

AGENDA

BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

Committee Members: Chris Girard, Ch Sally Mrozinski, V Ch Jerome Crete Toni Reese	Present _____ _____ _____ _____	Excused _____ _____ _____ _____	Absent _____ _____ _____ _____	Committee Members: Pam Schumacher Robert Pawlak, Ex Off Richard Byrne, Ex Off	Present _____ _____ _____	Excused _____ _____ _____	Absent _____ _____ _____	Others Present: BABH: Heather Beson, Joelin Hahn, Chris Pinter, Stacy Krasinski, and Sara McRae Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
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	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call		
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)		
3.	Clinical Program Review 3.1) Emergency and Access Services (EAS), S. Krasinski		3.1) No action necessary
4.	Unfinished Business 4.1) None		
5.	New Business 5.1) Arenac County Narcan Machine Update, C. Pinter 5.2) Rose Adult Foster Care Home Update, H. Beson		5.1) No action necessary 5.2) No action necessary

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	5.3) Advocacy Update, C. Pinter a. Expansion of Children's Psychiatric Beds in Bay County b. Conflict Free Access and Planning c. Bay City Crisis Residential		5.3) No action necessary
6.	Adjournment	M -	S - pm MA

EMERGENCY AND ACCESS SERVICES August 2023 – July 2024

Emergency and Access Services, AOT Coordinator, Jail Liaison, Hospital/Court Liaison, Juvenile Detention Liaison, Mobile Response Team (MRT) (28 employees)

Access Screens – to determine eligibility for services (Bay/Arenac, Tuscola, Huron counties)

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
BABH	192	155	178	165	119	176	169	179	155	140	151	149	1928
TBHS	58	49	70	42	42	54	69	56	56	50	41	51	638
HBH	37	49	44	31	30	43	43	37	49	32	34	38	467
REMI SUD	10	4	5	5	0	10	3	3	4	5	6	4	59
Total	297	257	297	243	191	283	284	275	264	227	232	242	3092

Access Screens completed in 30 minute or less standard

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
%	93.72%	94.84%	91.44%	91.21%	94.76%	94.76%	96.45%	96.32%	94.59%	95.45%	92.98%	93.25%	94.15%

Total Call Volume – Calls answered by Intake Representatives and Overflow calls answered by Clinicians

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
	3429	3478	3658	2934	3011	3613	3799	4264	3494	3292	3159	3593	41,724

Pre-Admission Screenings – to determine the need for acute care services (psychiatric hospitalization, partial hospitalization program PHP, crisis residential unit CRU)

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
Inpatient Admission	90	101	92	87	73	82	92	100	92	78	79	74	1,040
PHP	9	10	11	7	5	11	9	7	9	14	5	6	103
CRU	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9
Diversion	45	38	32	37	28	43	36	40	31	26	36	43	435
Other	14	7	7	6	3	7	16	13	11	12	12	6	114
MRT	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	4	2	1	19
Total	160	162	143	138	111	143	155	164	145	134	134	131	1,720

BABH Crisis Contacts

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
	1392	1411	1309	1286	1147	1378	1499	1556	1353	1465	1315	1312	16,423

ES Contract Work – Shiawassee and Tuscola Counties

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
TBHS Pre-screens	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	14
TBHS Crisis Contacts	58	69	55	48	71	79	70	30	68	49	45	41	683
SHW Crisis Contacts	137	136	145	121	127	168	123	107	124	127	112	101	1,528

Telephonic Monitoring

	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Total
Clients served	14	13	16	13	15	18	11	18	9	15	14	22	178
# Of Contacts	51	42	60	43	45	69	30	52	32	45	48	70	587

Jail Liaison – 456 contacts at the Bay County Jail, 113 Access screens, suicide watch evaluations, plans of service to monitor medications while in jail, jail diversion screenings, BABH NP – contacts via telehealth at the Bay County Jail, Arenac Jail contacts – 75

Juvenile Detention Liaison - 454 contacts at Juvenile Home – providing therapy, access screens, crisis management, jail diversion screenings

Jail Diversion screenings – 108 completed from August 2023 to July 2024. 0 were eligible for the Jail Diversion program.

Hospital/Court Liaison – 168 access screens completed – sets up aftercare, attends court hearings

Mobile Response Team - 98 of contacts in the community, 588 of follow up calls/visits, MRT contacts, pre-screens, access screens

Highlights:

- Added an MRT Clinical Supervisor.
- Continued/expanded collaboration with Bay County and Bay City law enforcement.
- Two staff became CIT trainers, one of whom became a QPR trainer and an MCOLES BHEP trainer.
- Added AOT Coordinator position.
- Added 2 EAS clinical assessment specialists.
- Obtained/extended grants for MRT program and AOT program.
- MRT expanded to see all ages and insurance types (all individuals in Bay or Arenac counties).

