



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 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
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

Paul Niemiec, Mike Lesniak, and Mike Rolka.

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

M#022-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, P. Conley was excused. The motion was adopted unanimously.

M#023-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of T. Banaszak, 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.

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR ELLEN LESNIAK

M. Rozek presented the retirement resolution to E. Lesniak.

R#2503001: On motion of R. Pawlak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the resolution recognizing Ellen Lesniak for over 25 years of dedicated service and commitment. The motion was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported correspondence from the Bay County Board of Commissioners regarding the 2025 BABHA board member appointments was received.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, February 20, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#024-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of February 20, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE, March 6, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#025-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Nomination Committee meeting of March 6, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, March 6, 2025

M#026-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of March 6, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, March 10, 2025

Annual Recipient Rights Training:

Committee Chair, P. McFarland, reported the training is mandatory. S. McRae has a list of those who have completed the training if there are questions.

M#027-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board received the annual Recipient Rights training information.

Meeting Minutes:

M#028-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights (RR) Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of March 10, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, March 12, 2025

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#029-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board accepted the investment earnings balances for the period ending February 28, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2503002: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the Finance March 2025 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

VEBA Trust Assets:

R#2503003: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved utilizing the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association (VEBA) trust asset funds for calendar year 2025 retiree health benefit costs. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#030-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of March 12, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, March 13, 2025

Policies Ending 30-Day Review:

R#2503004: On motion of C. Girard and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the following policies to end 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.

Policies Beginning 30-Day Review:

R#2503005: On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the policy, Medical Procedures & Treatment Completed by BABHA Staff, 04-09-23, to begin 30-day review. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#031-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of March 13, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, March 17, 2025

Financial Statements:

R#2503006: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the financial statements for period ending February 28, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2503007: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for period ending February 28, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2503008: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. Girard, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from February 15, 2025 through March 14, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#032-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 17, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Federal & State Health Policy Update:

C. Pinter provided an update on the procurement process the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is starting for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) regions. MDHHS is beginning this process by utilizing an online survey to evaluate the current community mental health (CMH) system. There is also current litigation between four PIHP regions and MDHHS. BABHA leadership has met with the Consumer Councils and will be distributing the information to individuals in services, their families, and the provider network. C. Pinter also reviewed the federal continuing resolution relative to the extension of funding and telehealth flexibilities. There appears to be support for long-term Medicare regulatory changes regarding more telehealth flexibilities.

Bay & Arenac County Updates:

C. Pinter reviewed the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) advocacy plan for the PIHP procurement process initiated by MDHHS. BABHA leadership plans to begin local advocacy efforts next week regarding MDHHS not adequately funding the CMH system as well.

Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) Update:

J. Lasceski reported BABHA passed changes at the last Board meeting to comply with the ESTA. However, the House of Representative passed a bill revising the ESTA since then. J. Lasceski reviewed these changes including the timeframe before new employees can accrue ESTA, ESTA can be used in one-hour increments, the accrual rate and caps limitations, and time frames for requesting documentation. BABHA leadership consulted legal counsel and recommends keeping the Earned Time Off (ETO) and ESTA benefits separate. There were general discussions related to the no call, no show procedure, and the anticipated impacts to BABHA and the provider network.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Statement Audit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024:

M. Rolka, auditor from Yeo & Yeo, presented the FY 2024 Financial Statement Audit and the handout noting highlights. M. Rolka reviewed the financial statement audit reporting the audit opinion is unmodified. M. Rolka also reviewed consideration of internal controls over financial reporting, new and upcoming government auditing standards, significant estimates included in the financial statements, significant risk of material misstatement, and the pension and net other post-employment benefits (OPEB) accounts. M. Rozek reported the audit report includes total funding from Midstate Health Network (MSHN) not just the Medicaid per enrollee per month (PEPM) funding for BABHA.

M#033-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board adopted the financial statement audit report for FY ending September 30, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Holiday Schedule:

Board Chair, R. Byrne, reported BABH offices will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025 in observation of Good Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

M#034-25: On motion of C. Girard and support of P. Schumacher, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:



Christopher Girard, Board Secretary

Accepted by:



Richard Byrne, Board Chair