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BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 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:
Christopher Girard, Ch	X			Carole O'Brien	X			BABH: Joelin Hahn, Heather Friebe,
Pam Schumacher, V Ch	X			Staci Tuggle	X			Pam VanWormer, Chris Pinter, and
Shelley King	X			Pat McFarland, Ex Off		X		Sara McRae
Sally Mrozinski		X		Robert Pawlak, Ex Off	X			Legend: M-Motion; S-Support; MA-
								Motion Adopted; AB-Abstained

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action
1.	Call To Order & Roll Call	The Committee Chair, C. Girard, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by C. O'Brien, S. Mrozinski was excused. The motion passed unanimously. On the motion by R. Pawlak and support by S. King, P. McFarland was excused. The motion passed unanimously.
2.	Public Input (Maximum of 3 Minutes)	There were not any members of the public present.	
3.	Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Clinical Program Review: Arenac Center Services Update, H. Friebe & P. VanWormer	4.1) P. VanWormer provided an update on the Arenac Center Services noting expanding jail services including anger management groups, coordinating when individuals leave the jail, and training with local law enforcement. P. VanWormer also reported the advancing of evidence-based practices and the expansion of the group parenting model. There were general discussions related to specifics of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy. The Committee agreed to have a future presentation on EMDR therapy.	4.1) No action was necessary

	4.2) Primary Network Operations & Quality Management Committee Notes from the May 14, 2026 Meeting 4.3) Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) Letter of Support for the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) Rural Health Transformation Program 4.4) House Bill 6022 Update 4.5) Overview of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	4.2) The Committee reviewed the notes. 4.3) C. Pinter reported SVSU is applying for the Rural Health Transformation grant and BABH provided a letter of support. This grant opportunity is available for rural counties to apply for infrastructure funding. 4.4) C. Pinter reviewed the advocacy letter in opposition to House Bill (HB) 6022. This HB would allow 24/7 pre-admissions screenings to be performed by the commercial health plans. The Michigan Association of Sheriffs and the Michigan Association of Counties have been partners with BABH in opposing this bill. 4.5) J. Hahn provided an overview of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) noting the mandatory core service requirements, history of the demonstration site expansion, the eligibility requirements, most common diagnosis, as well as the required access and quality improvements. J. Hahn also reported the impacts anticipated by HR1 which is an overall reduction in Medicaid funding sharing between the federal and state level. C. Pinter noted the importance of HR1 impacts because of the federal match structure. The funding split is being reduced from 75/25 to 55/45 federal and state governments. Michigan will need funds to continue this demonstration project. Administration will continue to provide updates and monitor the impact of HR1. There were general discussions regarding the most common diagnosis across health plans and community mental health agencies.	4.2) No action was necessary 4.3) No action was necessary 4.4) No action was necessary 4.5) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by R. Pawlak and support by C. O'Brien, the meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	


Christopher Girard, Committee Chair