Next Steps:

- Continue to expand MRT program and collaboration with law enforcement, especially into Arenac County.
- Continue to expand the AOT program.
- Hire second shift Team Leader.

Sara McRae

Subject: FW: Arenac County SUD Prevention Services Update

From: Sarah Andreotti <Sarah.Andreotti@midstatehealthnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Joelin Hahn <jhahn@babha.org>; Chris Pinter <cpinter@babha.org>

Cc: Dani Meier <Dani.Meier@midstatehealthnetwork.org>; Trisha Thrush <trisha.thrush@midstatehealthnetwork.org>;

Sarah Surna <sarah.surna@midstatehealthnetwork.org>

Subject: Arenac County SUD Prevention Services Update

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Good morning,

We would like to inform you of upcoming changes with the Substance Use Disorder Prevention programming that is funded by Mid-State Health Network in Arenac and northern Bay Counties. Beginning October 1, 2024, Ten Sixteen Recovery Network will be replacing Sterling Area Health Center to provide Prevention services to this area. They will be providing community education, harm reduction activities and school prevention services in Pinconning and Arenac County, along with facilitating the Prevention coalition and completing Designated Youth Tobacco Use Representative duties in Arenac County. Ten Sixteen currently provides these services in 5 other counties in the Mid-State region. They also offer outpatient SUD treatment in Arenac County, so they are familiar with the community and available resources. They have a knowledgeable team of certified Prevention staff with many combined years of experience.

This prevention contract is anticipated to be approved by the MSHN board in September 2024. We expect this to be an easy transition and are excited to move forward. We will share staff contact information with you in the coming weeks as they get staff in place, and make sure you are connected to upcoming coalition meetings and information. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sarah Andreotti, BS, CPC
SUD Prevention Administrator
517.993.5703



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Sara McRae

Subject: FW: Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Bed Expansion

Importance: High

From: Chris Pinter

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:32 PM

To: Rep. Timothy Beson (District 96) <timothybeson@house.mi.gov>; Robert Anderson <RAnderson@house.mi.gov>; jamie.carter@mclaren.org; lona.underwood@mclaren.org; danielle.jean@mclaren.org; Joelin Hahn <jhahn@babha.org>

Cc: Sara McRae <smcrae@babha.org>; Richard Byrne (redhorse2121@yahoo.com) <redhorse2121@yahoo.com>; Banaszakt@baycounty.net

Subject: RE: Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Bed Expansion

Importance: High

This is a follow-up to our meeting in late June regarding possible options to access state funding to expand Inpatient Children's Psychiatric Beds in Bay County.

I had an opportunity to discuss these possibilities with Elizabeth Nagel, Tulika Bhattacharya and Rachel Remenar from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Certificate of Need (CON) Commission on July 30th. We have also attached a copy of the current CON Review Standards for Psychiatric Beds.

Please note the following:

- MDHHS has confirmed that the set aside \$5 Million in funding for Section 1965 (1) (h) of PA 166 of 2022 (the 2023 MDHHS appropriations bill) **appears to still be available**. We are trying to get the contact information for the responsible grant official at MDHHS that would oversee use of these funds.
- MDHHS reports that all of the current CON children's inpatient psychiatric beds for Bay County are assigned to Health Source Saginaw; any CON application for McLaren would be subject to the comparative review process against the existing bed allocations in the area.
- MDHHS also indicates that some children's beds may be available via the "Specialty Population Groups" in the addendum to the CON Review Standards. This would include high acuity psychiatric beds for children. Many of these beds are still unallocated so might be available for Bay County pending completion of the comparative review process for the entire state pool. This application process is limited to specific times a year, i.e. October, February, June.
- **MDHHS also reports that Section 15 of the CON Review Standards also includes an option to apply as a "pilot" program to add children's psychiatric beds due to the current shortage of hospital options in Michigan.** We suspect this was added due to the temporary reduction of state facility beds at Hawthorne and the fact that children are being boarded in emergency rooms all over the state. This pilot expansion must be at least 10 beds unless the applicant is able to demonstrate a reduced need for the service area in question. The pilot expansion is good through 2030 unless extended further by CON Commission.

The MDHHS representatives mentioned once an application is filed, the process generally takes 5-6 months depending upon the particular expansion path that is taken. MDHHS also reported that they often work very closely with McLaren on CON applications and specifically mentioned Allisyn Mattice-Eskau from corporate headquarters in Michigan.

