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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, April 16, 2026
5:30 pm
CMHA-CEI
812 E. Jolly Road, G11-C
Lansing, MI 48910**

Staff Present (Via Zoom)

Shana Badgley, Brandon Dotson, Drew Kersjes, Elise Magen, Sue McCarthy, Sue Panetta, John Peiffer, Jennifer Stanley, Gwenda Summers

Excused:

KC Brown

Staff Present (In-Person)

Jana Baylis, Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie

Public Present (In-Person)

Marti Daggett, Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS)

Luna Brown (she/her), CAC Representative

Michelle LaLone, CAC Member

Public Present (via Zoom)

None.

Union Representation

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dale Copedge at 5:40 pm.

Roll Call:

Dale Copedge, Dwight Washington, Ryan Sebolt, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Paula Yensen, Tim Hanna, Dianne Holman, Lisa Alicea, Maxine Thome, Jason White, Daniel Arnold

Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom

None.

Excused:

None.

Previous Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the March 19, 2026, CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Amended Meeting Agenda:

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the April 16, 2026, Amended Meeting Agenda with the following change:

- Under New Business, add walk-in item 1, entitled: Chief Executive Officer Suggested Salary Scale FY 2027.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None.

CAC Representative Update

CAC Representative, Luna Brown presented the April 2, 2026, Report. Highlights included:

- Certified Community Behavioral (CCBHC) presentation by Stacy FoxElster, Healthcare Integration Supervisor.
- Annual Community Event Debrief
- Crisis Care Center (CCC) Tour feedback shared
- Elected Officials Presentation Prep
- VOICES Newsletter Winter/Spring edition is in final stages and will be distributed once it has been approved.

It was recommended that Stacy FoxElster attend the P&P and Board meetings to share data and updates about CCBHC.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 3:30 pm., and will be held via Zoom.

Mid-State Health Network Update

CMHA-CEI Board of Director member, Tim Hanna reported that MSHN met on May 5th @ 4pm in Alma, MI, reporting that the court heard oral arguments and that Judge Yates stated that the lawsuit will be dismissed next week. In addition, it was noted that the Attorney General mentioned that a new RFP is surfacing, which Sara commented, confirms the rumors that we had been hearing.

CEO Report

CEO Sara Lurie introduced Marne J. Daggett, Regional Relationship Manager, Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan, who provided an overview of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Annual Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2024, and fielded general questions regarding the defined benefit plan based formula and actuarial process. NOTE: the new report is not scheduled to be released until the end of June, 2026.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- CMHA-CEI is 77% funded (noting that over the years, CMHA-CEI has invested more than the minimum contribution amount as budget allows in an effort to move toward 100% funded).
- Unfunded liability amortization is the gap between 77% and 100%.
- Five-year smoothing (explaining that this process spreads gains and losses over a five-year period).
- As of December 31, 2024, CMHA-CEI had 935 who left employment who were not

age eligible to retire, 154 vested, 655 retirees who retired and were age eligible.

Retiree, Lisa Alicea inquired about whether the COLA benefit could be added to the existing CMHA-CEI retiree benefits. Ms. Daggett advised that this benefit could be considered, if interested. However, CMHA-CEI would be required to pay 100% up front. Board members were not interested in pursuing this at this time.

ACTION: Ms. Daggett advised that she is happy to come out and present again to the board and answer any specific questions as it relates to this year's number in June when the actual report is available.

CEO Report continued

CEO Lurie thanked Ms. Daggett for presenting this evening. Other items discussed included:

Mental Health Framework

Mental Health Framework (referenced in board report).

House Budget

CEO Lurie reported that the House budget process moving faster than expected.

Unannounced Federal Government Visitors Procedure, 3.3.10H:

CEO Lurie shared that at the request of board Secretary, Dwight Washington she shared the agency stance on the practice of ICE due to a recent incident that occurred at the Eaton County Counseling facility where two individuals banishing weapons showed up in the lobby for no specified reason, other than to exercise their First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which guarantees five fundamental freedom: freedom of religion, speech, the press, assembly, and petition.

ACTION: The local police were called and escorted the individuals out of the building.

ACTION: Facilities Management has been asked to display/post the "no weapons allowed in building" signage at each front reception area throughout the agency. In addition, all employees will receive another copy of the unannounced federal government visitor procedure, 3.3.10H via email for their review and information. Questions will be directed to management or Director staff.

