



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm
Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

MINUTES

<u>Board Members:</u>	Present	Excused	Absent
Richard Byrne, Chair	X	_____	_____
Robert Pawlak, Vice Chair	X	_____	_____
Patrick McFarland, Treasurer	X	_____	_____
Christopher Girard, Secretary	X	_____	_____
Tim Banaszak	X	_____	_____
Patrick Conley	X	_____	_____
Jerome Crete	X	_____	_____
Sally Mrozinski	_____	X	_____
Kathy Niemiec	X	_____	_____
Carole O'Brien	X	_____	_____
Marie (Toni) Reese	X	_____	_____
Pamela Schumacher	X	_____	_____

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

Chris Pinter, Jennifer Lasceski, Joelin Hahn, Karen Amon, Marci Rozek, and Sara McRae

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Board Chair, R. Byrne, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

M#108-24:

On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were not any members of the public present.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, June 20, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#109-24:

On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 20, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, June 24, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#110-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the minutes of the special Recipient Rights (RR) Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of June 24, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, June 27, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#111-24: On motion of J. Crete and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the special Board meeting of June 27, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, July 1, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#112-24: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Health Care Improvement and Compliance (HCIC) Committee meeting of July 1, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, July 8, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#113-24: On motion of J. Crete and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of July 8, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, July 10, 2024

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#114-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of J. Crete, the Board accepted the investment earnings balances for period ending June 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Copy Machines:

R#2407001: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the purchase of two copy machines from Xerox for an amount of \$9,864. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2407002: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of J. Crete, the Board approved the Finance July 2024 Finance contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#115-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of July 10, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BYLAWS & POLICIES COMMITTEE, July 10, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#116-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the minutes of the Bylaws & Policies Committee meeting of July 10, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, July 11, 2024

Clinical Privileges:

There were general discussions regarding clarification of the differences of renewal versus provisional terms for clinical privileges.

R#2407003: On motion of C. Girard and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the clinical privileges for Sylvia Exum, M.D., for a two-year renewal term expiring July 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

R#2407004: On motion of C. Girard and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the clinical privileges for Bridget Smith, M.D., for a one-year renewal term expiring July 31, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#117-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of ~~S. Mrozinski~~ P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of July 11, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, July 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#118-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights (RR) Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of July 15, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, July 16, 2024

Financial Statements:

Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reviewed the financial statements noting that actual revenue exceeds the budgeted revenue and expenses are over budget due to funding decisions made by MDHHS since COVID. P. McFarland also reported the Medicaid shortage is \$6.8 Million and there are 75 days remaining in the current fiscal year (FY). P. McFarland reviewed the Midstate Health Network (MSHN) funding process requirements involving utilization of their Internal Service Fund (ISF) and conveyed many community mental health (CMH) agencies are in the same financial position as BABH. There were general discussions of having a special board meeting to include a budget presentation for FY25 budget planning to review the deficit, Medicaid rates, and comparisons with other CMHs. The board may need to consider service changes due to Medicaid rates. BABH has already requested additional funds from MSHN totaling \$3.5 Million for FY 2024.

R#2407005: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the financial statements for period ending June 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2407006: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for period ending June 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2407007: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from June 24, 2024 through July 19, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#119-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of July 16, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BOARD MEETING CONTRACT LIST, July 18, 2024

M#120-24: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the Board meeting July 2024 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Conflict Free Access & Planning Advocacy:

C. Pinter reported both Bay and Arenac County Commissions have passed resolutions related to conflict free access and planning advocacy. Bay County sent the resolution to the Governor as well. C. Pinter also reported the next step is to send the resolutions to department director Elizabeth Hertel at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services with a communication from BABH.

Proposed Waskul Settlement:

C. Pinter reported the proposed Waskul Settlement resulting from a lawsuit regarding direct care staff wages include increasing the compensation for staff serving individuals on the C Waiver in self-determination arrangements to approximately \$31 per hour. This is on average a 40% increase in wages. Unfortunately, it would only apply to staff in these very specific arrangements leaving the majority of direct care staff at the current rate. C. Pinter noted concerns that such an agreement would drastically broaden the existing wage disparity amongst community living support (CLS) staff statewide as well as require a significant appropriation for the legislature during a period when the entire community mental health (CMH) system has been underfunded. BABH has submitted a declaration letter with the Waskul lawsuit and objection letter with the Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) on the matter.

Rose Home:

C. Pinter reported Bay Human Services provided notice of termination of the contract for operating Rose Home. Administration is preparing for an emergency procurement process and back up staffing plan utilizing BABH staff if necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel & Compensation (P&C) Committee Meeting:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported a P&C Committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

RR Conference:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported the annual Recipient Rights Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 through Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Westin Southfield Detroit in Southfield, MI.

Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) Fall Conference:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported the CMHA Fall Conference is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 21 & 22, 2024 at Grand Traverse Resort.

Meeting Schedule:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported all Board Committee meetings will be held in Room 225 at the Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708 for the month of August, 2024.

August Board Meeting:

Board Chair, R. Byrne reminded all members the August Board Meeting will be held at the Arenac Center, 1000 West Cedar Street, Standish, MI 48658.

Special RR Advisory & Appeals Committee:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported a special RR Advisory & Appeals Committee has been scheduled for 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 for purposes of a mock appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

M#121-24:

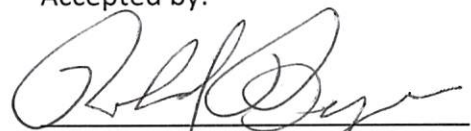
On motion of C. Girard and support of J. Crete, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:



Christopher Girard, Board Secretary

Accepted by:



Richard Byrne, Board Chair