

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2023**

**Members Present:** Judy Ackley, Patrick Bridge, Rebecca Curley, LaMar Frederick, Bob King, Molly Welch Marahar, Rebecca Pasko, Mary Pizzimenti, Mary Serio, Holly Terrill, Ralph Tillotson

**Members Absent:** Alfreda Rooks, Annie Somerville

**Staff Present** Kathryn Szewczuk, Stephannie Weary, James Colaianne, Matt Berg, Nicole Adelman, Connie Conklin, Stacy Pijanowski, CJ Witherow, Lisa Graham

**Guests Present:** Representative Felicia Brabec, Representative Carrie Rheingans

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair B. King.
- II. Roll Call
  - Quorum confirmed.
- III. Consideration to Adopt the Agenda as Presented  
**Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to approve the agenda**  
**Motion carried**
  - Rep. Felicia Brabec and Rep. Carrie Rheingans will join the meeting at 6:30.
- IV. Consideration to Approve the Revised Minutes of the 4-12-2023 Meeting and Waive the Reading Thereof  
**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by H. Terrill, to approve the revised minutes of the 4-12-2023 meeting and waive the reading thereof**  
**Motion carried**
  - The minutes were corrected to reflect that M. Welch Marahar exited the meeting during the closed session to discuss Case No. 2:16-cv-10936-PDB-EAS, due to a conflict of interest.
- V. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the 6-14-2023 Meeting and Waive the Reading Thereof  
**Motion by J. Ackley, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to approve the minutes of the 6-14-2023 meeting and waive the reading thereof**  
**Motion carried**
  - L. Frederick abstained from the vote due to his absence from the 6-14-2023 meeting.
- VI. Audience Participation  
None
- VII. Questions and Answers with Michigan State Representatives:  
Felicia Brabec and Carrie Rheingans
  - Representatives Brabec and Rheingans provided an overview of legislation that is in progress, including:

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- ❖ A parity bill that would ensure that care for mental health and physical health is integrated and that there is parity in coverage.
- ❖ The number of CCBHC sites has increased.
- ❖ MSW licensure – addressing challenges in the licensing exam.
- ❖ Introduced a bill for a publicly financed health plan. Would cover all behavioral health services. Town hall on Monday at Skyline High School.
- ❖ Some of the upcoming bills in the fall involve:
  - NPs and PAs doing more in the mental health space (around restraints, for example).
  - Distribution of naloxone by some public sector entities.
- ❖ A bill that bans conversion therapy for youth has been enacted.
- ❖ The current state budget includes lots of funding allocated to mental health care, more CCBHCs, increased funding for school-based services, training, and direct care worker pay.

**Questions/concerns from board:**

- Peer recovery coaches aren't being included in DCW rate increases. Reps. Brabec and Rheingans agree on the importance of that peer relationship. Boilerplate language would need to be updated.
- Will there be an amendment to the Open Meetings Act to allow remote participation. Rep. Brabec advised that there was a vote recently for an exemption for some boards. More discussion is needed.
- Syringe Service Programs (SSP) bill: it's a reiteration of the "being in possession of a syringe" bill. Rep. Rheingans advised that there is some work being done on the language to try to address concerns.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Board Information: FY2023 Finance Report through June 30, 2023
  - M. Berg presented.
  - J. Colaianne provided an update on the FY2018 deficit resolution progress. He has consulted with auditor Derek Miller and attorneys since the last board meeting.
  - J. Colaianne is scheduled to meet with Kristen Jordan, the Specialty Behavioral Health Services Director at MDHHS, on Wednesday, 8/16.
- b. Board Action: CEO Performance Review Goals
 

**Motion by M. Serio, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to approve the CEO performance goals for the period of May 2023 – April 2024**

**Motion carried**

  - J. Colaianne presented updated goals, including service delivery goals directly related to the CEO's performance.

IX. New Business

- a. Board Information: FY2024 Budget Preview
  - M. Berg presented the draft FY2024 budget. The finalized budget will be presented next month for board review and approval.
- b. Board Action – Roxanne Garber Acknowledgement
 

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by M. Serio, to authorize the CMHPSM Board Chair to sign a formal proclamation acknowledging the six years of service by Roxanne Garber to the PIHP region as a CMHPSM Regional Board member**

**Motion carried**
- c. Board Action – Contracts

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**Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to authorize the CEO to execute the contracts/amendments as presented**  
**Motion carried**

d. Board Action – Provider Stabilization

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by M. Serio, to approve the allocation of funding to the CMHSPs to assist the regional provider network in delivering essential face-to-face services as presented**

**Motion carried**

e. Board Action – FY2023Q2 Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Plan (QAPIP) Status Report

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by H. Terrill, to approve status report of the FY2023 Q2 Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program (QAPIP)**

**Motion carried**

f. Board Action – FY2024-26 Substance Use Services Strategic Plan

**Motion by M. Welch Marahar, supported by R. Curley, to authorize CMHPSM CEO to sign and submit the FY2024-26 Substance Use Services Strategic Plan**

**Motion carried**

X. Reports to the CMHPSM Board

a. SUD Oversight Policy Board

- The most recent OPB meeting was focused primarily on the strategic plan and health disparities.

b. Board Information: CEO Report to the Board

- The PIHP is fully staffed. The temporary position that was approved by the board in April will not be extended.
- J. Colaianne's written report includes updates from staff, regional and state levels. Please see the report in the board packet for details.

c. Employee Engagement Survey

- Overall, there was improvement over last year's survey scores.

XI. Adjournment

**Motion by R. Tillotson, supported by M. Welch Marahar, to adjourn the meeting**

**Motion carried**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
Rebecca Pasko, CMHPSM Board Secretary

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