



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, May 16, 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, Treasurer 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, Jesse Bellinger, and Sara McRae

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

M#073-24:

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

PUBLIC INPUT

There were not any members of the public present.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER CAROLE O'BRIEN

Board Chair, R. Byrne, welcomed new board member, C. O'Brien, who was appointed by the Arenac County Board of Commissioners on April 23, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS

C. Pinter reviewed the letter received from the family of a consumer complimenting staff with the Board. The Board gave kudos to staff for their work.

APPOINTMENT TO BAY COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Chair, R. Byrne, appointed P. McFarland as the BABH representative to the Bay County Retirement Board of Trustees on May 13, 2024.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, April 18, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#074-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 18, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, April 23, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

A board member inquired about the committee minute approval process. There were discussions that other local government entities follow a similar process as it permits board members not on the actual committee itself to be informed of any motions that were forwarded to the full Board. Bay County Government uses a similar process since motions at the committee level do not have any legal authority unless passed by the full Board.

M#075-24: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Personnel and Compensation Committee meeting of April 23, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, May 2, 2024

2024 Recipient Rights Conference:

Committee Chair, P. McFarland reviewed the Recipient Rights conference information with the Board.

M#076-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board received the 2024 Recipient Rights Conference information. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#077-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights (RR) Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of May 2, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, May 6, 2024

Accessibility Plan:

R#2405001: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the Accessibility Plan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#078-24: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the Health Care Improvement and Compliance (HCIC) Committee meeting of May 6, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, May 8, 2024

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#079-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board accepted the investment earnings balances for period ending April 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2405002: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the Finance May 2024 Finance contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Information Technology Equipment:

R#2405003: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved replacing the information technology equipment for an amount not to exceed \$81, 715. The motion was adopted unanimously.

WiFi System Update:

R#2405004: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the WiFi system update for an amount up to \$29, 040. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#080-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 8, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BYLAWS & POLICIES COMMITTEE, May 8, 2024

Policy for Immediate Adoption:

R#2405005: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved policy, 1915(i) State Plan Amendment Services, 4-4-49, for immediate adoption. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Bylaws Review Process:

C. Pinter reported the Bylaws review process is beginning. There have been inquiries about restructuring the board committees and if the Board would like to consider changes it would be appropriate to do so during the Bylaws review process.

M#081-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. McFarland, the Board received the Bylaws review process information. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#082-24: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the minutes of the Bylaws & Policies Committee meeting of May 8, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, May 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

Committee Chair, C. Girard, reported the meeting duration was one hour long.

M#083-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of May 9, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, May 13, 2024

Roof Top Units Repair Bid Report:

R#2405006: On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Conley, the Board approved awarding the Madison Building roof top unit repairs to Vendor Custom Engineering Heating & Cooling for a cost of \$6,000.73.

Contract List:

R#2405007: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Reese, the Board approved the Facilities May 2024 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#084-24: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of May 13, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, May 14, 2024

Financial Statements:

R#2405008: On motion of P. McFarland and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the financial statements for period ending April 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2405009: On motion of P. McFarland and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for period ending April 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2405010: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from April 22, 2024 through May 17, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#085-24: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 14, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BOARD MEETING CONTRACT LIST, May 16, 2024

M#086-24:

On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the Board meeting May 2024 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

2024 Medicaid Rate Adjustments:

C. Pinter reported there was a mid-year Medicaid rate adjustment supported within the existing Legislative appropriation and BABH is anticipating an additional \$1.5M. The regional increase is showing lower than what it should be however, the discrepancy is believed to be resulted from the disenrollment numbers due to the impacts of COVID. Administration will continue to monitor the situation and provide information as it is available.

Conflict Free Access & Planning Advocacy:

C. Pinter reviewed the resolution passed by Midstate Health Network (MSHN) requesting the Michigan Department of Health and Human (MDHHS) to reconsider their position on the conflict free access and planning interpretation. C. Pinter also reviewed his advocacy letter written to the Governor requesting MDHHS reconsider this position as well. The letter emphasizes the transferred governmental responsibility from the state to the counties and the non-profit mission-based nature of the services. There were general discussions regarding MDHHS pressuring MSHN for compliance, the impact on CMHs, recommendations from consumer advocacy groups, possible CMHA responses, existing conflict free access and planning practices, and that the advocacy letter should be sent to the governor and legislators. The Board concurred a resolution should be drafted for consideration by the governing county commissions and request it be shared with legislators if passed.

Inpatient Pediatric Psychiatric Beds:

C. Pinter reported Representative Beson's Office secured funds for child psychiatric beds. The funding is available for two more years. HealthSource might be an option.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported the letterhead has been revised to reflect the new board members.

Holiday/Offices Closed:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported BABH Offices are closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.

Rescheduled Personnel & Compensation (P&C) Committee Meeting:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported the April P&C Committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Behavioral Health Center.

Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) 2024 Summer Conference:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported the 2024 CMHA Summer conference is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 & 12, 2024 at Grand Traverse Resort.

June Meeting Schedule:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported all board and board committee meetings will continue to be held in Room 225 at the Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland, Bay City, MI 48708.

ADJOURNMENT

M#087-24:

On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Conley, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:



Christopher Girard, Board Secretary

Accepted by:



Richard Byrne, Board Chair