

Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan		<i>Policy:</i> <i>Conflict of Interest</i>	
CMHPSM Board Governance			
Original Board Approval Date 12/09/2020	Date of Board Approval 6/14/2023	Date of Implementation 6/14/2023	

I. POLICY / PURPOSE

It shall be the policy of the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM) to require any Covered Person to identify and disclose to CMHPSM’s Board of Directors (the Board), any financial or personal Conflict of Interest. Covered Persons should avoid even the appearance of a perceived conflict of interest while fulfilling their required duties to ensure public trust in all CMHPSM processes, remain in compliance with federal and state laws and CMHPSM policy.

The purpose of this Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect the CMHPSM’s interest when it contemplates entering a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of a Covered Person. To achieve this objective, this Policy defines Conflict of Interest, identifies individuals covered by this Policy, provides a means for those individuals to disclose information, and outlines procedures for managing conflicts of interest. This policy is intended to supplement, not replace, any applicable state and federal laws governing Conflict of Interest applicable to the CMHPSM.

II. REVISION HISTORY

REVISION DATE	MODIFICATION
12/09/20	This Board Governance policy replaces a CMHPSM Operational Policy last approved on 9/13/2017, that operation policy was rescinded 12/22/2020.
4/14/2021	Annual Board review
4/12/2023	Combined policy/purpose, updated application table

III. APPLICATION

This policy applies to the individuals or groups identified with a checkmark in the table below.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMHPSM PIHP Staff, Board Members, Interns & Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Partner CMHSP Staff, Board Members, Interns & Volunteers
Service Providers of the CMHPSM and/or Regional CMHSP Partners:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health / Intellectual DD Service Providers
<input type="checkbox"/> SUD Treatment Providers <input type="checkbox"/> SUD Prevention Providers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other as listed:

IV. DEFINITIONS

Compensation. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

Conflict of interest. A conflict of interest refers to a situation where a Covered Person has a real or seeming incompatibility between one’s financial or personal private interests and the interest of the CMHPSM. This type of situation arises when a Covered person; the Covered Person’s Family member; or the organization that the Covered Person serves as an officer, director, trustee, or employee, has a financial or personal interest in the entity in which the Covered Person participates or proposes to participate in a transaction, arrangement, proceeding or other matter.

Covered Person. A “Covered Person” refers to all persons covered by this policy and includes:

- Members of the CMHPSM’s Board (Directors)
- Members of the CMHPSM’s Oversight Policy Board
- Officers of CMHPSM
- Individuals to whom the board has delegated authority
- Employees, agents, or contractors of CMHPSM who have responsibilities or influence over CMHPSM similar to that of officers, directors, or trustees; or who have or share the authority to control \$100 or more of CMHPSM’s expenditures, operating budget, or compensation for employees.

Family Member means a spouse, parent, children (natural or adopted), sibling (whole or half-blood), father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses of siblings, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all step family members, wherever they reside, and any person(s) sharing the same living quarters in an intimate, personal relationship that could affect business decisions of the Covered Person in a manner that conflicts with this Policy.

Financial Interest. A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- A. An ownership or investment interest in, or serves in a governance or management capacity for, any entity with which CMHPSM has a transaction or arrangement;
- B. A compensation arrangement with CMHPSM or with any entity or individual with which CMHPSM is negotiating a transaction or arrangement; or

C. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which CMHPSM is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

D. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Section VI of this Policy, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Interested Person. Any Covered Person, who has a direct or indirect Financial Interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

Public Officer. Public officer means a person who is elected or appointed to a position in the CMHPSM, a CMHSP, or some other public entity.

V. DUTIES OF COVERED PERSONS

Duty of Care. Covered Persons shall act in a reasonable and informed manner and perform their duties for CMHPSM in good faith and with the degree of care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances.

Duty of Loyalty. Covered Persons owe a duty of loyalty to act in the best interest of CMHPSM and those who CMHPSM serves. No Covered Person may personally take advantage of a business opportunity that is offered to CMHPSM unless the Board determines not to pursue that opportunity, after full disclosure and a disinterested and informed evaluation.

