

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2023, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Deb Nagel, Lisa Coney, Mike Cierzniewski, Kathleen Schachman, Cym Winiecke, Joan Williams, Jill Armentrout,

VIRTUAL: None

ABSENT: Steve Fresorger, John Pugh, Robert Woods, Cherie Long

GUESTS: Ann Finta, Cheryl Nelson

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw - Chair called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was not any public participation.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – November 13, 2023

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the November 13, 2023, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Governance Committee – No Meeting
Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / *Vacancy*, Vice Chair

B. Recipient Rights Committee – November 15, 2023
Deb Nagel, Chair – *Vacancy*, Vice Chair
Reported by Deb Nagel.

Motion made by Deb Nagel and supported by Lisa Coney to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

C. Executive Limitations – November 20, 2023
Cym Winiecke, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Reported by Cym Winiecke.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Deb Nagel to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

D. Ends Committee – November 27, 2023
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair

Reported by Jill Armentrout.

Motion made by Jill Armentrout and supported by Cym Winiecke to receive and file this report as written. Motion carried.

V. CEO REPORT

First Choice Holiday Gift and Cookie Distribution at Community Ties North – Dec. 8

First Choice of Saginaw and Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority paired up on Friday, Dec. 8 for their annual event to donate \$50 Meijer gift cards to residents of SCCMHA contracted specialty adult foster care homes for the holidays. This is a consumer group who have almost no disposable income. The event was held at Community Ties North and a fun time was had by all.

New Behavioral Health Clinic on East Side of the City of Saginaw

Sandy has been participating along with other key leaders in the planning for a new Behavioral Health Clinic on the east side of the City of Saginaw. The project is being funded by ARPA awards to the City of Saginaw and Saginaw County. The Saginaw Public Health Department would also be re-located in this same new building. Sandy explained that she has come to learn, that this project is part of a larger development vision for the east side of the City of Saginaw off Washinton St., often referred to as the Medical Corridor.

Both projects are part of a large collaboration to develop this part of the city as a Medical Center of Excellence Hub, for the training of health care professionals across disciplines. Partners include both local hospitals Covenant and Ascension/St. Mary's, the CMU Medical School, the Social Work and Nursing Schools at SVSU, GLBHC, SCCMHA, Public Health, the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, Saginaw Future, Saginaw Community Foundation, City of Saginaw, County of Saginaw, DOW and others supportive of economic development in the area. The vision is to both develop the Center of Excellence for Medical Training, Research and Service and simultaneously advance economic development in the area. The vision of the Center of Excellence HUB would include the leveraging of economic development in the attraction of new faculty and students and their families to the area and to train and retain graduate health care professional and their families in the area. The vision is to relocate more of the CMU Medical School to this area from Mt. Pleasant, as students prefer to live in a more urban and diverse area.

Sandy was invited by Veronica Horn of the Saginaw Chamber, to a first meeting of the larger group called the Medical Diamond Group last week. The identification and pursuit of the significant development funding that will be needed, is already underway.

Saginaw County Opioid Settlement Dollars

Sandy has been asked by Saginaw Board of Commissioner Chairman, Christopher Boyd, to give input on what these lawsuit settlement dollars from pharmaceutical companies that produced opioids over the last two decades would be used for within the parameters of the settlement. Jennifer Kreiner, SCCMHA Chief of Health Services, will serve as Sandy's designee to the group when meetings conflict with her schedule. Jen Kreiner participated in the first meeting last week.

SCCMHA Staff Holiday Training Event: Theme – 8 Dimensions of Wellness – Dec. 15th, 3-5 p.m.

Sandy and Ryan, who serves as chair of the planning committee, described the staff holiday training event that is coming up on Friday. The training content is the *SAMHSA 8 Dimensions of Wellness*.

Motion made Mike Cierzniewski and supported by Kathleen Schachman to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of 2024 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Cym Winiecke to approve 2024 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

A. CMHA Weekly Update – November 2023 links: <https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>

B. SCCMHA CAC Minutes <https://www.sccmha.org/about/board-agendas-and-meetings.html>

C. December is Universal Human Rights Month & December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

D. SCCMHA Staff Holiday Gathering: 8 Components of Wellness

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Genoa Healthcare Pharmacy is celebrating their 20th anniversary at SCCMHA. Event today and also next week Monday.

Tracey wished everyone a blessed holiday season. Enjoy family and friend time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joan Williams supported by Lisa Coney to adjourn this meeting at 5:59 PM p.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes prepared by:
Ryan Mulder
Executive Assistant to CEO**