We will forward the MDHHS grant contact person once it has been received. After we have more details regarding the grant process, it is recommended that the group seriously consider pursuing children's psychiatric beds for the Bay County campus. BABHA will do everything we can to assist in this process.

Chris Pinter

From: Sara McRae <smcrae@babha.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 2:01 PM

To: Rep. Timothy Beson (District 96) <timothybeson@house.mi.gov>; Robert Anderson <RAnderson@house.mi.gov>; jamie.carter@mclaren.org; lona.underwood@mclaren.org; danielle.jean@mclaren.org; Chris Pinter <cpinter@babha.org>; Joelin Hahn <jhahn@babha.org>

Subject: Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Bed Expansion

Good afternoon,

Chris Pinter requested all of you receive the attached notes from Monday's meeting regarding the Children's Psychiatric Inpatient Bed Expansion initiative.

Thank you,

Sara K. McRae
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Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health
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July 25, 2024

Elizabeth Hertel, Director
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 30195
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Proposed Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
Conflict Free Access & Planning design

Dear Director Hertel:

The purpose of this correspondence is to communicate the objection of Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority (BABHA), a community mental health services program (CMHSP) serving over 5,000 Michigan residents, to the proposed conflict of interest standards in the recent Section 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA).

The Conflict Free Access & Planning design (CFA&P) outlined by MDHHS in the SPA significantly misrepresents the legal relationship between the state and the 46 CMHSPs serving all 83 counties in Michigan. It implies a financial or pecuniary self-interest based on misinterpreted regulatory guidance to public organizations that have actually assumed a transfer of governmental responsibility from the state to the counties for the delivery of public mental health services.

The CMHSPs carry out these responsibilities as instruments of sovereign county governments, not as a private provider or commercial health care interest. In fact, the Michigan Mental Health Code Chapters 2 and 8 include specific provisions that already prohibit CMHSPs from making access and planning decisions on the basis of financial interest.

As a result, the Arenac, and Bay County Boards of Commissioners, the creating authorities for BABHA, passed resolutions on June 12 and 18 respectively, opposing the MDHHS CFA&P design. Both resolutions are included with this message.

As an alternative, it is recommended that MDHHS amend the 1915(i) SPA conflict of interest plan to reflect that county based CMHSPs are local non-state entities that by Michigan statute and payment design are unable to benefit financially from being a provider of SPA home and community based services.

It should also be clarified that CMHSPs, unlike commercial health care providers, are obligated to provide these services in their geographic area regardless of the financial impact as a core component of their safety net functions under state law. An honest consideration of these inherent policy protections will result in the conclusion that the 1915(i) conflict of interest design is both unnecessary and unhelpful to the adults, children, and families that benefit from CMHSP services.

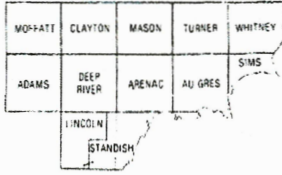
Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (989) 895-2348.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pinter', written in a cursive style.

Christopher Pinter
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Senator Kristen McDonald-Rivet
Senator Michele Hoitenga
Representative Timothy Beson
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Resolution 2024-17

June 11, 2024

County Resolution Opposing Conflict Free Access & Planning

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan is required by MCL 330.1116 "...to promote and maintain an adequate and appropriate system of community mental health services programs" (CMHSPs) and "shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program..."; and

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan is required by MCL 330.1202 to "financially support, in accordance with chapter 3, community mental health services programs that have been established and that are administered according to the provisions of this chapter."; and

WHEREAS, Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health is required by MCL 330.1206 and 1208 to "provide a comprehensive array of services and supports to residents of Bay and Arenac Counties with the most severe forms of mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and serious emotional disturbances"; and

WHEREAS, nearly 5,000 Bay and Arenac County residents and their families with serious mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, addictive disorders, and children with severe emotional disturbances depend on the public mental health system and its community partners for both acute and long term supports and services;

WHEREAS, Arenac County supports a CMHSP safety net that carries out its obligations to every citizen by prioritizing and serving persons with the most severe and persistent forms of mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders in the context of broader public health and safety instead of short term considerations of private gain and profit; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is applying Medicaid requirements for Conflict Free Access & Planning for the purpose of re-interpreting this established legislative policy to erroneously imply that in some instances county CMHSPs have a pecuniary conflict of interest for some of the services included in this delivery system; and

WHEREAS, CMHSPs are instruments of county government with statutorily defined obligations that mitigate against the likelihood of a pecuniary conflict of interest. These include direct accountability to the community through a public board, open meetings, a guaranteed recipient rights appeal & grievance system, established independent person-centered planning facilitation requirements, and expanding availability of consumer self-determination/self-directed options.

