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BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2026 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: Patrick Conley and Staci Tuggle BABH: Joelin Hahn, Karen Amon, Melissa Prusi, and Sara McRae Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained
Christopher Girard, Ch	X	_____	_____	Vacant	_____	_____	_____	
Pam Schumacher, V Ch	X	_____	_____	Pat McFarland, Ex Off	_____	X	_____	
Shelley King	X	_____	_____	Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	X	_____	_____	
Sally Mrozinski	X	_____	_____		_____	_____	_____	

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	Committee Chair, C. Girard, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On the motion by R. Pawlak and support by S. Mrozinski, P. McFarland was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public that wished to address the Committee.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Policies Ending 30-day Review: a) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Generative AI Policy, 09-05-11 4.2) General Fund Eligibility Criteria	4.1) The Committee reviewed the policy. 4.2) J. Hahn reported leadership is implanting a general fund (GF) plan to restrict eligibility criteria due to available funding. This plan includes criteria for specialty mental health services and a GF waitlist. J. Hahn reported BABHA has not had to implement a GF waitlist for about 10 years. J. Hahn also reviewed the external provider network referral process as well as clinical assessments and LOCUS scoring. There were general discussions regarding the minimum criteria specifics, the DSM5 manual, and what individuals set diagnosis criteria in the state.	4.1) On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by R. Pawlak, the policy, AI Generative AI Policy, 09-05-11, to end 30-day review was referred to the full board for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously. 4.2) No action was necessary

	4.3) Community Mental Health Association of Michigan Op-ed regarding Mental Health Framework	4.3) J. Hahn reported the Mental Health framework proposed by the Michigan Department of Health and human Services (MDHHS) is more of a comparison between mild to moderate versus specialty mental health. This framework would allow the Michigan Health Plans to perform functions that the community mental health agencies currently perform such as inpatient psychiatric assessments. There are concerns that this could defragment the system.	4.3) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by S. Mrozinski and support by S. King, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm. The meeting passed unanimously.	



Christopher Girard, Committee Chair