



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, August 28, 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	_____	_____
Pat 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	_____
Toni (Marie) Reese	X	_____	_____
Pamela Schumacher	X	_____	_____

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

Chris Pinter, Marci Rozek, and Sara McRae.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were not any members of the public present.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

- M#136-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, J. Crete was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
- M#137-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of R. Pawlak, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
- M#138-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, C. O'Brien was excused. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were not any members of the public present who wished to address the Board.

REGIONAL & LOCAL BUDGET ISSUES

C. Pinter reviewed the budget presentation information noting the Medicaid funding history including the establishment of Midstate Health Network (MSHN), the Medicaid funding per eligible member per month (PEPM) capitation factor, and the history of BABH revenue reductions resulting from the reorganization of the Prepaid inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) in 2013. There was also discussion regarding the variance in rates amongst Medicaid eligibility groups, the reliance on aged utilization data, Medicaid enrollment issues, and the impact of atypical inflationary pressure since COVID. It was also noted that although BABH's penetration rates are significantly higher than the MSHN average, there is no direct correlation between county-level access activity and regional Medicaid rates.

C. Pinter reviewed the projected budget deficit and service expense increase trends. MSHN has also reported they are anticipating utilizing their internal service fund (ISF) to fund the region for fiscal year (FY) 2024. However, these funding gaps are not specific to BABH as eight of twelve MSHN community mental health service programs (CMHSPs) and six out of ten of the PIHPs are also running similar deficits. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sitting on unspent Medicaid behavioral health funds for FY2024 despite the overwhelming availability of information to suggest that the CMHSP system has been significantly underfunded. C. Pinter also reviewed the Medicaid revenue projections for FY2025 and discussed possible expense reductions. There were general discussions regarding advocacy efforts, the MSHN budget approval process, the possibility of MSHN changing the funding formulary, evaluating autism services and expenses, the MDHHS Medicaid rate setting process, long-term mental health needs of the Bay and Arenac communities.

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE'

C. Pinter conveyed administration's request for special meetings in September due to benefit renewal bids and the FY25 budget approval process. After discussion, the Board concurred to have a special Personnel and Compensation meeting at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 23, 2024 for purposes of benefit renewals and a special Board meeting and public hearing at 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

M#139-24:

On motion of C. Girard and support of P. McFarland, the Board meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:



Christopher Girard, Board Secretary

Accepted by:



Richard Byrne, Board Chair