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BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 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, Karen Amon,
Pam Schumacher, V Ch	X			Staci Tuggle		X		Sarah Van Paris, Sarah Holsinger,
Shelley King	X			Pat McFarland, Ex Off	X			and 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 P. McFarland and support by C. O'Brien, S. Tuggle 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 not any unfinished business.	
4.	New Business 4.1) Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement Quarterly Report, S. Holsinger	4.1) S. Holsinger reviewed the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Plan (QAPIP) quarterly report noting plan of service training forms, adverse events including deaths, behavioral treatment events including physical interventions and 911 calls, and the compliance rate for audited services with proper documentation for encountered bills. S. Holsinger also reported the performance indicators are being discontinued by Midstate Health Network (MSHN). There were general discussions related to the difference between reportable and non-reportable deaths, and that there are specific criteria for a death to be considered reportable to the state.	4.1) No action was necessary

	4.2) Policies Beginning 30-day Review: a) Gender Affirming Care, Chapter 4 4.3) 2026-2027 Infection Control Plan, S. Van Paris 4.4) Primary Network Operations & Quality Management Committee Notes from the July 9, 2026 Meeting 4.5) Strategic Initiative Updates & Dashboard Reports	4.2) K. Amon reported this new policy originated from the Medical Director. BABHA does not provide any gender affirming treatment and the policy is neutral stating BABHA does not provide this treatment but will be respectful and address the matter from the child's perspective in services. There were general discussions regarding the purpose of the policy and that it is a proactive approach, that BABHA will support the parent's decisions in gender affirming treatment of children, and gender identification situations within the residential group home settings. 4.3) S. Van Paris reviewed the proposed changes to the Infection Control Plan including Tuberculosis screening and testing, performance goals, and changing from universal to standard precautions. There were general discussions related to the difference of the universal and standard precautions and that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the COVID-19 vaccine like the flu vaccine. 4.4) The Committee reviewed the notes. 4.5) K. Amon and J. Hahn reviewed the strategic initiative updates and dashboard reports including cost containment strategies and availability of community living support (CLS) services, stabilization and cost containment strategies for the residential system, applied behavioral analysis (ABA) service stabilization, and the use of evidence-based and best practices in clinical service delivery. There were general discussions related to network providers refusing residential placements for higher needs individuals, the increase of out of county placements, the number of children with autism that have higher needs and behavioral issues is increasing, reasons an individual may want more than one CLS provider, Medicaid eligibility and billing requirements, provider performance, documentation requirements, responsibilities of case managers, and MiFAST audits.	4.2) On the motion by S. King and support by C. O'Brien, the policy, Gender Affirming Care, Chapter 4, to begin 30-day review was referred to the full Board for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously. 4.3) On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by R. Pawlak, the proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Infection Control Plan were referred to the full board for approval. The motion as adopted unanimously. 4.4) No action was necessary 4.5) No action was necessary
5.	Adjournment	On the motion by P. Schumacher and support by P. McFarland, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm. The motion passed unanimously.	



Christopher Girard, Committee Chair