

# MINUTES

## BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

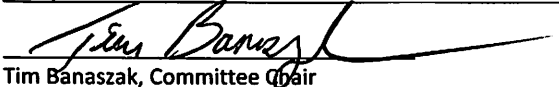
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm

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

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

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	Committee Chair, T. Banaszak, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.  All members were present.	
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public that wished to address the public.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business presented to the Committee.	
4.	<b>New Business</b> 4.1) Investment earnings reports for period ending February 28, 2025  4.2) Finance March 2025 contract list	4.1) M. Rozek reviewed the reports noting the interest rate, accrued interest, cash balance, and the Midstate Health Network (MSHN) process for requesting additional funds.  4.2) M. Rozek reviewed the contract list noting agreements relative to autism provider rate increases mandated by the state, wireless services, legal expenses, an employee picnic, and proposed terminations. There were general discussions regarding the financial impacts to BABHA resulting from the mandated autism rate increases, overall autism costs,	4.1) On motion of J. Crete and support of C. Girard, the investment earnings reports for period ending February 28, 2025 were referred to the full Board for information. The motion was adopted unanimously.  4.2) On motion of P. Schumacher and support of J. Crete, the Finance March 2025 contract list was referred to the full Board for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously.

	MSHN's financial responsibility, cell phone costs and active lines, and the possibility of reducing office lines.	
4.3) 2025 Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Trust Assets	4.3) M. Rozek reviewed the letter received from Bay County regarding the VEBA trust assets. BABHA is required to utilize these funds for retiree health care because the trust is super-funded.	4.3) On motion of J. Crete and support of R. Pawlak, utilizing the VEBA trust assets for calendar year 2025 retiree health benefit costs was referred to the full Board for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously.
4.4) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget Status	4.4) C. Pinter reviewed revenue and expense growth from FY2021 through FY2024 noting the pre and post COVID impacts.	4.4) No action was necessary
4.5) Credit Card Payments Received On Account	4.5) M. Rozek reviewed credit card payments received and fees incurred since July of 2024. There were general discussions regarding the fluctuation of transaction charges.	4.5) No action was necessary
4.6) Federal and State Updates	4.6) C. Pinter provided the federal and state updates noting the Continuing Budget Resolution extends the federal telehealth flexibility until September 30, 2025 and there is advocacy for Medicare to designate Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) as eligible providers and implement a Medicare Prospective Payment System methodology like the current CCBHC. C. Pinter reported House bill 4161 includes a year-end fiscal 2024 lapse of \$59 million in state funds that has been appropriated for the community mental health service programs (CMHSPs) but unspent by the Michigan department of Health and human services (MDHHS). BABHA leadership is focusing on balancing the budget, pursuing the CCBHC status for 2026, and advocating for the state to fund the system while maintaining the state-county partnership. There might be a possibility this advocacy could include consideration of litigation.	4.6) No action was necessary
5. Adjournment	On motion of C. Girard and support of J. Crete, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	

  
Tim Banaszak, Committee Chair