WHEREAS, MDHHS has insisted on this position despite the fact that valid concerns have been raised in multiple venues during the last two years including stakeholder meetings, state-wide planning discussions, and the formal Medicaid policy promulgation process; and

WHEREAS, the MDHHS position also ignores the comprehensive CMHSP service requirements under state law, disregards the importance of consumer/family choice of providers, adds unnecessary administrative duplication and expense to the Medicaid program, and will fail to improve care for the residents of Arenac County;

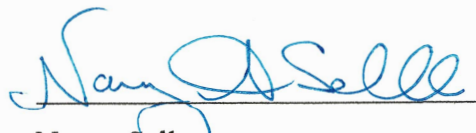
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Arenac County strongly opposes the current MDHHS proposals for Conflict Free Access & Planning and the October 1, 2024 implementation date as it significantly mischaracterizes the mission and public obligations of CMHSPs, creates unnecessary havoc throughout state-wide provider systems, and will have absolutely no benefit to the consumers and families receiving care; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Arenac County respectfully asks the Governor to urge MDHHS to rethink their proposal for the Conflict Free Access & Planning requirements within the context of the 61 year state and county statutory relationship for public mental health services and collaborate with the Michigan Community Mental Health Association to identify pathways for compliance that build on the strengths of the existing CMHSP system; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Senator Michele Hoitenga, Representative Mike Hoadley, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.



Harold Woolhiser
Arenac County Board Chair



Nancy Selle
Arenac County Clerk

I, Nancy Selle, Clerk for the County of Arenac, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Arenac, Michigan, on May 14, 2024 as appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at Standish, Michigan this 11th day of June, 2024.

Roll Call:

<u>5</u>	Ayes
<u>0</u>	Nays
<u>0</u>	Absent

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 18, 2024

RESOLUTION

- BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (6/18/24)
- WHEREAS, The State of Michigan is required by MCL 330.1116 "...to promote and maintain an adequate and appropriate system of community mental health services programs" (CMHSPs) and "shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program..."; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Michigan is required by MCL 330.1202 to "financially support, in accordance with chapter 3, community mental health services programs that have been established and that are administered according to the provisions of this chapter."; and
- WHEREAS, Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health is required by MCL 330.1206 and 1208 to "provide a comprehensive array of services and supports to residents of Bay and Arenac Counties with the most severe forms of mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and serious emotional disturbances"; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly 5,000 Bay and Arenac County residents and their families with serious mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, addictive disorders, and children with severe emotional disturbances depend on the public mental health system and its community partners for both acute and long term supports and services; and
- WHEREAS, Bay County supports a CMHSP safety net that carries out its obligations to every citizen by prioritizing and serving persons with the most severe and persistent forms of mental illness, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders in the context of broader public health and safety instead of short term considerations of private gain and profit; and
- WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is applying Medicaid requirements for Conflict Free Access & Planning for the purpose of re-interpreting this established legislative policy to erroneously imply that in some instances county CMHSPs have a pecuniary conflict of interest for some of the services included in this delivery system; and
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- WHEREAS, MDHHS has insisted on this position despite the fact that valid concerns have been raised in multiple venues during the last two years including stakeholder meetings, state-wide planning discussions, and the formal Medicaid policy promulgation process; and
- WHEREAS, The MDHHS position also ignores the comprehensive CMHSP service requirements

under state law, disregards the importance of consumer/family choice of providers, adds unnecessary administrative duplication and expense to the Medicaid program, and will fail to improve care for the residents of Bay County; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That Bay County strongly opposes the current MDHHS proposals for Conflict Free Access & Planning and the October 1, 2024 implementation date as it significantly mischaracterizes the mission and public obligations of CMHSPs, creates unnecessary havoc throughout state-wide provider systems, and will have absolutely no benefit to the consumers and families receiving care; Be It Further

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RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks, Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Senator Kristen McDonald-Rivet, Senator Michele Hoyenga, Representative Timothy Beson, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

**VAUGHN J. BEGICK, CHAIR
AND BOARD**

Board of Commissioners - County Resolution Opposing Conflict Free Access & Planning (BABH)

MOVED BY COMM. HEREK
SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
KATHY NIEMIEC	X			COLLEEN M. MAILLETTE	X			DENNIS R. POIRIER			
TIM BANASZAK	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X			* Deceased 6/16/2024			
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			KAYSEY L. RADTKE	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS NAYS EXCUSED
VOICE: YEAS 6 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED X DEFEATED WITHDRAWN
AMENDED CORRECTED REFERRED NO ACTION TAKEN