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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, July 16, 2026
5:43 pm
DeWitt Charter Township
1401 W. Herbison Road, Board room
DeWitt, MI 48820

Staff Present (Via Zoom)
Shana Badgley, Jordan Dotson, Drew Kersjes, Lynn McLaughlin, Elise Magen, Jennifer Stanley, Sue McCarthy, Sue Panetta

Excused:
Jana Baylis
KC Brown
Brandon Dotson

Staff Present (In-Person)
Aleshia Echols
Sara Lurie
Morgan McKittrick
Gwenda Summers

Public Present (In-Person)
Adam Cramton

Public Present (via Zoom)
Luna Brown (she/her), CAC Representative

Union Representation
None.

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Dale Copedge at 5:38 pm.

Roll Call:
Dale Copedge, Dianne Holman, Lisa Alicea, Daniel Arnold, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Maxine Thome, Jason White, Allen Way

Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom
None.

Excused:
Tim Hanna
Ryan Sebolt
Dr. Dwight Washington
Dr. Paula Yensen

Adoption of Meeting Minutes:
ACTION:
MOVED by Dale Copedge and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the June 18, 2026, regular Meeting Minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Amended Meeting Agenda:
ACTION:
MOVED by Dale Copedge and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) approve the July 16 2026, regular Meeting Agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda
None.

CAC Representative Update
CAC Representative, Luna Brown provided a snapshot of the July 9, 2026 meeting. Highlights included:

- **Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT) CCBHC Focus Group**
  CAC members participated in a focus group facilitated by the Center for Health and Research Transformation. They shared good and bad experiences receiving services from a CMH, pros and cons or the current system, and changes they'd like to see in the future.

- **Revisit Upcoming Agenda Items**
  CHRT's research intends to inform the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and other participating Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) on the impact and areas of improvement for CCBHCs from the perspective of those who received services.

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

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 3:30 pm., and will be held via Zoom.

Mid-State Health Network Update
CMHA-CEI Board of Director member, Jason White reported that MSHN meet in July and reported that Joe Sedlock is currently on extended leave of absence. Amanda Ittner has been identified as the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in his absence.

CEO Report
Final FY27 Budget
CEO Lurie shared that in her written report she included summary of the final FY27 State Budget reporting that we were disappointed to see that the boilerplate language protecting the public system from MDHHS policy changes without legislative approval was not included in the final budget. Additionally, she reported that she receives a version that compares funding over the past 3 years to more clearly se where the numbers have declined, which included:

- **General Fund being flat, reporting that this is already a problem that will expand going forward when people begin to fall off Medicaid.**
- **Reductions in SUD funding**
- **Reductions in Healthy Michigan Funding (most impacted by changes coming)**

Despite the budget being finalized in early July, CEO Lurie reported that we are hearing that we will likely not get the Medicaid rates for FY27 from MDHHS until the end of August. This means that we will still be using preliminary budget revenue estimates throughout the budget process.

Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 4:30 just prior to the August board meeting, G11-C conference room.

Thursday, July 9th Incident Review Process, 2nd Floor Jolly Road Building

CEO Lurie reported that following the incident that day, there was an initial review with facilities leadership, myself, and Drew Kersjes, Director of CSDD and AMHS Supervisor, Liz Parker, to establish the timelines and activities that occurred during the event and next steps in the review process which included:

- **Friday, CEO Lurie met with an employee who was injured and worked with Piper and Gold on a media statement. Additional security coverage was put in place on-site at Jolly Road for Friday and on-site CISM support on Friday morning and Monday afternoon.**
- **Facilities Management Team met on Monday to review and debrief Coordinator and Supervisor for incident process.**
- **CEO Lurie met with John Peiffer and Jordan Dotson for an update on Wednesday**
- **They were still planning on meeting with the reception and security staff on-site that day, Pharmacy, and other leadership staff who were involved in assisting police during the lockdown.**

While we never want to see any of our employees injured, CEO Lurie shared that she is grateful that our staff member was not seriously injured and that the individual left the building immediately with no other incidents and was later taken into custody by police. There were many staff who stepped in to assist and to communicate the lock down status.

