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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2026

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

Absent: J. Goetz; N. Smith

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

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Amy Palmer, Board Chair.

2. *PREVIOUS MINUTES*

MOTION BY N. WILSON to approve previous minutes dated August 27, 2026**. SUPPORTED BY N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. *AWARDS AND PRESENTATION*

4. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

- None

5. *COMMITTEE REPORTS*

A. **Consumer Action Committee**

Walk a Mile was on Wednesday, we had over 20 people from Lenawee County attend.

B. **Recipient Rights Advisory Committee**

Stephen Mitchell reported that in the 3rd quarter 2026 there were 16 complaints received which involved 30 allegations. 29 allegations were investigated with 13 allegations substantiated. 1 allegation was not investigated due to being outside of the Rights Office jurisdiction. There were 2 substantiated allegations of Class II Abuse, and 1 substantiated Sexual Abuse allegation. The list of providers involved, allegations and remedial action was reviewed. Stephen reviewed the Dignity and Respect Regional Policy, and provided additional citations on

humane treatment, dignity and respect, and abuse from the Mental Health Code.

C. **Operations and Budget**

A. Contracts

(a) Comprehensive Behavioral Health 2027

Total $164,462

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to approve the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Contract **SUPPORT BY T. KELLY. MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services 2027

Total $448,081

MOTION BY N. EATON to approve the Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services. **SUPPORT BY T. KELLY. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Policies

(a) Policy #9191 Agency Vehicles & Staff Usage
(b) Policy #8503 Billing
(c) Policy #3739 Board Member Ethical Standards and Conflict of Interest
    (i) Rescind Policy #B-316 Acceptance of Items of Value for Referrals
    (ii) Rescind Policy #B-314 Board Member's Relationship to Panel Provider Organizations
(d) Policy #5680 Budget and Finance Policy Statement
(e) Policy #8811 Demand and Scope of Service
    (i) Rescind Policy #B-312 Community Service Demand
(f) Policy #8778 LCMHA Remote Work Policy

MOTION BY D. STIMPSON to approve of Policy #9191 Agency Vehicles & Staff Usage, Policy #8503 Billing, Policy #3739 Board Member Ethical Standards and Conflict of Interest, Policy #5680 Budget and Finance Policy Statement, Policy #8811 Demand and Scope of Service, Policy #8778 LCMHA Remote Work Policy. **SUPPORT BY N. WILSON. MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION BY N. EATON GORDON to recommend retiring Policy #B-316 Acceptance of Items of Value for Referrals, Policy #B-314 Board Member's Relationship to Panel Provider Organizations, Policy #B-312 Community Service Demand. **SUPPORT BY L. PICKLES. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. **Data Report**

Kathryn reported that in August we had 85 mental health inquiries. 19 referred out, 64 intakes were scheduled, 2 declined. 40 initial assessments were completed with 9 found to be ineligible, 30 eligible and receiving services, 1 declined services. 64% Medicaid, 33% Healthy Michigan, 3% (1) General Fund.

Substance use disorder inquiries in August totaled 65, 3 with no needs identified, 1 declined services. 61 were authorized. 34 Healthy Michigan, 20 Medicaid, 7 Block Grant.

Inpatient Hospitalizations – there were a total of 34 admitted to hospital in August. 47% Medicaid, 32% Healthy Michigan, 21% General Fund. 62% had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 32% were previously unknown to us. 8 reported the Family Medical Center as their primary health care provider, 16 had no primary healthcare provider. We were able to divert 2 - partial hospitalization and crisis residential. 21 went in on petition. 2 no show for follow up appointment.

D. **Finance Report**

Through July, we are 83% through the fiscal year, at 76% spent, about 7% under budget. We are still slightly over budget in Specialized Residential, but no concerns. At this time, we are showing being able to contribute around $774,000 to the fund balance. Both investment accounts saw a decrease. Longevity pay will be paid out at the beginning of October.

MOTION BY L. PICKLES to approve the finance report and accounts payable report. **SUPPORTED BY H. TERRILL. MOTION CARRIED.**

E. **FY27 Budget**

Taylor Good reviewed the proposed budget for FY27, which increased $1,238,030 from FY26.

MOTION BY T. KELLY to approve the FY27 proposed budget. **SUPPORT BY N. EATON GORDON. MOTION CARRIED.**

F. **WLEN Contract**

Total cost $60,849

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to approve the WLEN contract**. SUPPORT BY H. TERRILL.** Motion carried. **A PALMER ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.**

G. **CMHPSM SUD Grants**

MOTION BY H TERRILL to approve the CMHPSM SUD Grants. **SUPPORT BY N EATON GORDON.**

6. ***REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR***

- The State has released draft rates for FY2027. There may be a rate adjustment for FY2026.
- The 4 CMHs and the Region put together feedback to the State about increases in expenditures and funding concerns.
- Neighbors of Hope will be closing, Fishes and Loaves will still be operated. Housing Help of Lenawee is closing 2 family shelters.
- Kathryn and Jackie Bradley met with the Human Services Committee of the County Commission. We will be receiving funding for Pathways Engagement Center.
- First LCMHA All Staff meeting last week, the second meeting will be September 30th.
- Walk a Mile was yesterday, we had over 20 Lenawee County, and over 1,500 attendees.
- We have several open positions, and may be exploring other recruiters.
- There is an open position on Oversight Policy Board that we need to fill. Kathryn has volunteered to take the position.

MOTION BY J. ACKLEY to appoint Kathryn to the Oversight Policy Board. **SUPPORT BY E. STARLIN. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. ***REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR***

A. November and December Meetings
   - The Board will meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 3pm.
   - Operations and Budget will act on behalf of the Board on December 16th at 3pm.

   MOTION BY L PICKLES to approve moving the November Board meeting to November 18th at 3pm and for Operations and Budget to act on behalf of the Board in December. **SUPPORT BY J ACKLEY. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has opened a chapter in Lenawee.

8. ***REPORT FROM REGIONAL BOARD***

- Discussed James contract and a proposed COLA for regional staff to be voted on at the next meeting.
- Fall Conference is October 26 and 27, let Kathryn know if you would like to attend.
- Still need representative for the Regional Board to fill Ralph's seat.

9. *REPORT FROM STATE BOARD*
None

10. *BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS*
None

11. *ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

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N. Smith Date
Secretary