



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, July 17, 2025

5:30 pm

**DeWitt Charter Township, Board Room
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820**

Staff Present (Via Zoom)

Shana Badgley, Joanne Holland, Drew Kersjes, Elise Magen, Sue McCarthy, Sue Panetta, Jennifer Stanley, Gwenda Summers

Excused

KC Brown

Staff Present (In-Person)

Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie, Jana Baylis

Public Present (In-person)

None.

Public Present (via Zoom)

Daniel Arnold, CAC Representative

Union Representation

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Jeanne Pearl-Wright at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call:

Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Dale Copedge, Dwight Washington, Raul Gonzales, Tim Hanna, Dianne Holman, Ryan Sebolt, Maxine Thome, Jason White, Paula Yensen

Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom

None.

Excused:

Paul Palmer, Al Platt

Previous Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

MOVED by Paula Yensen and SUPPORTED by Tim Hanna that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the June 26, 2025 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda:

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) approve the July 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

CAC Representative Update

Daniel Arnold, CAC Representative provided the July, 2025 CAC Report, which included the following highlights:

- Recommendation of two candidates by the Consumer Advisory Council (CAC), referred to the Program & Planning Committee for approval.
- Review of the community board content policy for the CMH Main Building.
- Rescheduling of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Presentation
- Voices Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

- Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk - October 4, Hawk Island Park
- NAMI Walk – September 27 @ 10am, Grand Rapids, MI
- [Potter Park Zoo Event, September 13th from 10am to 1pm](#)

There were no recommendations to the Board of Directors from CAC.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025 @ 3:30 pm.

Mid-State Health Network Update

CMHA-CEI Board of Director, Tim Hanna reported that MSHN received new rate projections for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan and are now projecting a \$35M increase in current year revenues. If this projection is correct it would result in an estimated \$11.5M of surplus regarding the competitive Procurement of PHIPs - MSHN has reviewed its options relative to their ability to meet the bid qualifications.

Unfortunately, they do not currently see a way forward. Their focus has now shifted towards advocating that the MDHHS rethink their position on the procurement process and who would be eligible to bid.

CEO Report

CEO, Sara Lurie presented the corrected version of the July CEO Report, notifying board members that a hard copy of the report was sent earlier today. Highlights from the report included the following:

CEO Vacation Coverage

Special thank you to KC Brown, ITRS Director, for serving as Acting CEO during a recent vacation as well as to all of the Directors Group.

Key Federal Medicaid Changes and Timelines

From National Council for Wellbeing Capitol Connector-July 11, 2025: After months of tense negotiations and several marathon voting sessions, Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) last week; President Trump signed it into law on July 4. The new law contains the bulk of the Republican domestic policy agenda for the current Congress, partially offsetting the cost of tax cuts and other spending items through new restrictions on Medicaid and other programs.

The new law will result in significant funding reductions to Medicaid, many phased in over the next decade. A few of the most damaging provisions for access to care include new work requirements, more frequent eligibility redeterminations, provider tax

limitations and penalties to states for erroneous payments made to ineligible individuals. For more, see a [detailed breakdown of all health care-related provisions in the new law](#).

Crisis Care Center

CMHA-CEI Crisis Care Center You Are Not Alone Segment – As a result of the press release issued by Piper and Gold on our behalf in May, we were recently contacted by WILZ to join us for a visit to the Crisis Care Center site to learn more about the service that will be housed there and to see the progress being made on the facility renovation. John Peiffer, Facilities Supervisor, Gwenda Summers, Director of Families Forward joined me as WILX toured the site with us. Granger Construction Managers were also on hand to answer questions and to ensure safety as we toured with the WILX Reporters. Please use this link to view the story that aired in early July.

<https://www.wilx.com/2025/07/03/construction-halfway-complete-new-crisis-care-center-lansing/>

Board member, Raul Gonzales inquired as to whether anyone had seen a recent news story regarding UM Sparrow and psychiatric beds related to a new partner out of Baltimore MD-Sheppard Pratt, in the management of existing psychiatric unit and the development of the new planned facility on the former site of Eastern High School? CEO, Lurie will look into this and send out the link to the story.