CEO Lurie reported that overall, we had difficulty smoothly communicating that we were in a lock down status in a timely manner. This was frustrating; reporting that we have taken some immediate steps to resolve the problem, which include:

- **Conducting quarterly lockdown drills**
- **Continued effort to train staff in Handle with Care**
- **Exploration of panic buttons for all staff (currently set to pilot this at the Crisis Care Center)**
- **Point Person with back up in each program**
- **Nurses Go Bag in several building locations**
- **Update our Crisis Communication Procedure**
- **Incident review will be written up, and we will be seeking a 3rd party review to assist in reviewing it and recommending any other actions in facilities to improve prevention and response to incidents.**

Thank you to the CEO Board Search Committee

CEO Lurie thanked the CMHA-CEI Board Search Committee, Human Resources led by Jana Baylis, and Morgan McKittrick, Aleshia Echols and all of our Board Members for the time, consideration and diligence in completing the CEO Search. I look forward to transitioning with the incoming CEO, Gwenda Summers over the next few months starting August 1, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Program & Planning Committee

New Expense Contract: Origami Rehabilitation

ACTION:

MOVED by Lisa Alicea 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 expense contract with Origami Rehabilitation to purchase clinical services at the rate below for the retroactive period of June 15, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

Fee Schedule				
Service Description	**Billing Code**	**Modifier**	**Unit**	**Base Rate**
Sensorimotor Assessment	N/A	N/A	Per Encounter	$250.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contract: Kind Horizon AFC

ACTION:

MOVED by Lisa Alicea and SUPPORTED by Jason White 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 Kind Horizon AFC, 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 June 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026. The effective date of this contract is contingent upon LARA AFC licensure and HCBS approval.

Facility(ies)		
Name	**Address**	**License Number**
Kind Horizon AFC	3927 W Willow, Lansing, MI 48917	AF330419654

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	$139.67
Level II AA	Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	$164.04
Level II AAA	Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	$188.41

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contract: Stephens Home

ACTION:

MOVED by Lisa Alicea 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 Stephens Home, 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 June 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. The effective date of this contract is contingent upon LARA AFC licensure and HCBS approval.

Facility(ies)		
Name	**Address**	**License Number**
Admiral Care	91 Christy Rd Battle Creek, MI 49015	AS13041881
Stephens Home	146 Fenton St. Battle Creek, MI 49037	AS930415473

Fee Schedule			
Service Description	**Billing Code**	**Unit**	**Rate**
Community Living Supports and Personal Care in Licensed Specialized Residential Setting	H2016/T1020	Per Diem	420.5

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Contract Amendment: Iris Telehealth Medical Group, PA

ACTION:

MOVED by Jeannie Pearl-Wright 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 authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract amendment with Iris Telehealth Medical Group, PA to purchase telepsychiatry services for the retroactive period of January 26, 2026, to September 30, 2026, and pay the rates listed below for up to 700 hours per month.

Services Type	Hourly Rate*
Telepsychiatry Services provided by an Adult Psychiatrist	$212 – $248 per hour
Telepsychiatry Services provided by a Child Psychiatrist	$235 – $270 per hour

*For a multi-lingual clinician and/or for "specialty providers", an additional charge of $10.00 per hour will be added to the rate. For supervision, an additional charge of $20 per hour will be added to the rate.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Special CMHA CEI Board of Directors Meeting

Board Chair, Dale Copedge provided an update from the July 8th, 2026 CEO Selection Committee regarding the recommendation of candidate, Gwenda Summers

Unfinished Business

HR Manager, Morgan McKittrick distributed copies of the CMHA-CEI, Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract for review and discussion. Following the review, Board member, Lisa Alicea, inquired as to which Step Ms. Summers will start on? Board Chair, Dale Copedge advised, Step 3. Additionally, it was pointed out that the effective date on the Fact Sheet read as Monday, August 17, 2015, and should have read,

Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

ACTION: HR Manager, Morgan McKittrick will make this correction.

Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract
ACTION:
MOVED by Dale Copedge 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 approve the attached employment contract for the Chief Executive Officer position and authorize Human Resources to move forward and present the contract to Ms. Summers as the formal offer of employment incorporating the corrections noted above.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Business
Aleshia Echols shared that although we typically host retirement celebrations at the Jolly Road location in hopes that it will increase participation, she suggested hosting the upcoming CEO retirement reception at the Executive Drive location as this will provide an opportunity for staff who have not yet had an opportunity to visit the building to see the building and enjoy an evening of celebration with outgoing CEO, Sara Lurie.

ACTION:
Aleshia will work with members of the board to coordinate CEO, Lurie's retirement reception celebration scheduled for October 1, 2026 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Public Comment
Incoming Chief Executive Officer, Gwenda Summers thanked the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors; Chief Human Resources Officer, Jana Baylis; HR Manager, Morgan McKittrick, and Executive Administrative Assistant, Aleshia Echols for all the time and diligence put into the process and for their attendance at all of the extra meetings required during this process, sharing that she is honored and deeply excited and looking forward to working with outgoing CEO, Sara Lurie, CMHA-CEI Board of Directors and Consumer Advisory Council members as we move forward to carry on the amazing work that has already been accomplished.

Board Chair, Dale Copedge thanked the CMHA-CEI board members for their commitment and dedication to the process and once again thanked Jana, Morgan and Aleshia for their administrative support throughout the process.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:
Aleshia Echols, Executive Administrative Assistant