

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2022 – 5:15 p.m.
ROOM 190/191**

PRESENT: Mike Cierzniewski, Andrea Schrems, Lisa Coney, Steve Fresorger, Jane Sills, Tracey Raquepaw

ABSENT: John Pugh

GUEST(S):

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Mike Cierzniewski, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. Verification of the public posting was acknowledged and a quorum was established.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICER – Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Tracey Raquepaw with support from Andrea Schrems to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Mike Cierzniewski, Chair & Jane Sills, Vice Chair for the Governance Committee. Motion carried.

IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY REVIEW DISCUSSION

As part of SCCMHA's annual review of agency policies all Board Policies are on the agenda tonight. Copies of all the Governance, Executive Limitations and Ends Committee policies were included in the packet. Ryan noted that marked of versions of the SCCMHA Board Policies with changes noted in red font are going to be sent out electronically by Ryan to Governance, Ends & Executive Limitations Committee members. These revised policies will then be formally approved at the June 13 Board meeting. Any recommended changes should be returned to Ryan no later than June 3, 2022. *Note: there are several board policies associated with different committees that will be reviewed by all committees.*

The Governance committee was able to ask questions / make comment. *See handouts for details.*

Motion made by Tracey Raquepaw with support from Lisa Coney to bring policies to SCCMHA Committee Meetings and as edits are needed a complete set of changes will be brought to the June 13 Board Meeting for final approval. Motion carried.

V. BOARD ATTENDANCE LOG

Governance Committee discussed and decided to have Chair reach out to John Pugh, remind of his attendance and that he is able to join meetings virtually.

Motion made by Tracey Raquepaw with support from Jane Sills to receive and file Board Attendance Log with communication to Mr. Pugh as written. Motion carried.

VI. BOARD TRAINING LOG

Motion made by Tracey Raquepaw with support from Andrea Schrems to approve the Board Training Log as presented. Motion carried.

VII. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Sandy we are beginning to have discussions on relaxing some of the COVID-19 precautions (just beginning this journey so there is not anything concrete as of yet). Melissa Gutzwiller is measuring spaces as we speak (lunch, conference rooms for capacity limit expansion). Our mask mandate is also under review. Stay tuned.

Things continue to be very bad in accessing Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Admissions and demand for this level of care is increasing (lack inpatient staff is the cause). MDHHS Survey was recently sent out to all CMHSPs asking for a forecast of utilization if MDHHS developed new Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities as a step down or alternative to inpatient care and SCCMHA responded.

MSHN will set aside \$10 million/ and a \$3 million contingency fund for provider stabilization to assist contracted agencies with the staffing crisis. A new application process for contracted agencies to request additional funding to address their staff shortages is underway. Because SCCMHA has significant revenue favorability, we will be authorizing payment with our own revenue while the MSHN fund will cover the contracted agencies in CMHSP networks that do not have available revenue as well as MSHN SUD provider application requests. Allowable expenses will include reimbursement for staffing signing bonuses, retention payments, advertising and the like. There is an April 30 deadline for requests. The 12 CMHSP CFO's will collectively be reviewing applications.

Retention payment to current SCCMHA staff upcoming as well for first 6 months in FY 2022 as well.

There has also been an ask by CMHSP/PIHPs of MDHHS, for relief from administrative requirements and regulatory responsibilities. These requests for relief have been compiled by CMHAM.

State Facility Billing concerns are being discussed tomorrow. Sandy is chairing a virtual meeting tomorrow with state-wide CMHSP representatives to discuss the problems with MDHHS billing from State Hospitals.

Reorganization of Finance Department is going on. Matt Briggs is new Chief of Operations / Contracts. Laura Argyle, CFO has resigned and is now working for Rehmann but still currently serving in this capacity for SCCMHA. Jan Histed has been hired as Director of Finance. State reporting is being done by Rehmann and Laura will be working on training Jan in MDHHS financial reporting for the rest of the year. Jan will eventually transition to CFO.

Colleen Sproul retired at the end of March but is coming back in limited way under contract basis to train her replacement the Chief of Health Services. The new senior staff member is coming from another CMH so she will not mention her by name as of yet. She is credentialed as an NP and Family Practice and Psychiatry. She will be coming here on Thursdays as she closes out her caseload at her other position through May.

Sandy noted that there is nothing new on Senate Bills 597 and 598.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jane Sills and supported by Andrea Schrems to adjourn this meeting at 6:13 pm. Motion carried.