



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, September 18, 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
Robert Pawlak, Chair	X	_____	_____
Patrick McFarland, Vice Chair	X	_____	_____
Christopher Girard, Treasurer	_____	X	_____
Sally Mrozinski, Secretary	X	_____	_____
Tim Banaszak	X	_____	_____
Richard Byrne	X	_____	_____
Patrick Conley	X	_____	_____
Jerome Crete	X	_____	_____
Shelley King	_____	X	_____
Kathy Niemiec	X	_____	_____
Carole O'Brien	X	_____	_____
Pamela Schumacher	X	_____	_____

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

Christopher Pinter, Jennifer Lasceski, Karen Amon, Joelin Hahn, Marci Rozek, Jesse Bellinger, and Sara McRae

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

M#112-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of J. Crete, C. Girard was excused. The motion was adopted unanimously.

M#113-25: On motion of J. Crete and support of T. Banaszak, S. King was excused. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, August 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#114-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 21, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, September 4, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#115-25: On motion of J. Crete and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of September 4, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, September 8, 2025

Meeting Minutes:

M#116-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of September 8, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, September 10, 2025

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#117-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Schumacher, the Board approved the investment earnings balances for the period ending August 31, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2509001: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the Finance September 2025 contract list as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2025 Final Budget Amendment Resolution:

R#2509002: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the fiscal year 2025 final budget amendment resolution. The motion was adopted by a roll call vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays, 2 excused.

R. Pawlak: Yea
P. McFarland: Yea
C. Girard: Excused
S. Mrozinski: Yea
T. Banaszak: Yea
R. Byrne: Yea
P. Conley: Yea
J. Crete: Yea
S. King: Excused
K. Niemiec: Yea
C. O'Brien: Yea
P. Schumacher: Yea

Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) Special Assessment:

R#2509003: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Conley, the Board approved authorizing administration to support the CMHA 2025 special assessment for a contribution amount up to \$20,000 from local funds. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#118-25: On motion of T. Banaszak and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of September 10, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, September 11, 2025

Policies Ending 30-day Review:

R#2509004: On motion of P. Schumacher and support of J. Crete, the Board approved the following policies to end 30-day review:

- 1) Refund Policy Horizon Home, 04-12-35
- 2) Admission and Exclusion Criteria for Horizon Home Specialized Residential Service, 04-12-36
- 3) Transfer/Transition/Discharge Criteria Horizon Home Residential Services, 04-12-37

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Policy Beginning 30-day Review:

R#2509005: On motion of P. Schumacher and support of J. Crete, the Board approved the policy, Recovery from COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, 14-04-04, to begin 30-day review for deletion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Requests for Clinical Privileges:

R#2509006: On motion of P. Schumacher and support of C. O'Brien, the Board approved the request for clinical privileges for William Morrone, D.O., for a three-year renewal term expiring September 30, 2028. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Infection Control Plan:

R#2509007: On motion of P. Schumacher and support of S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the proposed changes to the 2025-2026 Infection Control Plan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#119-25: On motion of P. Schumacher and support of J. Crete, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of September 11, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, September 15, 2025

Financial Statements:

R#2509008: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2509009: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for the period ending August 31, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2509010: On motion of P. McFarland and support of T. Banaszak, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from August 16, 2025 through September 12, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#120-25: On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 15, 2025. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Federal & State Health Policy Update:

C. Pinter provided an update on the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) procurement by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) noting the letter to the Governor from various advocacy groups regarding their concerns, all the County Commissions that have passed resolutions in opposition to the procurement, and community mental health providers and other partners who have expressed opposition to the procurement. C. Pinter noted advocacy letters expressing concerns related to the procurement from the Bay and Arenac County Sheriffs will also be sent to the Governor. C. Pinter also reported the amendments to section 2.4 to the Midstate Health Network (MSHN) Bylaws were approved by all 12 of the community mental health service program regional partners. This amendment requires the CMHSP regional partners approve any additional regional partners to MSHN. C. Pinter reported the MSHN lawsuit hearing related to the PIHP Procurement is scheduled for October 9. It is anticipated that an additional PIHP will also be filing a lawsuit against MDHHS. There were general discussions regarding the Mental Health Association's lack of participation in advocating against the PIHP procurement and the status of the State's budget process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing:

Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported a special Board meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, September 22, 2025 for all items related to the fiscal year 2026 operating budget and retiree benefits.

CMHA 2025 Fall Conference:

Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported the CMHA Fall conference is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28, 2025 at Grand Traverse Resort.

ADJOURNMENT


M#121-25:

On motion of J. Crete and support of P. Schumacher, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:


Sally Mrozinski, Board Secretary

Accepted by:


Robert Pawlak, Board Chair