



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2026 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		
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, and Sara McRae.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

All the members were present.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were not any members of the public present.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, April 16, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#063-26: On motion of C. Girard and support by P. McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 16, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, May 7, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#064-26: On motion of P. Schumacher and support by S. King, the Board approved the minutes of the Corporate Compliance Committee meeting of May 7, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, May 11, 2026

Accessibility Plan:

R#2605001: On motion of P. McFarland and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the 2026 Accessibility Plan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#065-26: On motion by P. McFarland and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of May 11, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, May 13, 2026

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#066-26: On motion of T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the investment earnings balances for the period ending April 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2605002: On motion of T. Banaszak and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the Finance Committee May 2026 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#067-26: On motion of T. Banaszak and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 13, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, May 14, 2026

Requests for Clinical Privileges:

R#2605003: On motion of C. Girard and support by S. King, the Board approved the request for clinical privileges for Andrew M. Lister, D.O., for a three-year renewal term expiring May 31, 2029. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Policy Beginning 30-day Review:

R#2605004: On motion of C. Girard and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the following policies to begin 30-day review:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#068-26: On motion of C. Girard and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of May 14, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, May 16, 2026

Financial Statements:

R#2605005: On motion of P. McFarland and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2605006: On motion of P. McFarland and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for the period ending April 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2605007: On motion of P. McFarland and support by T. Banaszak, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from April 11, 2026 through May 15, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#069-26: On motion of P. McFarland and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 16, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Advocacy Updates:

C. Pinter reviewed the document noting Community Mental Health Association's (CMHA) concerns relating to the proposed Mental Health Framework including that it would shift the funding from CMHs to Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) for specialty mental health services. This potential funding shift does not comply with the specialty mental health carve out in state law. C. Pinter also reviewed the advocacy letters requesting the legislature get involved by adding boilerplate language to stop the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) procurement and the Mental Health Framework without prior legislative approval. C. Pinter reported the Michigan House of Representatives passed its fiscal year 2027 budget which includes this language. C. Pinter also reported that a Medicaid savings workgroup has been established and reviewed its members, staffing, recommendations for a total of \$125 million in savings, and other policy considerations. C. Pinter also reviewed the letter from the Michigan Behavioral Analysis Providers Association (MIBAP) expressing concerns about the administrative law judge's ruling in a case involving BABH. There were general discussions related to the potential impacts of the Mental Health Framework and that the MHPs are not required to provide 24/7 services such as a community mental health service program (CMHSP).

Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) Special Assessment:

C. Pinter reported that CMHA requested another special assessment and reviewed the history of the special assessment from last year. The special assessment funds are intended for legal purposes due to pending litigation and the potential release of another request for proposals for the PIHPs. C. Pinter reviewed the status of the Court of Claims decision and that it allows the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to re-bid the PIHPs. There were general discussions related to the timeline for the special assessment, the funds will be reserved for litigation purposes, the importance of advocating for the system and consumers, the timing of the boilerplate language, the state budget approval process, what happens if funds are not needed, when will funds be utilized, specific donation amounts, what amounts have been donated by affiliate CMHs, and that it's unappealing to use taxpayer funds to sue another government agency.

M#070-26: On the motion by P. Conley and support by S. King, the Board approved the special assessment to CMHA in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Schedule:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported that BABHA Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day.

June Finance Committee Meeting:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported that the June Finance Committee has been rescheduled for 4:00 pm on Monday, June 15, 2026.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

M#071-26: On motion of C. Girard and support by C. O'Brien, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:


Pamela Schumacher, Board Secretary

Accepted by:


Robert Pawlak, Board Chair