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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2026

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

Absent: D. Stimpson; T. Kelly;

Staff: K. Szewczuk; T. Good; B. Meads; H. Owen; 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 ACKLEY to approve previous minutes dated March 26, 2026. **SUPPORTED BY J GOETZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

- Trevor Kapp from RPC reviewed the findings of FY25 Financial Audit. There were no findings of errors, noncompliance, weaknesses or deficiencies.

MOTION BY R TILLOTSON to accept the findings FY25 Financial Audit. **SUPPORT BY N SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Consumer Action Committee**

- i. Tarah from the Mobile Crisis Team did a brief presentation to the committee about Mobile Crisis and the services it offers. Volunteers are needed for eRace and for the County Fair Booth. Walk A Mile will be on September 26th in Lansing.

- **Operations and Budget**

1. ***Contracts***

- a. Tri-County Septic Service LLC

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve the Tri-County Septic Service LLC contract. **SUPPORT BY J. GOETZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. ***Website Design***

The agency website is several years old and is difficult to navigate. Three bids were received and staff is recommending Blue Winds Media.

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve the bid from Blue Winds Media. **SUPPORT BY N EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. ***Policies***

- a. Policy #3142 Health and Safety of Consumer
 - b. Policy #2323 Environmental Safety and Health
 - c. Policy #3261 Freedom of Information Act
 - d. Policy #4007 Performance Improvement
 - e. Policy #7130 Executive Director Authority & Responsibility

MOTION BY N. SMITH to approve Policy #3142 Health and Safety of Consumer, Policy #2323 Environmental Safety and Health, Policy #3261 Freedom of Information Act, Policy #4007 Performance Improvement, Policy #7130 Executive Director Authority & Responsibility. **SUPPORTED BY R. TILLOTSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. ***Data Report***

Kathryn reported that in March we had 99 mental health inquiries. 22 referred out, 75 intakes were scheduled, 2 declined. 58 initial assessments were completed with 13 found to be ineligible, 44 eligible and receiving services, 1 declined services. 57% Medicaid, 34% Healthy Michigan, 9% (4) General Fund due to spenddown.

Substance use disorder inquiries in March totaled 60, 3 were referred out with no needs identified. 57 were authorized. 28 Healthy Michigan, 18 Medicaid, 11 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 27 admitted to hospital in March. 59% Medicaid, 41% Healthy Michigan, 0 General Fund. 63% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 37% were previously unknown to us. 6 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 13 with no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 3. 19 went in on petition. 1 no show for follow up appointment.

4. **Finance Report**

We are 42% through the fiscal year, at 37% spent, about 5% 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 Healthy Michigan, but we can use Medicaid surplus to cover. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$90,300 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.**

6. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- There was a hearing on April 13th to get the lawsuit against the RFP dismissed, in the hearing, it was stated that another RFP is in the works.
- The State is trying to introduce Mental Health Framework to change the way mental health is financed, moves management of high intensity services to private plans, and removes Recipient Rights protections for consumers. CMHAM is working with legislators to get bills passed to prevent the RFP and the Mental Health Framework.
- Behavioral Health System Review on Public Health and Food Security found that there is rigid administrative burdens, workforce shortages, and insufficient capacity.
- Pathlight opened a new specialized residential on Marvin Drive, and we have moved consumers in.
- Midwest Behavioral Health Center is moving forward, and is in the process of hiring staff.
- Holly and Kathryn met with the new CEO of Goodwill. Plans are in place to identify additional services.
- eRace Stigma 5K is on May 17th. We are looking for volunteers to hand out medals. We will be having a videographer, and we are looking for Board members to be interviewed.
- Summer Conference in June. Judy and Nate are going, let Kathryn know if you are interested in going.

7. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

- **Slate of Officers Vote**

Proposed slate of officers:

- i. Chair: Amy Palmer
- ii. Vice Chair: Nic Wilson
- iii. Secretary: Nate Smith

MOTION BY L. PICKLES to approve the slate as presented. **SUPPORTED BY J GOETZ.**
MOTION CARRIED.

- **Update from CMHAM Board of Directors**

- i. Nate provided an update from the Board of Directors. Please consider donating to the PAC and sending messages to your legislator with the CMHAM Call to Action to stop the RFP and Mental Health Framework.
- ii. FY27 Senate MDHHS Budget Proposal will be sent out after the meeting

- **eRace**

- i. Over 380 registrations as of April 28th.

8. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

- Matt Berg, CFO of CMHPSM is retiring and will be looking for a replacement soon.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm

N. Smith
Secretary

Date