Conflicts of Interest. All Covered Persons shall comply with this Policy when engaging in a transaction or arrangement that involves a Conflict of Interest. All Covered Persons shall:

- Disclose to the Board Chairperson, or any committee chairperson with Board delegated powers, the existence of a Financial Interest in connection with any actual or possible Conflict of Interest.
- Unless a Conflict of Interest Waiver has been granted by the Board, recuse themselves from voting, and being present for deliberations and voting, on any transaction or arrangement involving CMHPSM in which they have a Financial Interest. The Interested Person may respond to Board inquiries necessary for its deliberations and/or decisions.
- Comply with any restrictions or conditions stated in any Conflict of Interest Waiver or within the Board's bylaws.

Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible Conflict of Interest, Interested Persons must disclose the existence of the Financial Interest. They must be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts and answer questions from the Board—and from members of committees with governing board delegated powers—who are considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

VI. PROCEDURES

Determining a Conflict of Interest. After disclosure of the Financial Interest and all material facts, and after discussion with the Interested Person, the disinterested members of the Board or committee discuss and vote to determine whether a Conflict of Interest exists. The Interested Person must not participate in the discussion, or vote on, whether a Conflict of Interest exists.

Appointment of Disinterested Person. If appropriate, the chairperson of the governing board or committee shall appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction.

Alternatives. After exercising due diligence, the CMHPSM Board or committee shall determine whether the CMHPSM can obtain, with reasonable efforts, a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

Board Vote. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible, under circumstances that would not produce a conflict of interest, the CMHPSM Board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the CMHPSM's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. An Interested Person may make a presentation at the CMHPSM board or committee meeting. The Interested Person, however, must not participate in the discussion, or the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the conflict of interest.

VII. VIOLATIONS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Notice to Interested Person. If the CMHPSM Board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a Covered Person has failed to disclose actual or possible Conflicts of Interest, it shall inform that person of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

Taking Appropriate Action. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

VIII. WAIVERS

Procedure for Waiving a Conflict of Interest. If, after exercising reasonable efforts, the board determines that it is not able to obtain a more advantageous transaction or arrangement not involving the Interested Person, then the Board may grant a Conflict of Interest waiver. A Conflict of Interest waiver may be granted only if the Board determines that the Financial Interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity

of the Interested Person's services (see 18 USC §208(b)(1)). A Conflict of Interest waiver further requires a majority vote by the Board to waive the Conflict of Interest and proceed with the proposed transaction or arrangement. A Conflict of Interest Waiver shall be in writing and signed by the chairperson of the Board on CMHPSM's Conflict of Interest Waiver Form (Exhibit B). All Conflict of Interest Waivers shall be issued prior to the Interested Person's participation in any transaction or arrangement with CMHPSM.

Content of a Waiver of Conflict of Interest (See 5 CFR 2640.301). If the Board votes to waive the Conflict of Interest and proceed with the proposed transaction or arrangement, the Waiver may still restrict the Interested Person's participation in the matter to the extent deemed necessary by the Board. The Conflict of Interest Waiver may cover all matters the Interested Person may undertake as part of his/her official duties with CMHPSM, without specifically enumerating those duties. The information contained in the waiver, however, should provide a clear understanding of the nature and identity of the Financial Interest, the matters to which the waiver will apply, and the Interested Person's role in such matters.

Factors for Consideration when Granting a Waiver (See 5 CFR 2640.301). In determining whether a Financial Interest is substantial enough to be likely to affect the integrity of the Interest Person's services to CMHPSM, the Board may consider, as applicable:

- i. The type of Financial Interest (e.g. stocks, bonds, real estate, cash payment, job offer or enhancement of a family member's employment);
- ii. The identity of the person whose Financial Interest is involved, and if the interest does not belong directly to the Interested Person, the Interested Person's relationship to that person;
- iii. The dollar value of the Financial Interest, if known and quantifiable (e.g. amount of cash payment, salary of job to be gained or lost, change in value of securities);
- iv. The value of the financial instrument or holding from which the disqualifying Financial Interest arises and its value in relationship to the individual's assets;
- v. The nature and importance of the Interested Person's role in the matter including the level of discretion which the Interested Person may exercise in the matter;
- vi. The sensitivity of the matter
- vii. The need for the Interested Person's services (e.g. consider alternatives); and
- viii. Adjustments which may be made in the Interested Person's duties that would eliminate the likelihood that the integrity of the Interested Person's services would be questioned by a reasonable person.