Employee Recognition

CEO Lurie shared an email that was sent to her today from the Deputy Court Administrator acknowledging two CMHA-CEI staff (Allysa Pennington and Tree

Myers) expressing gratitude for the continued partnership between Ingham County 30th Judicial Circuit Court and CMHA-CEI as well as for the immediate intervention by CMHA-CEI staff in response to an incident that occurred this morning around 10am during a Mental Health Court.

On behalf of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors, CEO Lurie, expressed sincere appreciation and thank you's to both Allysa Pennington, and Tree Myers, who was in attendance at this evening's board meeting, with special thanks for intervening today as a participant experienced a mental health crisis in and outside of the courtroom.

CEO Lurie reported that during the incident she was advised that, the participant engaged in self harm and required immediate intervention. It was at that time that Tree Myers responded promptly and managed the situation with professionalism, composure, and empathy while ensuring the safety of all involved until deputies and EMTs arrived on site. Their ability to remain calm and supportive in a high stress moment reflects a strong commitment to both safety and dignity.

At the same time, Allyssa Pennington acted quickly and decisively to secure the necessary documentation to facilitate certification for inpatient care. Her awareness of the process and ability to move efficiently ensured there was no delay in connecting the participant with the care they needed.

Importantly, both Tree and Allyssa continued their support beyond the immediate incident by accompanying the participant in the ambulance to the hospital, helping to ensure the individual's safety, continuity of care, and a supportive transition during a critical moment.

Again, thank you for your commitment to this work and to the individuals we serve.

Board Chair presentation to Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Board Chair, Dale Copedge presented Jeanne Pearl-Wright with a plaque that read thank you for your dedicated service as CMHA-CEI Board Chair, April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 presented April 16, 2026.

CEO Lurie thanked Ms. Jeanne Pearl-Wright for stepping into this role shortly after being appointed to the board commenting that her dedication, time and effort to learn and provide support has been so appreciated reporting that much was accomplished during this year as we faced stresses and strain of local funding concerns, made progress on the development of the Crisis Care Center, purchased Executive Drive and dealt with

the PIHP rebid and an uncertain future.

CEO, Lurie expressed much appreciation to Ms. Jeanne Pearl-Wright for her curiosity and leadership during this time and shared that while she moves on from the Chair position, we look forward to her ongoing involvement as a board member.

Welcome New CMHA-CEI Board Member

CEO Lurie reported that Allen Way, CMHA-CEI retiree who previously worked as the Family Forward, Director has been appointed as the Ingham County board representative, effective 4/15/26 – 3/31/27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program & Planning (P&P) Committee

New Expense Contract: Rose Hill Center, Inc.

ACTION:

MOVED by Lisa Alicea and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new contract with Rose Hill Center, Inc., including the provider’s licensed Adult Foster Care facilities as requested and approved by management to meet consumer need, to purchase residential services at the rates below independent of any amount paid to the home for room and board as calculated in the consumer’s ability to pay for the retroactive period of March 16, 2026 through September 30, 2026. The effective date of this contract is contingent upon LARA AFC licensure and HCBS approval.

Facility(ies)		
Facility Name	Facility Address	License Number
Kelly Community Center	5130 Rose Hill Boulevard Holly, MI 48842	AL630007341

Fee Schedule				
Service Description	Billing Code	Modifier	Unit	Rate
Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/ T1020		Per Diem	\$663.00
Treatment Planning	H0032	AH/AE/CO/CQ/HN/HO/	Encounter	\$135.00

& Monitoring		HP/SA/TD/TS		
Health Assessment	T1001	AE/SA/TD	Encounter	\$175.00
RN Health Services	T1002	TD	Up to 15 Minutes	\$75.00
Targeted Case Management	T1017	AF/AG/AH/HN/AE/HO/HP/SA/HM/TD	15 Minutes	\$45.00
Psychiatric Evaluation	90792	AF/SA	Encounter	\$186.00
Psychotherapy, 60 min	90837	AF/AG/SA/AH/HO	60 Minutes	\$70.00
Group Therapy	90853	AF/AG/AH/HO/HP/TD	Encounter	\$45.00
Evaluation and Management of Established Patient	99214	AF/AG/SA	Encounter: 30-39 Minutes	\$98.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Revenue Contract: Network180 - ESPRITO

ACTION:

MOVED by Lisa Alicea and **SUPPORTED** by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new contract with Kent County CMHA dba Network180 to further the goals of the Early-phase Schizophrenia: Practice-based Research to Improve Treatment Outcomes (ESPRITO) project. As a part of the grant project team, CMHA-CEI will hire a Research Assistant to help facilitate the project and carry out grant activities, such as maintaining regulatory documentation, scheduling with participants, completing assessments, data entry, collaboration with the central research team, and supporting participants in the use of new technologies that are part of the E-NAVIGATE treatment model. CMHA-CEI will enter into a contract for the retroactive period of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, and receive \$34,812 for these services.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Renewal Contract: Service Express

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract with Service Express for \$47,227.32 covering the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

One-Time Furniture Purchase for Cedar Roots Recovery

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to purchase (40) units of Brooklyn Metal Single Wardrobe from Furniture Concepts in the amount of \$25,565.60 to support Cedar Roots Recovery program operations and consumer storage needs.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contract: Collier's Architects and Engineers

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new expense contract with Colliers Architects and Engineers to complete conceptual design planning and space analysis for the price of \$45,000.00 as part of CMHA-CEI Master Planning initiative.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Executive Committee

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and **SUPPORTED** by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the Committee Appointments and Committee Chairs effective May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027 as follows:

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meeting Time: 1st Weds Quarterly

5:30 p.m.

(March/June/September/December)

(Secretary: Adama Wurie, 517-346-8208)

Maxine Thome, Chair

Timothy Hanna

Dale Copedge

Dwight Washington

VACANT – Pending new CMHA-CEI Board Member County Assignment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Time: 2nd Weds Monthly

5:30 p.m.

(Secretary: Darby Vermeulen, 517-346-8285)

Tim Hanna, Chair

Paula Yensen

Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Ryan Sebolt

Dwight Washington

Lisa Alicea

VACANT – Pending new CMHA-CEI Board Member County Assignment.

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Time: 2nd Monday Monthly

5:30 p.m.

(Secretary: Darby Vermeulen, 517-346-8285)

Lisa Alicea, Chair

Daniel Arnold

Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Dianne Holman

Jason White

Ryan Sebolt

RECIPIENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Meeting Time: 1st Thursday Quarterly

5:30 p.m.

(Secretary: Lynn McLaughlin, 517-887-5234)

Dale Copedge, Chair

Daniel Arnold
Maxine Thome
*Francisco Vaca
*Tina Bertram
*Lori Gorbis

COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

Meeting Time: 4th Monday Bimonthly

5:30 p.m.

(Secretary: Emily Wollner, 517-346-9512)

Dianne Holman, Chair

Jason White

Lisa Alicea

Paula Yensen

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mid-State Health Network Board Appointment

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and SUPPORTED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties CMHA-CEI accept the nomination of Dwight Washington as the Mid-State Health Network Board Appointment effective May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Mid-State Health Network Board Appointment

ACTION:

MOVED by Dale Copedge and SUPPORTED by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties CMHA-CEI accept the nomination of Jason White as the Mid-State Health Network Board Appointment effective May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2028.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Community Access Committee

- Dianne Holman, Committee Chair announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m., G11-C conference room

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

CEO Suggested Salary Scale FY2027

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the Chief Executive Officer Suggested Salary Scale FY2027 for the Chief Executive Officer job search as presented by staff at the April CEO Search Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 as follows:

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
\$81.22	\$85.96	\$90.70	\$95.44	\$100.17	\$104.91	\$109.65

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment

CMHA-CEI Board Secretary, Dwight Washington announced as a friendly reminder for those who have not participated in the 2046 CMH PAC campaign and would like to be in the running for 12 Detroit Tiger suite tickets on Sunday, July 26 at 1:40 pm vs Kansas City Royals you must have a minimum total contribution of \$500 for your agency. The drawing will take place the week of June 23, so get your contributions in ASAP.

Your donations to the CMH PAC help support candidates who are supportive of CMHAM efforts. The money that is raised for the CMH PAC helps raise awareness for advocacy issues. As you know, the threat of privatization still remains. CMHAM will have to remain vigilant and ready to fight potential threats.

If interested, please click on the link below to donate:

<https://cmham.org/public-policy/cmh-pac/>

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and will take place at CMHA-CEI, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI 48910.

Minutes Submitted by:

Aleshia Echols, Executive Administrative Assistant

