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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2026

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

Absent: D. Stimpson;

Staff: K. Szewczuk; B. Meads; J. Bradley; N. Feller

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION BY N SMITH to approve previous minutes dated July 30, 2026. **SUPPORTED BY N EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Awards and Presentation

- Jim Thompson was presented with a 5-year service award.
- a) Jen Durell was presented a check with the proceeds from the eRace.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Consumer Action Committee

CAC members are volunteering at the fair this week. Stephen Mitchell gave an overview of the Office of Recipient Rights and answered questions. Walk a Mile is coming up in September.

- Personnel Committee

- a. New position – Clinical Training Coordinator

MOTION BY J. GOETZ to approve the Clinical Training Coordinator position. **SUPPORT BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Executive Director Contract

c. Accomplishments

Kathryn highlighted several accomplishments from FY26: Mobile crisis team started in January, resumed providing community trainings, increased clinical trainings for staff, ACT Team certification, rebuilding wraparound team and community crisis team, identifying needed positions.

MOTION BY N EATON GORDON to approve additional \$6,000 performance-based payment to tax-deferred account. **SUPPORT BY E STARLIN. MOTION CARRIED.**

d. Goals

Goals for FY27 include continue developing Mobile Crisis and ACT Team, continue providing community trainings, rebuilding Wraparound in the community.

e. Renewal

MOTION APPROVED BY J. GOETZ to approve the FY27 Executive Director Contract with the inclusion of Cost of Living Adjustment eligibility, increase in additional payment to tax-deferred account to \$6,000 - \$8,000 based on performance, and a 4% annual increase. **SUPPORT BY N. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

• **Operations and Budget**

a. **Contracts**

i. FY27 CMHSP Contract

Reviewed contract details and changes from FY26.

MOTION BY N EATON GORDON to approve the FY27 CMHSP Contract. **SUPPORT BY T KELLY. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. FY27 Contract List

Reviewed list of current contract providers to be renewed for FY27.

MOTION BY N SMITH to approve the FY27 Contract List. **SUPPORT BY N EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Policies

1. Policy #0347 Policy and Procedure Development
2. Policy #6679 Preventing Workplace Violence
3. Policy #3712 Public Information
 - i. Retire Policy #C-418 Community Information, Education, and Community Relations Activities
4. Policy #9514 Travel Reimbursement
5. Policy #9642 Volunteers and Student Interns

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to approve Policy #0347 Policy and Procedure Development, Policy #6679 Preventing Workplace Violence, Policy #3712 Public Information, Policy #9514 Travel Reimbursement, Policy #9642 Volunteers and Student Interns. **SUPPORT BY J. GOETZ. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION BY N. EATON GORDON to approve retiring Policy #C-418 Community Information, Education, and Community Relations Activities. **SUPPORT BY N. SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Data Report

Kathryn reported that in July we had 85 mental health inquiries. 15 referred out, 69 intakes were scheduled, 1 declined. 56 initial assessments were completed with 13 found to be ineligible, 42 eligible and receiving services, 1 declined services. 62% Medicaid, 33% Healthy Michigan, 5% (2) General Fund.

Substance use disorder inquiries in July totaled 37, 1 was referred out with benefits, 3 declined services. 33 were authorized. 25 Healthy Michigan, 5 Medicaid, 3 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 19 admitted to hospital in July. 47% Medicaid, 47% Healthy Michigan, 5% General Fund. 58% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 32% were previously unknown to us. 4 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 7 had no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 2 into partial hospitalization. 15 went in on petition. 2 no show for follow up appointment.

c. Finance Report

Through June, we are 75% through the fiscal year, at 67% spent, about 8% under budget. We are still seeing the jump in State-Inpatient Local Share due to the Department's billing process. We are slightly over budget in Specialized Residential, but no concerns. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around \$770,700 to the fund balance. Both investment accounts saw an increase.

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

6. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Rate setting meeting for FY27 has been cancelled twice so we do not have rate information yet.
- Self Determination cost has increased.
- The PIHPs that sued the state over the RFP have filed for an appeal on the decision that the state can decide the amount of PIHPs.
- Recent law passed now prohibiting guardians from moving an adult with mental illness from permanent residence without court approval.
- We are terminating contract with Eleos for Augmented Intelligence. We are pursuing other options.

7. REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

- Appoint Londa Pickles to Retirement Committee
 - **MOTION BY N. SMITH** to approve the appointment of Londa Pickles to the Retirement Committee. **SUPPORT BY J. ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**
- Ralph Tillotson has announced his resignation from the LCMHA Board. Commissioner Terry Collins will be appointed at the next County Commission meeting as the replacement.
- We will have a vacant seat on the Regional Board following Ralph's resignation.

8. REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD

- Approved 2027 meeting schedule, new CFO has started.
- Amy Fullerton has requested reappointment to the Regional Oversight Policy Board.

MOTION BY T. KELLY to reappoint Amy Fullerton to the Regional Oversight Policy Board. **SUPPORT BY J ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Nate reported that the State Board met in early August.
- Nic commented on the work that has gone into the Mobile Crisis Team, and how beneficial the team has been to first responders.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm

N. Smith
Secretary

Date