Waivers Supported by Michigan Law (See 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 to 15.330; 1978 PA 566 MCL 15.183(8))

- A Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) Board member or employee may be a party to a contract with a CMHSP if the contract is between the CMHSP and the CMHPSM.
- A CMHSP Public Officer or public employee may also be a Public Officer or employee of the CMHPSM, even if the CMHPSM has a contract with the CMHSP.
- The CMHPSM Board may approve a contract with a CMHSP, even if a CMHSP Board member is also an employee or independent contractor of the CMHPSM.

IX. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the CMHPSM board and committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

Names of Covered Persons. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the CMHPSM's Board or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

Names of persons present. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Waiver of conflict of interest. If the Board grants a waiver of a Conflict of Interest, the waiver shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Board. The writing shall describe the financial Interest, the transaction or arrangement to which the Financial Interest applies, the Interested Person's role in the transaction or arrangement, and any restriction on the Interested Person's participation in the proceeding, transaction or matter.

X. COMPENSATION COMMITTEES

Precluded from voting. A voting member of the CMHPSM Board or of any committee whose authority includes compensation matters, and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the CMHPSM for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

Providing information. No voting member of the CMHPSM Board or any committee whose authority includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the CMHPSM, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to the Board or any committee regarding compensation.

XI. ANNUAL FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Annually, on a date to be determined by the Board, each Covered Person shall sign and date a statement which affirms that the signor:

- Has received a copy of this Conflict of Interest Policy;
- Has read and understands the Policy;
- Has agreed to comply with the Policy;
- Has disclosed on the CMHPSM Financial Interest Disclosure Statement (Exhibit A) all Financial Interests which the signor may currently have; and
- Will complete a new, updated, Financial Interest Disclosure Statement if the information changes and/or a new Financial Interest arises.

XII. REFERENCES/LEGAL AUTHORITIES

Federal:

- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, *Instructions for Form 1023 (01/2020), Appendix A: Sample Conflict of Interest Policy*, last accessed October 2020 at <https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i1023>.
- SSA Section 1902(a)(4)(C) and (D)
- 41 USC Chapter 21 (formerly 41 USC 423 –ch. 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act—restrictions on obtaining and disclosing certain information)
- 18 USC §208 (Federal Conflict of interest statute)
- 5 CFR §2540.201 (Waivers issued pursuant to 18 USC 208)
- 5 CFR Part 2640 (Interpretation, Exemptions and Waiver Guidance concerning 18 USC 208)
- 42 USC 1396a (Federal Medicaid statute- State plans for medical assistance)
- 42 CFR §438.58 (Conflict of Interest Safeguards)
- 45 CFR Part 74 (Administrative requirements for awards to non profit organizations and local governments)
- 45 CFR Part 92 (Federal procurement regulations)
- 42 CFR 455 Subpart B - Board disclosure of interest statement
- 42 CFR 1001.1001(a)(1) (Reporting to state)

Michigan:

- 1978 PA 566; MCL 15.181 to 15.185 (Incompatible public offices)
- Mental Health Code Act 258 of 1974, MCL 330.1222 (Board composition)
- 1968 PA 318, MCL 15.301 to 15.310 (Conflict of Interest in contracts between state officers and political subdivisions)
- 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 to 15.330 (contracts of public servants with public entities)
- 1973 Act 196 MCL 15.341 to 15.348 (code of ethics for public officers and employees)
- Michigan Medicaid State Plan
- 1972 PA 284, MCL 450.1541a (duties of care and loyalty)

EXHIBIT A
**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
(CMHPSM)**

FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Definitions

Compensation. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

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- Members of the CMHPSM’s Board (Directors)
- Members of the CMHPSM’s Oversight Policy Board
- Officers of CMHPSM
- Individuals to whom the board delegated authority
- Employees, agents, or contractors of CMHPSM who have responsibilities or influence over CMHPSM similar to that of officers, directors, or trustees; or who have or share the authority to control \$100 or more of CMHPSM’s expenditures, operating budget, or compensation for employees.