ACTION: CEO, Lurie will look into this and send out the link to the story.

MDHHS PIHP Rebid

This continues to be a major concern with intensified advocacy efforts underway. In June, Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham County Commissions all passed resolutions against the rebid that will be sent to the Governor, local legislators, and Director Elizabeth Hertel in effort to delay or halt the MDHHS plan to issue an RFP this summer. Efforts include mobilizing advocacy groups and legislators to encourage MDHHS to engage in a redesign planning effort with key stakeholders to strengthen the current public system rather than going out for a competitive rebid that threatens to privatize the system. We continue to both advocate to stop the procurement and also work as a region to explore legal issues surrounding the rebid and to study how we may join with other CMH's in the proposed new Central Region to create a new entity that can meet necessary

requirements to participate in the rebid if it goes forward. Please view this link for a recent news article that featured Maribeth Leonard, CEO of Lifeways (Jackson County). <https://michiganadvance.com/2025/07/15/critics-say-michigans-plan-to-open-mental-health-contracts-to-bidding-will-outsource-local-care/>

Board Member, Paula Yensen commented on how well written the letter not supporting the potential configuration was by Maribeth Leonard from Lifeways following the Ed Woods press release stating that she did an excellent job laying it out in an understandable manner.

ACTION: PIHP focus has changed and they have tabled any future projects going forward at this time while Joe Sedlock has continued to pursue with other PIHPs, Urban Cooperation Action – create an entity that could bid.

CEO, Sara Lurie shared that Bob Sheehan, CMHAM received a request to meet with Governor Whitmere and Elizabeth Hertel to discuss redesign without an RFP. Once RFP is released, no further discussion will be able to take place. The worry is the way that the qualifications to bid are written, it appears that they are seeking to attract health plans.

CEO, Sara Lurie reported that MSHN CEOs were advised to not join or be part of creating anything new! Therefore, there are no bylaws or proposals being brought forth this evening. One group met with the Medicaid Director with the State to share concerns and educate her on what has been put out so far, and the concern that it is looking like a privatization and shared how it will disrupt (stop, delay or change) nature of what CMHs do! There seems to be a lack of understanding of the importance of local management.

July Employee of the Month

CMHA-CEI employee of the month for July, 2025 is Charlotte Trendel, Mental Health Worker at Crisis Services in Adult Mental Health Services.

Virtual Elected & Appointed Officials Meeting Agenda - Monday, July 28 12 – 1pm

CEO, Sara Lurie shared that the Agenda the following updates:

- PHIP rebid
- Medicaid changes
- Zero Suicide Presentation

Upcoming Events

- Potters Park Zoo Event – September 13, 2025.

Board member, Paula Yensen expressed frustration with the federal strategy to save money by putting eligibility and work requirements in place, and shared her personal experience as it relates to Medicaid and the importance of offering educational opportunities for Medicaid recipients.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program & Planning Committee

New Expense Contract: Simken Adult Foster Care Homes

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and **SUPPORTED** by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new contract with Patti Holland of Simken Adult Foster Care Homes, 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 period of July 19, 2025 through September 30, 2025. The effective date of this contract is contingent upon LARA AFC licensure and HCBS approval.

Facilities		
Name	Address	License Number
Lansing Adult Foster Care	3600 Simken Drive Lansing, MI 48910	TBD
Pleasant View AFC	3016 Risdale Lansing, MI 48911	TBD
Simken Adult Foster Care	3600 Simken Lansing, MI 48910	TBD

Fee Schedule				
Service Level	Service Description	Billing Code	Unit	Rate
Level II A	Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	\$135.65
Level II AA	Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	\$159.04

Level II AAA	Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	\$182.70
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MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

2025 Mid-State Health Network Corporate Compliance Plan

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the adoption of the 2025 Mid-State Health Network Compliance Plan.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contract Targeted Case Management – Community Living Services

