



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Community Mental Health Authority- CEI  
Barry Eaton District Health Department  
(Lower Level Conference Room)  
1033 Health Care Drive  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
Thursday, June 26, 2025  
5:30 pm**

**Staff Present (Via Zoom)**

**Shana Badgley, Joanne Holland, Elise Magen, Sue Panetta, John Peiffer, Gwenda Summers, Jennifer Stanley**

**Excused**

**Jana Baylis, KC Brown**

**Staff Present (In-Person)**

**Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie, Drew Kersjes**

**Public Present (In-person)**

**None.**

**Public Present (via Zoom)**

**Daniel Arnold, CAC Representative**

**James Davis, 5913 Executive Drive Building Engineer**

**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, Tim Hanna, Dianne Holman, Paul Palmer, Al Platt, Raul Gonzalez, Jason White, Paula Yensen

**Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom**

None.

**Excused:**

Ryan Sebolt, Maxine Thome

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

**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 May 22, 2025 meeting minutes adding board members Raul Gonzales and Ryan Sebolt to the roll call attendance listing.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda:**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Paula Yensen and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) Amend the June 26, 2025 meeting Agenda as follows:

1. Removing New Business Item XI, Agenda Item #5, entitled: 5913 Executive Drive
2. Adding 5913 Executive Drive under X., Unfinished Business as Agenda Item #1, entitled: 5913 Executive Drive Update by John Peiffer.
3. Community Access Committee Meeting date correction from June 27 to Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm, G11-C

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**Public Comment:**

**None.**

**CAC Representative Update**

**Daniel Arnold, CAC Representative provided the June 5th, 2025 CAC Report, which included the following highlights:**

**Zero Suicide**

Joel Hoepfner, Prevention and Outreach Coordinator, presented on Zero Suicide.

**AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk Team Planning**

The Lansing Out of the Darkness walk is scheduled for 10/4.

**ACTION: The CMHA-CEI prevention staff will form a team that is open to staff, consumers and community members.**

**Medicaid Roundtable Event Held on May 21, 2025**

Protect MI Care was on site to share concerns about threats to Medicaid funding. CAC viewed Taperra's speech and appreciated that she shared specific numbers regarding costs.

**Potential New CAC Members**

Three (3) New Potential New CAC Members were in attendance.

**Save the Dates/Announcements**

- Annual Potter Park Zoom Event, Saturday, September 13, 2025. More details to come.

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

**The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd, 2025 @ 3:30 pm. However, members discussed and opted to change the date to Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be held via Zoom.**

### Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Update:

Tim Hanna and Paul Palmer reported that the next meeting scheduled for July 1, 2025.

### CEO Report

CEO, Sara Lurie presented the June CEO Report. Highlights from the report included the following:

- **Special Thank you to Board Members for their attendance at the recent CMHA-CEI Annual Employee Appreciation Event held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as to the Special Projects Committee members:**

Jana Baylis	Susan Greer, 512 Member
Darlene Cole	Kristin Rivet
Aleshia Echols, G.A. Member	Shawna Schmidt
Amanda Ernst	Becki West-Russell, 459 Member
Jeffrey Franckowiak	Tamah Winzeler

- **Capitol Vigil to Protect MI Care**

Sara reported that she was thrilled to see that Protect MI Care had reached out to those individuals who spoke at the roundtable event on May 21, which included Paul Miller, CMHA-CEI Charter House Club Member; Nate Dunbar, Peer Recovery Mentor Coach and Taperra Riddle, Consumer Advisory Council Member were asked to speak during the Capitol Vigil on June 25 @ 6pm.

- **PIHP Rebid Process**

Special thank you to Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Dwight Washington, Tim Hanna and Ryan Sebolt for their advocacy and helping to educate regarding the resolutions which were passed by Clinton, Eaton and Clinton counties as Joe Sedlock and Richard Carpenter figure out how to submit an RFP for the bidding process since none of the current PIHPs are eligible to apply. The proposals being considered are as follows:

### Proposal 1 – MSHN Proposal

Joe Sedlock continues to work on the MSHN proposal and meet with a number of CMH CEOs to see if there is any support, as this would involve all CMHs to work together to create a new entity and pulling together discretionary dollars to fund the cost since the local PIHPs do not have any available local dollars.

## Proposal 2

Richard Carpenter's proposal to create a new entity and help protect public system by a couple of CMHs from each PIHP to partner with Rehmann to meet qualifications to submit a request for proposal.

