 27 referred out, 64 intakes were scheduled, 2 declined. 57 initial assessments were completed with 11 found to be ineligible, 46 eligible and receiving services. 61% Medicaid, 26% Healthy Michigan, 13% (6) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in February totaled 52, 3 were referred out with benefits, 2 did not return phone call. 47 were authorized. 30 Healthy Michigan, 12 Medicaid, 5 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 27 admitted to hospital in February. 67% Medicaid, 26% Healthy Michigan, 7% (2) General Fund. 67% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 33% were previously unknown to us. 3 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 12 with no primary healthcare provider. 1 was diverted to partial hospitalization. 15 went in on petition.

iv. ***Finance Report***

We are 33% through the fiscal year, at 30% spent, about 3% under budget. We are still seeing the jump in State-Inpatient Local Share due to the Department’s billing process. We are currently overspent in Health Michigan, but we can use Medicaid carry-over to cover. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$92,000 to the fund balance. General Fund investment and Hendershot both saw a decrease. RPC will be at the April Board meeting via Zoom to present the audit results

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the finance report and accounts payable report.
SUPPORTED BY H. TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- MDHHS conducted listening sessions in March. There is concern that they will announce another RFP.
- CMHAM sent out a request for another Special Assessment. Kathryn is getting more information before bringing before the Board.
- LCMHA has attended several job fairs recently, and there has been interest at the college level.
- GRIN – Group and Individual Crisis Intervention Training was held last week. 10 of the 12 participants signed commitment forms to join community/first responder teams.
- ACT Team has State approval and is now up and running.
- Opioid Settlement money decisions will be going to the County Commission for approval in April.

6. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

a. Board Terms Expiring

Amy Palmer, David Stimpson, Jim Goetz and Judy Ackley have been reappointed by the County Commission for another 3-year term.

b. Slate of Officers

Londa Pickles, Holly Terrill, Amy Palmer, met as the Nominating Committee and proposed the following slate of officers:

- i. Chair: Amy Palmer
- ii. Vice Chair: Nic Wilson
- iii. Secretary: Nate Smith
- iv. O&B Chair: Nate Smith

The slate will be voted on in April.

c. eRace

We are at 155 participants, and have a few new sponsors that have never sponsored the race before!

7. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

No meeting in March. Next Meeting is April 8th.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Nic Wilson commented on how beneficial the Mobile Crisis Team has been to first responders.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm

N. Smith
Secretary

Date