



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
March 26, 2015  
6:00 pm

#### Agenda

	<u>Guide</u>
I. Call to Order	1 min
II. Roll Call	1 min
III. Audience Participation (3 minutes per speaker)	
IV. Opening Remarks from Tom Renwick, Director, Bureau of Community Based Services, BHDDA Michigan Department of Community Health	15 min
V. Question and Answer (Discussion)	60 min
VI. Board Action	
VII. Adjournment	



Background: In March the Board of Commissioners of Washtenaw County passed a resolution to dissolve its agreement with the University of Michigan under the Urban Cooperation Act. This fourteen year agreement was the founding document that created the **Washtenaw Community Health Organization** as a jointly governed entity. The WCHO has held the Community Mental Health Services Program designation since 2000. In 2002 it was also granted the Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan designation as the 'hub' of the four-county affiliation and the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency. With the reorganization of the state designated regions in 2014, the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM) became the separately operated PIHP for the region and the WCHO remained the CMHSP for Washtenaw County. The Board of Commissioners are preparing to operate the community mental health services program as an agency model (one of the recognized models for CMHSPs according to the Mental Health Code). This would bring governance and financing back under the auspices of the general County government.

As a result of these proposed changes in Washtenaw, the Regional Board of the CMHPSM had questions regarding the subsequent changes to the partnership, the financing structure and principles as well as potential legacy issues related to the dissolution of the WCHO.

#### Discussion Questions

- What are the responsibilities of the Regional Board in relation to the change in Washtenaw from an organization to agency to potentially an authority?
- Should the Region (PIHP) be exercising any authority during the transition to ensure the continuity of services to consumers in Washtenaw? (Where can we step in and when is it a local issue?)
- Is there any budget impact to the region with these changes? (example: is Medicaid expected to pick up the legal expenses of redoing all of the founding documents or can that be charged to Washtenaw local dollars?)
- Is there a concern for the partnership with these changes – is there a chance that the partnership forming the regional entity will be impacted during the transition?
- How does the dissolution of the WCHO affect financial or other reporting obligations that occur after the new agency takes over (e.g. closing the year end books)
- Regarding the contract that the PIHP has with the WCHO as the CMHSP: does the region have any obligation to contract with the new agency if it has concerns about the delegation of functions or service provision?
- Could the region be liable for something that occurred at the WCHO if a lawsuit is filed after the organization is dissolved (does any obligation default to the region that took place at one of the CMHSPs within the region?)

Additional questions from staff:

- CSTS (as a service provider) has Joint Commission accreditation does that alone give them deemed status or will there be an additional certification process from the state to become the CMHSP?
- What is the regional impact of the timeline for a CMH transition, i.e. state contract for GF, new board members for PIHP, timing of PIHP>CMH contracts?
- Does the state need to formally designate and contract with the new CMH prior to the PIHP waiving procurement standards to contract with the new CMH entity in Washtenaw as the CMHSP?
- What entity is liable for future closeouts of liabilities, what rolls up to the PIHP for Medicaid?
- What entity is liable for any GF closeouts or issues that have already occurred?
- What happens to the previous CMH's assets and liabilities, does everything go to the new CMH?
- Is there any concern from the state related to the changes in Washtenaw, UCA entity, to County agency, to County Authority?
- Would there be any special financial audits or auditors assuring the transitions are occurring appropriately related to financial assets and liabilities?
- Washtenaw County (as part of this transition) intends to have an affiliation agreement with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the University of Michigan Hospital – does the PIHP have to be a party to those agreements? What if the Regional Board disagrees with the agreements?

