

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190/191**

PRESENT: Mike Cierzniewski, Andrea Schrems, Robert Woods, Steve Fresorger, Leola Wilson, Larry Jones, Tracey Raquepaw, Jane Sills,

ABSENT: Jill Armentrout, John Pugh, Jordan Wise, Cym Winiecke

GUESTS: Deb Salisbury, Clint Bryant, Hannah Rousseau, Kimberly Rasco, Melissa Bilodeau, Amanda Louchart, Chris Greer, Emelia Truhn, Erica Lamb, Patty Colpean, Deb Davies, Chris Rivera, Lynn White

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m. A quorum was established and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Clint Bryant (SEIU) gave public comment thanking members for their efforts serving our community especially during the pandemic, opposition to SB 597 & SB 598, working together with SCCMHA on the efforts of opposition.

Debra Salisbury (SCCMHA staff member) gave public comment on her experience with COVID-19 as an essential employee during pandemic.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A. Board Meeting – October 11, 2021

Motion made by Robert Woods and supported by Leola Wilson to approve the October 11, 2021 SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Recipient Rights Committee – No Meeting
Robert Woods, Chair – Leola Wilson, Vice Chair

B. Governance Committee – No Meeting
Larry Jones, Chair – Mike Cierzniewski, Vice Chair
Reported by Larry Jones.

C. Executive Limitations – No Meeting
Andrea Schrems, Chair – John Pugh, Vice Chair
Andrea Schrems reported.

D. Ends Committee – No Meeting
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Jane Sills, Vice Chair
Tracey Raquepaw reported.

V. CEO REPORT

- **MI House Listening Session on Mental Health 11-1-21 Event Update**

Persons attending was on Page 4 of Minutes from October meeting.

Matt Deibel, MD , Med. Dir. Covenant Emergency Care Center

- Heather Beson, GLBHC Beh. Health
- Joe Sedlock, CEO MSHN
- Patrick McGraw, Chief Probate Judge, Saginaw 10th Circuit
- Chris Pinter, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health
- Renee Johnston, CEO Saginaw Community Foundation and Chair of Alignment Saginaw
- Carl Williams
- Lisa Coney, SISD
- Debra Nagel – Consumer Rep.
- Mike Cierzniewski

Amos O'Neal was the host for the event. Power outage so moved event from Anderson Enrichment to Saginaw Art Museum. Unified collaborative voice for Saginaw.

See page 41 for written comments by Judge McGraw as he was unable to attend the night of session.

- **CCBHC Demo Certification Submission to MDHHS**

SCCMHA unable to submit by deadline in October due to all the work that needed to be completed for Billing Coding changes from State of Michigan. This task has now been accomplished and SCCMHA is now moving to CCBHC certification using new CRM Portal where State of Michigan is requiring submission for all certification documentation going forward. Hopeful to have this completed by December 4. Could then begin demo and prospective payment structure for enrolled consumers in CCBHC in January.

- **System Redesign Update**

Agrees with Mr. Bryant's earlier comments on Senate Bills being proposed by Michigan Republican leadership. There have been some amendments already to these bills which made them even worse (proposed PIHP structure eliminated and CMHSPs 'may' be contracted with but not a requirement by Special Identified Plans (SIPs) that have never delivered services to consumers served by CMHs. Last month it was amended about Social Welfare Act (newly appointed advisory Board would be appointed and historic safety net rules for CMHs would be removed / failed to exist as there would no longer be funding - specifically Community Engagement activities). Two documents from CMHA "Dangerous, Costly..." & "Within Our Reach". Sandy noted she feels SCCMHA staff and provider networks are doing a standup job serving our consumers.

Meeting today about Discharges from State Facilities and the current environment making this very difficult.

Changes to NGRI planning as well (Risk Mitigation Strategies, etc.) but with current staffing shortages this is very difficult to navigate as well.

- **Workforce Shortages**
Doing everything we can to post/recruit for vacant positions. Note: Negotiations with all three unions continue.
- **Federal Vaccine Mandate**
The standards have been released from OSHA and CMS (but SCCMHA is still waiting on MIOSHA's interpretive guidance). Sandy knows this mandate could be upsetting for staff so SCCMHA is being cautious with the deadline of January 8 quickly approaching. SCCMHA has engaged legal counsel from Braun Kendrick to assist with research on both federal mandates. Sandy notes SCCMHA is not rushing into this especially with legal challenges underway for both mandates. Larger residential providers are especially cautious, and this could drive individuals from direct care employment. Stay tuned. Additional info will be communicated once it is available.

Motion made by Robert Woods and supported by Leola Wilson to receive & file this report as written. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of 2022 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

Ryan reviewed the draft calendar.

Motion made by Andrea Schrems and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to approve the 2022 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.

B. Discussion CMHA Fall Conference Topics from Attendees

Tracey felt that the Conference went very well. CMHA was very good about informing on SB 597 & 598. Felt MDHHS Director Hertel's presentation was very good also. Attended NGRI breakout session and felt these changes were very confusing (this coming from someone working in corrections/law enforcement). PowerPoint on Page 11 – 40.

Mike noted it was nice to be in person again and appreciated.

Larry noted that labor shortages noted across the state and being very concerning (effectiveness of agency with this going on is a major concern). There is a lot of uncertainty, and the current political climate right now is not helping either. He hopes to have virtual conference option into the future as well (ability to participate if not comfortable with in person option as of yet).

With regard to SB on System Redesign: Phone calls to legislators is so very important (lighting up the phones is very much necessary to push folks that are non-committal). Email action Alerts via CMHA continue but please remember phone calls to local legislators are extremely important.

VII. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. CMHA Weekly Update – 10/01/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Weekly-Update-10.01.21.pdf>
- B. CMHA Weekly Update – 10/08/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Weekly-Update-10.08.21.pdf>
- C. CMHA Weekly Update – 10/15/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Weekly-Update-10.15.21.pdf>
- D. CMHA Weekly Update – 10/22/21 link:** <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Weekly-Update-10.22.21.pdf>
- E. Chapter 4: Civil Admission and Discharge Procedures for Adult Individuals**

with Mental Illness – Request One-Hour Board Training Credit

Form is attached. View video and

- F. CMHA Email Re. Sen. Shirkey Bills – 10/28/21**
- G. CMHA Fall 2021 System Redesign & Our Advocacy Efforts**
- H. Commentary to MI House Listening Session on Mental Health from Judge Patick McGraw**
- I. CMHA Email Re. Advocacy Video Opposing SB 597 & 598**
- J. 'SB 597 & 598: The Wrong Step at The Wrong Time Dangerous, Costly & Bad for Michigan' document**
- K. CMHA 'Within Our Reach – Concrete Approaches To Building A World Class Public Mental Health System in Michigan' document**
- L. Letter from Hon. P. McGraw re. SB 597 & 598 – 10/27/21**

VIII. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. 10/13/21 Press Release 'Senator Stabenow, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist and Director Hertel Announce Launch of Transformational Mental Health and Addiction Initiative in Michigan'**
- B. 10/22/21 Detroit Free Press article 'Father's illness drove Stabenow's work to improve mental health access, aid'**

IX. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sandy informed that Eileen Vescio, longtime CAC member passed recently. Visitation & funeral is set to be held on Friday, November 12 at St. Peter and Paul Church in Saginaw.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods and supported by Mike Cierzniewski to adjourn this meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Ryan Mulder

Executive Assistant to CEO