**ACTION:** Board Member, Tim Hanna requested to see more details regarding private/public structure, financing, the role of the CMH for the new entity and how this will affect CCBHCs; as the new entity bylaws would need to be brought forward at the July 17<sup>th</sup> CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Meeting. Additionally, the board members would like a better understanding of governing; as there is some concern regarding Conflict of Interest.

**ACTION:** Resolutions will be sent to the Elizabeth Hertel, Governor's Office, and Lieutenant Governor's office. Additionally, will continue to promote advocacy via Action Alerts to staff, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding the National Counsel of Well-Being and the issue of taxation and the affect this will have on community hospitals in rural areas.

- 5913 Executive Drive

Discussion ensued in preparation for this item to be added as an Action item to the July Finance Committee Meeting Agenda; contingent upon the outcome of the building assessment.

**ACTION:** Item to be added as an Action item to the July Finance Committee Meeting Agenda; contingent upon the outcome of the building assessment.

- Rates/Budget

Not expecting State budget/rates until early September.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Program & Planning Committee

Meeting canceled due to lack of Agenda items.

### Finance Committee

Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum.

**Human Resources Committee**  
**Second Quarter EEO Report**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Dwight Washington and SUPPORTED by Paul Palmer that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the First Quarter EEO Report from January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Labor Relations Second Quarter Grievance Report**  
**First Quarter Labor Relations Grievance Report**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Dwight Washington and SUPPORTED by Paul Palmer that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the First Quarter Grievance Report from January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Select dates and time for Human Resources Committee, effective May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Dwight Washington and SUPPORTED by Al Platt that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the selected dates and times effective for dates May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 for the Human Resources Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Recipient Rights Committee**  
**Recipient Rights Quarterly Report: January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Paul Palmer and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the Recipient Rights Quarterly Report for the period of January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

### Selection of Recipient Rights Committee 2025-2026 Vice Chair

#### ACTION:

MOVED by Paul Palmer and SUPPORTED by Tim Hanna that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) accept the Recipient Rights selection of Al Platt for the 2025 – 2026 Vice Chair position.

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

#### 5913 Executive Drive Update

John Peiffer, Properties and Facilities Manager shared with the board that we are awaiting the pre-purchase inspection so that we have a building assessment to determine the condition of the building, HVAC system and any immediate repair costs prior to moving forward, reporting that there are back-up generators that were installed in 2007 with only 500 hours on them, so they are in pretty good shape. Additionally, there are six cooling towers supporting the building which have leaks, which is a concern so we would be looking at replacing one or two within the first year and establishing a replacement cycle.

Discussion ensued regarding use of space. CEO, Lurie advised that Directors have shared program adjacency requests and we are considering all children and adult programs in same location. However, the first step is to complete the evaluation, then take a look at financing.

ACTION: John Peiffer will compile data to share with Sara, Amy and Sue prior to presenting recommendations, building use report and estimate for purchase at the July Finance Committee and Board Meetings.

### New Business

#### ACTION:

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

**Expense Contract Amendment: Protocall Services, Inc.**

- amend the contracted dollar amount with Protocall Services, Inc. to purchase afterhours phone screenings to determine if a call is routine (handled by Access next business day) or urgent (needing Crisis Services intervention), as required by MDHHS and MSHN contracts, from Protocall Services, Inc. starting June 1, 2025 (pre-paid one month in advance) and now pay \$2,700 monthly for 100 monthly prepaid calls and an additional call charge of \$29.50 for those services.

**New Expense Contract: VistaIT Group, eBay**

- purchase equipment from VistaIT, and eBay for the purpose of upgrading the agency SAN for the cost of \$193,160.

**New Expense Contract: Insight, Microsoft**

- purchase M365 licenses through our licensing partner Insight for the cost \$119,335.33.

**Expense Renewal Contract: Service Express**

- enter into a contract with Service Express for \$47,066.88 covering the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Expense Contract Lease Renewal: 5850 Holt Road, Delhi Township**

- lease 5850 Holt Road from Tariq M. Faridi M.D. for a three-year period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028 and pay \$26,560.80 per year, payable in installments of \$2213.40 per month to provide a residential home to serving six consumers.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

**New Revenue Contract: Clinton County – Opioid Settlement Funds**

**ACTION:**

**MOVED** by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Dianne Holman 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 Clinton County to provide care for individuals in Clinton County and receive \$121,702.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 for those services.

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**



**Acceptance of Budget Principles and Budget Development Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

**ACTION:**

**MOVED** by Tim Hanna and **SUPPORTED** by Al Platt that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to accept the Budget Principles and Budget Development Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Announcement**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., and will take place at DeWitt Charter Township, Board Room, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820.

**Minutes Submitted by:**

**Aleshia Echols, Executive Administrative Assistant**

