

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2023, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 190/191**

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Deb Nagel, Joan Williams, Lisa Coney, Robert Woods, Jill Armentrout, Cym Winiecke, Steve Fresorger, John Pugh

ABSENT: Mike Cierzniewski, Jane Sills

GUESTS: Kim Hubert

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jan Histed, Ryan Mulder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Raquepaw - Chair called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kim Hubert, guest presented on Helping Others Means Everything (or HOME) an organization that is looking to partner with SCCMHA. Brochures were to be provided to SCCMHA but unfortunately were not available tonight. Ms. Hubert will reach out to Ryan to schedule a time to drop off.

III. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) UPDATE

Sandra Lindsey introduced Paul Elam, PHD. Dr. Elam presented the SCCMHA DEI Implementation Update to the SCCMHA Citizens Advisory Committee. The following was noted:

- Workgroup Membership
- Final 3-Year DEI Implementation Plan
- Key Task #1: Implement 3-Year DEI Plan with DEI workgroup and subgroups
- Key Task #2: Staff, board, and community presentations and updates to report progress on implementation
 - CAC – April 6, 2023
 - Board – April 10, 2023
 - Staff Summer 2023
- Key Task #3: Project management to ensure project is delivered on time with quality – Monthly meetings with DEI workgroup and CEO
- See document in report for details

The Committee had a question about what the RED font in DEI Report means. Sandy and Paul will investigate and report back to Board at the May meeting.

Motion made by Lisa Coney and supported by Deb Nagel to receive and file the Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Update. Motion Carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- A.** Board Meeting – February 13, 2023

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Deb Nagel to approve the February 13, 2023, SCCMHA Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

- B.** Board Meeting – March 13, 2023 – NO QUORUM

V. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** Governance Committee – February 16, 2023
Mike Cierzniewski, Chair / Jane Sills, Vice Chair
Tracey Raquepaw reported.

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

- B.** Recipient Rights Committee – March 15, 2023
Robert Woods, Chair – Deb Nagel, Vice Chair
Robert Woods / Deb Nagel Reported.

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

- C.** Executive Limitations – March 22, 2023
Vacancy, Chair – Robert Woods, Vice Chair

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

- D.** Ends Committee – No March 27, 2023
Jill Armentrout, Chair – Tracey Raquepaw, Vice Chair
Tracey Raquepaw Reported.

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

VI. CEO REPORT

New Medicaid Bulletins with Service Billing Codes with Changes Due to the End of the federal PHE

Coding changes related to Public Health Emergency (telehealth post pandemic, etc.).

MSHN Board Approve Continuation of Provider Staffing Crisis Stabilization Funding

Sandy noted that MSHN did approve this stabilization funding so this will continue through the rest of FY 23. Staff Bonus incentive payment for SCCMHA full and part time staff on 4/14.

S. Lindsey Testimony to MI Senate MDHHS Appropriations Subcommittee on 03/07/23

Sandy gave testimony at recent meeting. Asked to from CMH CEOs to give comment on conditions in the field and she was happy to do so.

Launch of Behavioral Health Home Delayed until May

This has been delayed as the State waits for CMS approval for Michigan.

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

VII. BOARD ACTION

A. Approval of Meeting Attendance Accommodation (Virtual Participation) for Qualified Individuals with Disability Plan

Sandy noted that last year Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel released a general opinion on providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disability who request them in order to fully participate in public meetings that are required by the Open Meetings Act to be held in a place available to the general public (which would include an option to participate virtually). SCCMHA has put together a form that would be used to request such accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). See pages 20 – 35 in tonight’s packet. This plan was recommended for approval at tonight’s full Board by the SCCMHA Governance Committee Meeting at their most recent meeting.

Motion made by Cym Winiecke and supported by Deb Nagel to approve Meeting Attendance Accommodation (Virtual Participation) for Qualified Individuals with Disability Plan. Motion carried.

B & C. Approval of FY 2023 Provider Contracts and Fee Screens / Program Sites List

Motion made by Deb Nagel and supported by Steve Fresorger to approve the FY 2023 Provider Contract and Fee Screens & Network Service Provider / Program Sites List. Motion carried.

D. 2023 CMH PAC Campaign

CMHA is again asking boards to contribute to the CMH PAC Campaign. Sandy reported CMHAM is doing a wonderful job representing the CMH System and encourages the Board to consider making the equivalent of one Board meeting stipend (\$50) to the PAC. If interested in contributing, go to <https://cmham.org/public-policy/cmh-pac/>. If you would rather contribute by check (or cash) please get the contribution to Ryan and he’ll submit to CMHA on your behalf. Goal is \$500 collective contribution from board members and/or staff.

E. MSHN Board Appointment

With Mike Cierzniewski stepping back from MSHN Board of Directors, SCCMHA is in need of a primary/secondary consumer representative on this governing body. Joan Williams has graciously agreed to participate as Saginaw’s representative along with

Tracey Raquepaw.

Motion made by Deb Nagel and supported by Jill Armentrout to appoint Joan Williams to the MSHN Board. Motion carried.

F. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Prior to March Board meeting, Ryan Mulder on behalf of Tracey Raquepaw, Board Chair, reached out to Jill Armentrout and Deb Nagel and asked them to participate in a SCCMHA Nominating Committee (which they agreed to do). Individuals interested in serving as Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary were asked to contact Jill or Deb. The Nominating Committee of Jill Armentrout and Deb Nagel announced the following preliminary nominations: Tracey Raquepaw as Chair, Cym Winiecke as Vice-Chair, and Steve Fresorger as Secretary.

Motion by Deb Nagel and supported by Joan Williams to receive and file preliminary nomination report. Motion carried.

VIII. BOARD INFORMATION

- A. **CMHA Weekly Update – Feb/Mar 2023 links:**
<https://cmham.org/resources/weekly-update/>
- B. **SCCMHA CAC Minutes** <https://www.sccmha.org/news-information/board-agendas-minutes.html>
- C. **New Benefit to Work (BTW) Program Shines & Saves**
- D. **MDHHS letter re: WSA usage and autism services enrollment – 02/16/23**
- E. **STARS Letter of Support for FTA’s Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant – 02/21/23**
- F. **Letter to L.Bradfield re: Reappointment to CAC – 02/21/23**
- G. **Letter to V.Mikolajski re: Reappointment to CAC – 02/21/23**
- H. **Letter to BOC C.Boyd re: SCCMHA Board Reappointments – 02/28/23**
- I. **Letter from C.Boyd re: SCCMHA Board Reappointments – 03/22/23**
- J. **National Social Worker / Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month & World Down Syndrome Day in March**
- K. **Counseling Awareness / National Autism Awareness Month & World Autism Day in April**
- L. **SCCMHA Sponsorship of WOC 30th Anniversary / Michigan Banners Heart of the City / Westlund Guidance Stomp Out Stigma upcoming events**
- M. **FY 2024 MDHHS Behavioral Health presentation to MI Senate Appropriations Subcommittee – 03/07/23**

IX. MEDIA / PUBLICATIONS

- A. **MDHHS Press Release ‘Michigan Provides Medicaid Enrollees with Info About Options As Eligibility Requirements Restart Following Recent Legislation’ – 02/16/23**
- B. **Detroit Free Press Opinion ‘Michigan public mental health care is seriously understaffed. We can change that.’ – 03/19/23**
- C. **WNEM ‘New program will connect police with mental health workers’– 03/22/22. This was coverage of the new SCCMHA Crisis Connect program with SPD.**

X. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Robert Woods supported by Steve Fresorger to adjourn this meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion carried.

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