Conflict of interest. A conflict of interest refers to a situation where a Covered Person has a real or seeming incompatibility between one’s financial or personal private interests and the interest of the CMHPSM. This type of situation arises when a Covered person; the Covered Person’s Family member; or the organization that the Covered Person serves as an officer, director, trustee, or employee, has a financial or personal interest in the entity in which the Covered Person participates or proposes to participate in a transaction, arrangement, proceeding or other matter.

Family Member means a spouse, parent, children (natural or adopted), sibling (whole or half-blood), father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses of siblings, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and all step family members, wherever they reside, and any person(s) sharing the same living quarters in an intimate, personal relationship that could affect business decisions of the Covered Person in a manner that conflicts with this Policy.

Financial Interest. A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- A. An ownership or investment interest in, or serves in a governance or management capacity for, any entity with which CMHPSM has a transaction or arrangement;
- B. A compensation arrangement with CMHPSM or with any entity or individual with which CMHPSM is negotiating a transaction or arrangement; or
- C. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which CMHPSM is negotiating a transaction or arrangement;

D. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Affirmation of Conflict of Interest Policy

By my signature below, I agree that I:

Have received a copy of the CMHPSM’s Conflict of Interest Policy;

Have read and understand the CMHPSM’s Conflict of Interest Policy;

Understand that I am a Covered Person under the Conflict of Interest Policy;

Agree to comply with the CMHPSM’s Conflict of Interest Policy;

Have disclosed below all Financial Interests which I may have; and

Will update the information I have provided on this Statement in the event that the information changes and/or a new Financial Interest arises.

Disclosure of Financial Interests

By my signature below, I certify that I or one of my Family Members has the Financial Interest(s) described below. (Please attach additional pages, if necessary.) I understand that the CMHPSM’s Board may request further information about the Financial Interests described below, and that I agree to cooperate with providing such information. If I have not disclosed any information below, it is because I am not aware that I or any of my Family Members has a Financial Interest.

Disclosure #1

Name and Contact Information for Individual with Financial Interest:

Individual’s Relationship to You: [_____] Self
[_____] Other, specify:

Description of Financial Interest:

Disclosure #2

Name and Contact Information for Individual with Financial Interest:

Individual's Relationship to You: [] Self
[] Other, specify:

Description of Financial Interest:

Disclosure #3

Name and Contact Information for Individual with Financial Interest:

Individual's Relationship to You: [] Self
[] Other, specify:

Description of Financial Interest:

I certify that the above information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title/Position with Entity

Please return this form, signed and dated, to the Entity's Chief Executive Officer.

EXHIBIT B

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER**

Review of the Disclosed Financial Interest

In accordance with the requirements of the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan’s (the “Entity”) Conflict of Interest Policy, the Entity Board has undertaken appropriate due diligence review and deliberation regarding the Financial Interest disclosed by [Interested Person] on the Financial Interest Disclosure Statement (the “Statement”) attached as Exhibit A.

Board Resolution Granting Conflict of Interest Waiver

At the conclusion of such due diligence review and deliberation, at its meeting on [Date], the Board passed the resolution attached as Exhibit B in which it determined that it is not, with reasonable efforts, able to obtain a more advantageous arrangement from a person other than [Interested Person] and the Financial Interest disclosed on the Statement is not so substantial as to be likely to affect the integrity of services which the Entity may expect from [Interested Person] and granted this Conflict of Interest Waiver under the terms described below.

Conflict of Interest Waiver Terms and Conditions

Name of Interested Person:

Description of Financial Interest:

Description of the Transaction, Arrangement, Proceeding or Matter to which the Financial Interest Applies:

Interested Person’s Role in the Transaction, Arrangement, Proceeding or Matter

Scope of Waiver and Restrictions, if any:

This Conflict of Interest Waiver shall cover all matters [Interested Person] may undertake as part of his/her official duties with the Entity concerning any matters arising between the Entity and the [the organization in which the Interested Person has an interest].

Chairperson of the Board

Date: _____

(Print Name)