



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 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		
Sally Mrozinski, Treasurer	X		
Pamela Schumacher, Secretary	X		
Tim Banaszak	X		
Richard Byrne	X		
Patrick Conley	X		
Christopher Girard	X		
Shelley King		X	
Kathy Niemiec	X		
Carole O'Brien	X		
Staci Tuggle			X

OTHERS PRESENT FROM BAY ARENAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (BABH)

Jennifer Lasceski, Christopher Pinter, and Marci Rozek.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

M#104-26:

On the motion by C. Girard and support by T. Banaszak, Shelley King was excused. The motion was adopted unanimously.

On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, Staci Tuggle was excused. The motion was lost.

There were general discussions regarding the importance of regular attendance at Committee and Board meetings, as well as the process of excusing absences. C. Pinter provided information regarding past practices related to absences and Bylaw language. The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, provided possible options for modifying the process of excusing absences in the future.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were not any members of the public present.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING, August 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#105-26:

On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 20, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

SPECIAL PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, September 2, 2026

2027 Retiree Medicare Advantage Health Benefits:

R#2609001:

On the motion by P. Conley and support by C. Girard, the Board approved a straight renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 2027 Retiree Medicare Advantage Health Benefits. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#106-26:

On the motion by P. Conley and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Special Personnel & Compensation Committee meeting of September 2, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES & SAFETY COMMITTEE, September 3, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#107-26:

On the motion by P. Conley and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the minutes of the Facilities & Safety Committee meeting of September 3, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE, September 8, 2026

Meeting Minutes:

M#108 -26:

On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Recipient Rights Advisory & Appeals Committee meeting of September 8, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, September 9, 2026

Investment Earnings Balances:

M#109-26:

On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the investment earnings balances for the period ending August 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Contract List:

R#2609002:

On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the Finance September 2026 contract list. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Horizon Home Wood Ramp:

R#2609003: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. Girard, the Board approved the replacement of the Horizon Home wooden ramp with a composite ramp by Beebe Construction for a total of \$15,786.40. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Final Budget Amendment:

R#2609004: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 final budget amendment resolution. The motion was adopted with a roll call vote: 10 yes; 0 no; 1 excused; 1 absent.

R. Pawlak:	Yes
P. McFarland:	Yes
S. Mrozinski:	Yes
P. Schumacher:	Yes
T. Banaszak:	Yes
R. Byrne:	Yes
P. Conley:	Yes
C. Girard:	Yes
S. King:	Excused
K. Niemiec:	Yes
C. O'Brien:	Yes
S. Tuggle:	Absent

Meeting Minutes:

M#110-26: On the motion by T. Banaszak and support by C. O'Brien, the Board approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of September 9, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, September 10, 2026

Policies Beginning 30-day Review:

R#2609005: On the motion by C. Girard and support by T. Banaszak, the Board approved the policy, Gender Affirming Care, Chapter 4, to begin 30-day review. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Infection Control Plan:

R#2609006: On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Conley, the Board approved the 2026 Infection Control Plan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

M#111-26: On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the minutes of the Program Committee meeting of September 10, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

BABHA Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Financial Projections:

C. Pinter reported service trends in 2026 highlighting areas where reduction within expense lines were planned and where BABHA still struggles with increasing service utilization, as well as the continued trend of more significant out-of-county placements. C. Pinter reported that there are continued discussions with state officials regarding concerns that high acuity individuals needing Community Mental Health Service Program (CMHSP) placement as they age out of the child welfare system and the lack of funding support for these individuals. C. Pinter has a meeting scheduled with the Autism Alliance of Michigan before the end of the month and will be presenting additional options to the Board to reduce costs associated with autism services in the future. The anticipated reductions with Healthy Michigan which are likely to require usage of excess local funds and/or fund balance during the transition period remains a concern for FY2027.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was not any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Statements:

M. Rozek reported that due to computer system-related issues, staff were unable to prepare reports necessary for the Audit Committee meeting this month. The September disbursements will be reviewed at the Audit Committee meeting in October.

M#112-26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by T. Banaszak, the Board approved the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Electronic Fund Transfers:

M#113-26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by R. Byrne, the Board approved the electronic fund transfers for the period ending August 31, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Disbursements & Health Care Claims:

M#114 -26: On the motion by P. McFarland and support by P. Schumacher, the Board approved the disbursement & health care claims payments from August 17, 2026 through September 11, 2026. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported a Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm for consideration of the FY 2027 operating budget.

Upcoming Conferences:

The Board Chair, R. Pawlak, reported the Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) Fall Conference at Grand Traverse Resort is Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

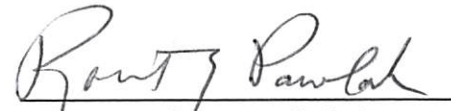
M#115 -26:

On the motion by C. Girard and support by P. McFarland, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Submitted by:


Pamela Schumacher, Board Secretary

Accepted by:


Robert Pawlak, Board Chair