



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm
Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

MINUTES

| <u>Board Members:</u> | Present | Excused | Absent |
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| 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 | | |
| Pamela Schumacher | X | | |

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

M#001-25:

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

PUBLIC INPUT

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, December 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes:

M#002-25:

On motion of T. Banaszak and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 19, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, January 2, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#003-25: On motion of P. Conley and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Personnel & Compensation Committee meeting of January 2, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, January 6, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#004-25: 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 January 6, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, January 8, 2025

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#005-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Schumacher, the Board accepted the investment earnings balances for the period ending December 31, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2501001: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the Finance January 2025 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#006-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of January 8, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, January 9, 2025

Clinical Privileges:

R#2501002: On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the following requests for clinical privileges:

- a) Nicholas Lazurka, PA-C – renewal privileges for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028
- b) Andrew Meyer, DO – renewal privileges for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028
- c) Melissa Wazny – PMHNP-BC renewal privileges for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028
- d) Maggie Ross – PA-C renewal for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2028

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Policies Beginning 30-Day Review:

- R#2501003: On motion of C. Girard and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the following policies to begin 30-day review:
- a) Prescriber Practice Guidelines for Co-Occurring Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders, 04-24-04 (deletion)
 - b) Welcoming, 04-24-01 (deletion)

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- M#007-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of December 12, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, January 13, 2025

Financial Statements:

- R#2501004: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the financial statements for period ending December 31, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

- R#2501005: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for period ending December 31, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported that the resolution to the full board as referred by the committee included an error in the date of the approved claims ending January 17, 2025. P. McFarland requested the actual resolution be amended by the Board to reflect an end date of January 10, 2025 for approved health care claims payments.

- R#2501006: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from December 20, 2024 through January 10, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- M#008-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of January 13, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BOARD MEETING CONTRACT LIST, January 16, 2025

- M#009-24: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the Board meeting December 2024 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Federal & State Health Policy Update:

C. Pinter reviewed the letter from Families USA to the US Congress advocating for the preservation of Medicaid funding. C. Pinter also reported the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) received approval for the (SED) Waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This approval includes updated conflict free and access planning requirements, which are not value added to the community mental health service program (CMHSP). C. Pinter provided an update on the Waskul Settlement noting the judge is planning to accept the settlement as agreed upon. This lawsuit is from 2016 as MDHHS has historically underfunded community living support services in many areas of the state. There are additional contingencies before this process can move forward including acceptance by CMS, agreements by the other Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and adequate funding through the legislative appropriations process.

Bay & Arenac County Updates:

C. Pinter reviewed the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) summary presented to the Finance Committee and reviewed the next steps that BABH would need to commit to a reverse integration model, coordinate that model with federal and state policy decisions, and then implement the model once a financial sustainable pathway is confirmed. CCBHC is a discretionary program. There were general discussions regarding the work necessary for BABH meet CCBHC designation requirements and the State 's budget including the anticipated surplus and priorities for that funding. C. Pinter also reviewed the Medicaid funding comparisons noting month to month comparisons, disabled, aged, and blind (DAB) funding since July, and significant fluctuation gaps. C. Pinter reviewed the updated organizational chart noting the re-organization of clinical services in Bay County into a third population department distributes caseloads more evenly. A new Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) position for oversight of services to children's and families due to the expansion of autism and outpatient services during the last few years will also expand potential succession planning options for clinical leadership. An existing SLT members will be transferring into the new Integrated Services for Children and Families position, creating vacancies for both the acute and long-term care clinical director responsibilities. BABH plans to recruit from within the organization as much as possible and will be posting these opportunities for internal staff soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan:

K. Amon reviewed the executive summary detailing the proposed changes to the Strategic Plan under section of history, statistics, and strategic areas including management of internal operations, availability of community livings support (CLS) services, stabilization of the residential system, integration with substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and prevention, evidence-based and best practices in clinical service delivery, community engagement, recruitment and retention, development of workforce, and review of remote work and physical plant needs. There were general discussions regarding the realistic expectations of the long list of goals, clarification on requirements to follow the regional strategic plan, and the culture of gentleness model.

M#010-25:

On motion of C. Girard and support of R. Pawlak, the Board approved the 2025 Strategic Plan as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Holiday Hours:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported BABH offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. BABH Offices will also be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 in observation of President's Day.

February Board Meeting:


Board Chair, R. Byrne, reminded the board members the February 20, 2025 regular Board meeting will be held at the Arenac Center, 1000 West Cedar Street, Standish, MI 48658.

ADJOURNMENT

M#011-25:

On motion of C. Girard and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:


Christopher Girard, Board Secretary

Accepted by:


Richard Byrne, Board Chair