

APPROVED: July 29, 2025

PROPOSED MINUTES

SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

June 24, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Ballard, Lynne Brown, Bill Gray, John Groustra, Joyce Johnson, Nanette Susalla, Bob Kozfkay, Robyn Gorringer, Brett Lester, Angie Weber, and Linda Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Lopez (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Wil Morris, Nicole Beagle, Tony Shaver, Beth Westover, Sheila Hill, Kendra Parsons, and Angie Hooper

GUESTS: N/A

- I. CALL ORDER: The Chairperson, Mr. Bob Kozfkay, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance and Mr. Lester offered a prayer.
- II. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Angie Hooper, Recording Secretary, took the roll. A quorum was present.
- III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS: Mr. Kozfkay acknowledged the staff in attendance.
- IV. ADOPTION OF REVISED AGENDA: Ms. Brown made the motion, with support from Ms. Willis, to approve the Revised Agenda as presented. The motion carried.
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.
- VI. PRESENTATION – ABA PROGRAM: Mrs. Beagle presented on the ABA Program and shared its many positive outcomes. There are 29 children that participate in the ABA Program. We are doing in house services in place of contracting to better monitor care and ensure the least restrictive services. The state has agreed to allow us to start collaborating with local schools to make the transition for these children from ABA to the school setting as trouble-free as possible. The ABA Program has joined with the Sandusky Recreation Program to have our ABA children attend their events. This in turn benefits our children to interact with other kids and learn to model their behavior. Mrs. Beagle shared parent stories and their gratefulness for the ABA Program. Mrs. Beagle thanked her staff for all the challenging work they do and for their positive attitudes and dedication to the program. The Board thanked Mrs. Beagle for her presentation and thanked her and her staff for all that they do for children and families of the ABA Program.
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to approve May 20, 2025, Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.
- VIII. CEO'S REPORT: In addition to the written report, Mr. Morris shared that we have a high level of satisfaction among our individuals receiving services here at CMH and we rarely receive any grievances or appeals.

Mr. Morris discussed the procurement process the state is wanting to implement. Some of the language has changed. It will be harder for non-profit organizations to apply. They want to cut the PIHP out of the payment process. Mr. Morris met with staff of Congresswoman Lisa McClain to discuss our concerns. The state is requesting CMH Agencies form work groups to discuss the process and offer any additional ideas.

Mr. Morris informed the Board of Directors that we have been approved by the state to be a Behavioral Health Home/Health Home Partner. We are now waiting on approval from the federal government. The partnership will allow us to provide enhanced services to Medicaid beneficiaries with a serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

Ms. Brown made the motion, with the support from Ms. Weber, to accept the CEO's Report as presented. The motion carried.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. AUDIT COMMITTEE (06/24/2025): Mr. Gray presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to accept the 06/24/2025 Audit Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

b. CCBHC COMMITTEE (06/12/2025): Mr. Groustra presented the report. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to accept the 06/12/2025 CCBHC Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

c. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (06/16/2025): Mr. Gray presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Susalla, to approve the 06/16/2025 Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

d. PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE (06/16/2025): Ms. Brown presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Mr. Gray, to approve the 06/16/2025 Prevention and Public Education Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

e. PROGRAM COMMITTEE (06/03/2025): Mr. Lester presented the report. Mr. Ballard made the motion, with support from Ms. Johnson, to approve the 06/03/2025 Program Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

f. RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (06/17/2025): Mr. Lester presented the report. Ms. Susalla made the motion, with support from Mr. Gray, to approve the 06/17/2025 Recipient Rights Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

g. CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD (06/04/2025): Ms. Brown presented the report. Ms. Willis made the motion, with support from Ms. Susalla, to approve the 06/04/2025 Consumer Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

h. PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (06/09/2025): Ms. Johnson presented the report. Ms. Susalla made the motion, with support from Ms. Brown, to approve the 06/09/2025 Parent Advisory Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

i. OTHER: There were no other Committee Reports to review.

- X. PIHP REPORT: Mr. Kozfkay informed the Committee that Region 10 held their election of officers on June 20, 2025.

The Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) audit is underway and going well. Richard Carpenter will be away from the office for a period of time, but the finance department is staffed and ready to fill in during his time away.

