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BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 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	
Tim Banaszak, Ch	X	_____	_____	Pam Schumacher	X	_____	_____	Others Present: Paul Niemiec BABH: Marci Rozek, Chris Pinter, Melissa Prusi, and Sara McRae Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA- Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Sally Mrozinski, V Ch	X	_____	_____	Christopher Girard, Ex Off	_____	X	_____	
Richard Byrne	X	_____	_____	Pat McFarland, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
Jerome Crete	X	_____	_____	Robert Pawlak, 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 J. Crete and support of R. Byrne, C. Girard was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present that wished to address the Committee.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Investment Earnings Reports for Period Ending October 31, 2025 4.2) Finance November 2025 Contract List	4.1) M. Rozek reviewed the reports noting the interest rate and the new sweep account's impact. 4.2) M. Rozek reviewed the contract list with the Committee. There were general discussions regarding transition dates for residential providers, the retainer fee for legal services for guardianship, the guardianship obligation for community mental health (CMH) organizations when family members are not available, and the physical location of inpatient hospitals.	4.1) On motion of R. Pawlak and support of J. Crete, the investment earnings reports for the period ending October 31, 2025 were referred to the full Board for information. The motion was adopted unanimously. 4.2) On motion of R. Byrne and support by J. Crete, the Finance November 2025 contract list was referred to the full Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

<p>4.3) Autism Provider Expenditures Related to Fiscal Year 2025 Enhanced Behavioral Technician Rate</p>	<p>4.3) M. Rozek reported the behavioral health technician rate was \$55 per hour and a mandate increased the rate to \$66 per hour effective November 1, 2024. M. Rozek reviewed the information provided by autism providers resulting from a survey inquiring how the additional funds have been utilized. Most of the funds have been utilized for retention and recruitment. M. Rozek also reported that financial statements have been requested from the autism providers. C. Pinter reported that BABHA leadership is preparing a procurement for autism services with the goal of reducing the number of autism providers. There were general discussions related to the directive from the BABHA board to evaluate and address the autism overspending, Midstate Health Network is projecting an additional \$1.1 million in autism funding, and BABHA would need about \$9 million in total to cover autism expenses.</p>	<p>4.3) No action was necessary</p>
<p>4.4) Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Settlement with MidState Health Network (MSHN)</p>	<p>4.4) M. Rozek reported BABHA is anticipated to receive \$4.6 million from Midstate Health Network (MSHN) before the end of the week. In total, BABHA has overspent their per member per month funding by \$11 million for fiscal year 2025. There were general discussions related to the balance of MSHN's internal service fund (ISF) and that some CMHs owe funds back to MSHN which allows other community mental health service programs to supplement their funding.</p>	<p>4.4) No action was necessary</p>
<p>4.5) Phone System Conversation Update</p>	<p>4.5) C. Pinter reported the Board approved the phone system replacement as the old phone system's end of life is in December of 2025. The new system is a soft system, RingCentral, operated through an application on a cell phone or computer and is also compatible with the handsets from the old phone system. M. Prusi and C. Pinter reported the transition issues including compatibility, networking, communication, and leadership planning. These issues significantly affected the Emergency/Access Services department which receives 1,000 calls per week on average. This department handles intakes and crisis calls, which and are mandated services in the Mental Health Code. There were general discussions regarding the impact on staff and the number of staff affected.</p>	<p>4.5) No action was necessary</p>
<p>4.6) Federal Government Shutdown Update</p>	<p>4.6) C. Pinter provided an update on the federal government shutdown noting a vote is scheduled for tonight to extend the</p>	<p>4.6) No action was necessary</p>

		continuing resolution to January 31, 2026. C. Pinter reported the Medicare telehealth restrictions would require some individuals to be seen face to face in the office and how that impacts BABHA if the continuing resolution is not extended.	
5.	Adjournment	On motion of P. McFarland and support of P. Schumacher, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	


Tim Banaszak, Committee Chair