BAY ARENAC
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Room 225, Behavioral Health Center, 201 Mulholland Street, Bay City, MI 48708

MINUTES

Board Members:	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		
Shelley King	X		
Kathy Niemiec	X		
Carole O'Brien	X		
Pamela Schumacher	X		
Staci Tuggle		X	

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)
Christopher Pinter, Joelin Hahn, Marci Rozek, Jennifer Lasceski, and Sara McRae.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

M#072-26: On the motion by P. Conley and support by T. Banaszak, S. Tuggle was excused. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT
There were not any members of the public present.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, May 21, 2026
Meeting Minutes:
M#073-26: On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 21, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, June 4, 2026
Meeting Minutes:
M#074-26: On the motion by P. Conley and support by P. McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of June 4, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, June 8, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#075-26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of June 8, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, June 11, 2026

Requests for Clinical Privileges:

R#2606001: On the motion by C. Girard and support by S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the following requests for clinical privileges:

1) Mukesh Lathia, M. D., for a three-year renewal term expiring June 30, 2029.
2) Nathalie Menendes, Psy. D., LP, for a three-year renewal term expiring June 30, 2029.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Policies Ending 30-day Review:

R#2606002: On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the following policies to end 30-day review:

1) Personal Property and Funds Policy, 03-03-10
2) Freedom of Movement Policy, 03-03-11

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#076-26: On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of June 11, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, June 15, 2026

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#077-26: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the investment earnings balances for the period ending May 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2606003: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the Finance Committee June 2026 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Payroll Banking Options:

R#2606004: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by K. Niemiec, the Board approved using 1st State Bank for payroll accounts. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#078-26: On motion of T. Banaszak and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June 15, 2026 as corrected with the meeting start time changed from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, June 15, 2026

Financial Statements:

R#2606005: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2606006: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for the period ending May 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2606007: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from May 16, 2026 through June 12, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#079-26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of June 15, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Advocacy Updates:

C. Pinter reviewed the advocacy letters regarding House Bill (HB) 5619. C. Pinter reported there is not any news on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) releasing another request for proposals (RFP) for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP). C. Pinter also reviewed the advocacy letters regarding HB 6022 noting the concerns that law enforcement will need to take additional time to learn insurance and coordinate benefits before taking a member of the community to an evaluation center in crisis situations. The current practice is for law enforcement to just transport the person to Bay-Arenac community mental health service program (CMHSP) 24/7 emergency center, regardless of insurance. HB 6022 will permit commercial health plans to take on public safety responsibilities but without the same expectations or accountability to the community as a CMHSP. This will make it more difficult for law enforcement to take persons into protective custody or execute court pick-up orders during emergency situations. C. Pinter reported advocacy efforts are taking place with local law enforcement, community partners, and that board members are assisting with contacts at the Fraternal Order of Police, the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs, and the Michigan Sheriffs Association.

Local Updates:

C. Pinter reported a productive meeting with the Bay Veterans Foundation earlier this month regarding services in the community. There may be opportunities for Bay-Arenac CMHSP to increase its visibility with the Saginaw Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital and awareness of emergency services available to the entire public, including veterans. Bay-Arenac CMHSP is presenting more information on 24/7 services to the Bay Veterans Foundation next week and hopefully will have continuing dialogue with the Saginaw VA Hospital on increased coordination of services for Bay and Arenac County veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Member Comments:

Without objection the Board Chair, R. Pawlak, added board member comments to the agenda as requested by a member. There were discussions that members would like a place to provide comments or feedback for items that might not be on the agenda. The members concluded to add "Board Member Comments" to the agenda under unfinished business to future board meeting agendas.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Schedule:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported that BABH Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026 for the 4th of July holiday.

July Personnel & Compensation (P&C) Committee Meeting:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported that the July P&C Committee meeting has been rescheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, June 29, 2026.

Coffee at Meetings:

Without objection the Board Chair, R. Pawlak, added coffee at meetings to the agenda. Board Chair, R. Pawlak noticed coffee was being wasted at committee meetings and proposed only having coffee at Board meetings when treats are provided to reduce costs and waste. The board concluded to proceed with having coffee service only at the regular monthly board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

M#080-26: On motion of C. O'Brien and support by P. Conley, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:

Pamela Schumacher

Pamela Schumacher, Board Secretary

Accepted by:

Robert Pawlak

Robert Pawlak, Board Chair