The Region is receiving an extra \$18 million dollars, but Mr. Carpenter believes we are in good shape and some money will be returned to the state.

The PIHP procurement process is still a concern. Region 10 and individual agencies are asking you to contact your Governor and legislature to express your concerns on this initiative.

The Executive Committee approved the hire of Kelly VanWormer as CEO of Region 10. The attorney is reviewing the contract.

Ms. VanWormer approved the posting of the Region 10 Chief Operating Officer position.

Mr. Kozfkay informed the Committee that there are meetings in place to discuss the continued concerns regarding SUD attendance and services through virtual appointments.

Mr. Groustra informed the Board that the four PIHPs lawsuit against the state is still in litigation, however, if the Region is dissolved, the lawsuit would be moot.

Ms. Brown made the motion, with support from Mr. Gray, to accept the PIHP Report as presented. The motion carried.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. OTHER: There was no old business.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. BILLS: Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to pay the checks numbered 59074 through 59275 in the amount of \$2,187,056.84 as presented. The motion carried.
- b. CREDIT CARD STATEMENT: Mr. Gray made a motion, with support from Ms. Johnson, to pay the credit card statement for the period May 2025 to June 2025 in the amount of \$37,568.60 as presented. The motion carried.
- c. UHY ADVISORS MI, INC. FY23 SINGLE AUDIT ADDITIONAL FEES, CDM #3388: Mr. Shaver presented the CDM. Mr. Ballard made the motion, with support from Mr. Groustra, to approve payment of half of the amount requested to UHY as outlined in the presented CDM for the reason that the service was not provided timely nor billed timely. The motion carried.
- d. RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY OPPOSE THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' (MDHHS) PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLANS (PIHPs), CDM #3389: Mr. Morris presented the CDM and the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health

Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

WHEREAS, by initiating a procurement process and incorporating private non-profit organizations whose administrative costs typically are four to ten times more than the current PIHP structure will significantly reduce the amount of funding available to provide direct services to members of our communities in need; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Community Mental Health (Sanilac CMH) formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, members of the Michigan Legislature representing Sanilac County Senator Dan Lauwers (25th Senate District) and Representative Greg Alexander (98th District)

Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Ms. Johnson, to approve and adopt the Resolution opposing MDHHS's decision to implement a competitive procurement process for PIHPs. The motion carried.

- e. ADEQUATE PSYCHIATRIC COVERAGE, CDM #3390: Mr. Morris presented the CDM. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to approve the authorization of the CEO to enter and complete contract negotiations with both the Nurse Practitioner and the Psychiatrist to fill the service needs of the Agency. It is expected that Psychiatrist will cost approximately 2-3 times the cost of the Nurse Practitioner but will also be able to manage more visits a day which will reduce the need moving forward for additional staff. The CEO will report back to the Audit Committee the total additional cost of the new prescribers. The motion carried.
- f. PIHP PROCUREMENT, CDM #3391: Mr. Morris presented the CDM. Mr. Gray made the motion, with support from Mr. Ballard, to authorize the CEO, with support of the Chair and Vice-Chair, to enter into an agreement with Rehmann Robson to support the development of a new organizational structure that is a private-public entity that will be able to apply thru the PIHP Procurement process if necessary. The motion carried.
- g. CDM 3392 Mrs. Westover presented the CDM. Ms. Susalla made the motion, with support from Ms. Weber, to approve the hiring of Don Reifert Electric LLC to remove and replace the Administration parking lot's current lights at the cost of \$16,673.96. The motion carried.
- h. OTHER: Ms. Susalla inquired about the Genoa Pharmacy status at the Ehardt building. We are waiting for the architect to visit on-site and then the process of licensing permits for building modifications will begin. We should have a better idea then when they start the construction process. We will keep the Board updated.

XIII. REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED: There were no reports on meetings attended.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments from the public.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Birthday to Wil and Merisa who both celebrate birthdays on June 25th!

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Evergreen Park on July 11th at 1:00 p.m.

XVI. DATE OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

DATE: July 29, 2025

Robert Kozfkay
Robert Kozfkay, Chairperson

DATE: 7-29-2025

Linda Willis
Linda Willis, Secretary

DATE: 7-29-2025

Angie Hooper
Angie Hooper, Recording Secretary

