

MINUTES

BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING


Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm
Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

Committee Members:	Present	Excused	Absent	Committee Member	Present	Excused	Absent	
Tim Banaszak, Ch	X	_____	_____	Pam Schumacher	X	_____	_____	Others Present: Paul Niemiec BABH: Marci Rozek, Chris Pinter, and Sara McRae
Sally Mrozinski, V Ch	X	_____	_____	Pat McFarland, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
Jerome Crete	_____	X	_____	Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	_____	X	_____	Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA- Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Christopher Girard	X	_____	_____	Richard Byrne, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
Kathy Niemiec	X	_____	_____					

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	Committee Chair, T. Banaszak, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On motion of C. Girard and support of S. Mrozinski, J. Crete was excused. The motion passed unanimously. On motion of R. Byrne and support of C. Girard, R. Pawlak was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public that wished to address the Committee.	
3.	Investment Earning Reports for Period Ending November 30, 2024	3) M. Rozek reviewed the reports noting the cash balance and settlement process with Midstate Health Network (MSHN) for fiscal year (FY) 2024.	3) On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the investment earnings reports for period ending November 30, 2024 were referred to the full Board for information. The motion was adopted unanimously.
4.	Contracts 4.1) Finance December 2024 Contract List	4.1) M. Rozek reviewed the contract list noting agreements for respite services, a collaborating physician for a new Nurse Practitioner (NP), new recreational therapy services, staff training for the Rose Home transition, Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) survey fees, membership fees for the Human Services Community Collaborative, premiums for workers' compensation insurance, and termination of the janitorial services at the Wirt Building. There were discussions regarding the billing process for staff training and support during the Rose Home transition, the insurance carrier for Worker's compensation and whether BABH is self-funded,	4.1) On motion of K. Niemiec and support of P. McFarland, the Finance December 2024 contract list was referred to the full Board for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously.

		the process for setting workers' compensation premiums and history of challenges receiving quotes due to BABH's modification factor, provider contracts and clarifications on statements of work for services to individuals, and the definitions of encounters and units.	
5.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business presented to the Committee.	
6.	<p>New Business</p> <p>6.1) Proposed Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Policy regarding Autism Service Rates</p> <p>6.2) Summary of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Discussions</p>	<p>6.1) C. Pinter referred to the Michigan Medicaid Policy 24-51 noting the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) technician mandated wage of \$66 per hour. C. Pinter reviewed the advocacy letter in opposition to this mandate because the specific 42 Code of Federal Regulation cited in this matter does not apply, and federal rules generally discourage states from directing expenditures. In addition, funds were not provided to cover this mandate in the Appropriations Act. There were general discussions related to autism service providers seems to be more individually owned than non-profit entities, contract standards for autism service providers, and the amount of dollars spent of autism services.</p> <p>C. Pinter also reported three Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) filed a lawsuit against the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) because of the Medicaid contract language. Both the state and counties are sovereign governments, and any contract requirements not specific to applicable federal or state laws should be negotiated between the parties. In addition, a foster care provider association filed a lawsuit against MDHHS this week related to underpayment for services. There were discussions to add this item to the full Board agenda as the BABH Board may want to consider joining the lawsuit of filing an amicus brief against MDHHS regarding the Medicaid contract. There were general discussion regarding whether a formal opinion has been received from the MSHN CEO regarding the Medicaid contract, checks and balances in MSHN operations, and impacts of changing the MSHN Bylaws.</p> <p>6.2) C. Pinter reviewed the summary results of CCBHC interviews noting CCBHCs are able to serve more individuals, community mental health (CMH) services are expanded to a broader population, service build outs would be needed for substance use disorder (SUD),</p>	<p>6.1) No action was necessary</p> <p>6.2) No action was necessary</p>

	<p>6.3) Arenac Opportunities 2024 Contract</p> <p>6.4) Vocational Services & Clubhouse 2025 Contracts</p> <p>6.5) Finance Committee Changes 2025</p>	<p>outpatient, and psychiatry services, health outcomes improve, a group practice is utilized, and revenue is plentiful in the early years allowing less dependency of the PIHP, but there is still a need for Medicaid cases to provide financial viability. The last interview is scheduled for later this week. C. Pinter review the next steps explaining leadership will prepare a final recommendation in 2025 for the Board’s consideration after the FY2024 financial reporting is reviewed. There were general discussions regarding the additional services BABH needs to provide for the CCBHC requirements, state leadership, legislative support, and BABH staffing.</p> <p>6.3) M. Rozek reported the history of cost settlement agreements that have been in place since March of 2020, with maximums implemented in 2023. In 2024, Arenac Opportunities, Inc. (AOI) underspent compared to the revenue received for billed services. In cost settlement discussions, AOI is contesting the settlement amount owed to BABH. There were general discussions related to the history of AOI including them providing transportation services and their business venture with Vantage Plastics, AOI’s utilization has been increasing, and BABH has consulted legal counsel regarding this matter.</p> <p>6.4) M. Rozek reported the vocational and club house contracts were extended for three months. A consultant from the State is assisting with an analysis to determine if contract rates are reasonable for the outcomes-based services. Unfortunately, the results will not be received until after the contract extensions expire. Additional extensions will be presented to the Board for consideration next week.</p> <p>6.5) S. McRae reviewed the spreadsheet with committee functions anticipated to be reported on each month for the 2025 board organizational structure changes. S. McRae also reviewed the draft board calendar for the first quarter of 2025 to prepare for the transition.</p>	<p>6.3) No action was necessary</p> <p>6.4) No action was necessary</p> <p>6.5) No action was necessary</p>
7.	Adjournment	On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Tim Banaszak, Committee Chair