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new contract with Community Living Services to purchase services indicated at the rates below for the period of July 11, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Agency Name	Address	Service
Community Living Services	35425 Michigan Avenue West Wayne, Michigan 48184	Targeted Case Management

Service Description	Code	Modifier	Modifier	Modifier	Unit	Rate
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Targeted Case Management	T1017	HN			15 Minute	\$300 Start-up Rate 7/11/25 – 1/31/26
Targeted Case Management	T1017	HO			15 Minute	\$300 Start-up Rate 7/11/25 – 1/31/26
Targeted Case Management	T1017	HN			15 Minute	\$110 Ongoing Rate 2/1/26 – ongoing
Targeted Case Management	T1017	HO			15 Minute	\$110 Ongoing Rate 2/1/26 – ongoing

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CMHA-CEI Consumer Advisory Council Recommended Appointees

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to appoint the following individuals named to serve as members of the Consumer Advisory Council.

- Michelle LaLone, for a 2-year term, to expire on 8/31/2027
- Jacob Sewell, for a 2-year term, to expire on 08/31/2027

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Renewal Contract: Productive Corporation Expense Renewal Contract:

Productive Corporation – Arcserve Maintenance

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Paula Yensen that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract with Productive Corporation for \$27,280.83 and cover Arcserve maintenance from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Expense Contract to Purchase Building and Property at 5913 Executive Drive

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Dwight Washington that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to purchase 5913 Executive Drive Lansing, Michigan 48911, in the amount of \$3,400,000.00 from LAG (LaFontaine Auto Group) Executive Drive, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company of 4000 West Highland Road Highland, Michigan 48357 and complete the purchase within the next 60 to 90 days.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Expense Contract to Purchase Wieland Group Home

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Paula Yensen that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to:

- purchase Wieland Group Home with an address of 1520 Wieland Lansing, Michigan 48906, from Sko (Roseanne) Damitter Schaefer, whose address is 905 Glenwood Terrace Anniston, Alabama 36207, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Frederick Schaefer (as Seller) for the purchase price of \$50,000.00 and complete the closing within the next 90 days.

Expense Contract: HVAC Enhancements to Server Room 812 Jolly Road

- enter into an expense contract with Andersen Service at 201 Hosmer Street Lansing, Michigan 48912 off the State of Michigan MIDeal Program for this HVAC project in the amount of \$139,800.00 to enhance the existing HVAC System in the 812 Jolly Road server room.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Revenue Lease Contract Renewal: 838 Louisa St. Suite A Lansing, Michigan

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Raul Gonzales that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to:

- renew the revenue lease contract of property at 838 Louisa Street Lansing, Michigan in Ingham County to the Office and Professional Employees International Union OPEIU – Local 459 whose current address is 838 Louisa Street Suite A Lansing, Michigan for the period of August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028

and receive a total sum over the three year period of \$84,834.77 at monthly installments as noted above to be received on or before the first of each month.

Revenue Contract Renewal: City of Lansing

- enter into a contract renewal with The City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department for the retroactive period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and receive \$40,000 in funding for those services.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4535 Bittersweet: Remove and Replace Asphalt Driveway

ACTION:

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Ryan Sebolt that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to:

- enter into an expense contract with TomCo Asphalt, Inc. 3694 W. Columbia Rd Mason, MI 48854 for this asphalt project in the amount of \$32,968.00 to replace the driveway at Bittersweet Group Home at 4535 Bittersweet Lansing, MI 48917.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Community Access Committee

The next meeting will be on July 28 @ 5:30, @ CMHA-CEI, 812 E. Jolly Road, G11-C conference room.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Closed Session

ACTION:

MOVED by Ryan Sebolt and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to go into closed session, OPEIU Local 459 and Local 512 Negotiations, under Section 8 (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA, MCL 15.268 (h) at 6:15pm.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Closed Session

ACTION:

MOVED by Maxine Thome and **SUPPORTED** by Raul Gonzales that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to move out of closed session at 7:01pm.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Announcement

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025 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

