BAY ARENAC
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 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, Melissa Prusi, 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#081-26: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, C. O'Brien was excused. The motion passed unanimously.

M#082-26: On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by C. Girard, C. S. Tuggle was excused. The motion passed unanimously.

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, June 18, 2026
Meeting Minutes:
M#083-26: On the motion by R. Byrne and support by P. McFarland, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 18, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, June 29, 2026

Cultural Competency & Diversity Plan:

R#2607001: On the motion by P. Conley and support by S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the 2026 Cultural Competency & Diversity Plan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Employee Handbook Revision:

R#2607002: On the motion by P. Conley and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the Employee Handbook revision to begin tracking both earned time off (ETO) and earned sick time act (ESTA) at the same ¼ hour increment. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Evaluation:

M#084-26: On the motion by P. Conley and support by K. Niemiec, the Board approved received and filed the 2026 CEO evaluation. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#085-26: On the motion by P. Conley and support by S. King, the Board approved the minutes of the Personnel & Compensation Committee meeting of June 29, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, July 8, 2026

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#086-26: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the investment earnings balances for the period ending June 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2607003: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the Finance Committee July 2026 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

IT Replacement Equipment:

M. Rozek requested the board approve the IT replacement equipment with an increased price of $90.57 totaling $105,534.35.

R#2607004: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by K. Niemiec, the Board approved purchasing the IT replacement equipment in the amount of $105,534.35. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#087-26: On motion of T. Banaszak and support by S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of July 8, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, July 9, 2026

Requests for Clinical Privileges:

R#2607005: On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the following requests for clinical privileges:

1) Sylvia Exum, M.D. – three-year renewal term expiring July 31, 2029.
2) Yasmin Jilla, M.D. – three-year term expiring July 31, 2029.
3) Ryan Waugh, FNP-C – three-year term expiring July 31, 2029.
4) Sunil Parashar, M.D. – three-year term expiring July 31, 2029.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#088-26: On the motion by C. Girard and support by S. Mrozinski, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of July 9, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE, July 13, 2026

Financial Statements:

R#2607006: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

R#2607007: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for the period ending June 30, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

R#2607008: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from June 13, 2026 through July 10, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#089-26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of July 13, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Advocacy Updates:

C. Pinter reviewed the final state budget noting items related to behavioral health including revenue for Medicaid, Healthy Michigan, and Autism funding sources as well as direct care wage increases, autism service delivery, Certified Community Behavioral Health Homes (CCBHCs), and that the boilerplate changes blocking another request for proposal (RFP) for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) were removed. There were potential concerns noted with the transitions of Heathy Michigan and CCBHC funding and the potential impact on general/local funds. C. Pinter also reported that the Medicaid waiver approval section, which requires statutory approval for any waivers or Medicaid State Plan changes, is a positive step especially with the removal of the boilerplate language. C. Pinter provided an update on the status of the PIHP RFP reporting it is listed as a future bid opportunity and could be released in the next few weeks. C. Pinter also reported that the Governor vetoed several House Bills (HBs) that were passed in the 2024 lame duck session. One of these bills impacts the Public Act (PA) 152 health insurance caps for public employers. There were general discussions regarding the mandated $66 per hour autism service fee is not required to be paid to staff, the state-wide CCBHC funding is about $1 billion total, a future presentation about what this designation would look like for BABH, that CCBHC is a bi-partisan model supported on the federal level, the CCBHC designations were put on-hold at the state level last year, current CCBHC funding needs stabilization, and Midstate Health Network (MSHN) has sufficient funds to cover the CMHSP costs, and the specifics of the possible negotiations for sections 1020 and 1022.

Local Updates:

C. Pinter reported The Bay Area Community Foundation received substance use disorder (SUD) funds and requested a BABHA representative on their board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Facilities & Safety Committee Meeting:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported a special Facilities and Safety Committee meeting has been rescheduled for 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 for consideration of future facilities planning.

Upcoming Conferences:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported the following conferences listed below are upcoming and those interested should contact S. McRae.

1) 33rd Annual Recipient Rights Conference at Crystal Mountain is Wednesday, September 16 – Friday, September 18, 2026.
2) Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) Fall Conference at Grand Traverse Resort is Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, clarified the procedure for board member comments. Board members' comments included the following:

1) An update to the advocacy in opposition to HB 6022 with NAMI, the Sheriffs Association, and Representative Beson.
2) Board member attendance, notifying the Board Office of absences, and the procedure for being excused from meetings per the BABHA Bylaws.
3) The Bay County Commission provided funds received from the Opioid Endowment Funds to the Bay Area Community Foundation for disbursement and Peer 360 was awarded funds.

ADJOURNMENT

M#090-26: On motion of C. Girard and support by R. Byrne, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:

Pamela Schumacher

Pamela Schumacher, Board Secretary

Accepted by:

Robert Pawlak

Robert Pawlak, Board Chair