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PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9th, 2026

5:30 p.m.

812 E. Jolly Rd, G11-C

Lansing, MI 48910

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94026869514>

Meeting ID: 940 2686 9514

Committee Members Present:

Lisa Alicea

Daniel Arnold

Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Jason White

Committee Members Excused:

Ryan Sebolt

Dianne Holman

Staff Present

Darby Vermeulen, Sara Lurie, Drew Kersjes, Elise Magen, Gwenda Summers, Dr.

Jennifer Stanley

Other Board Members Present:

Dwight Washington

Public Present:

Michelle Lalone

Others Present

None

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Alicea at 5:30 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOVED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright and SUPPORTED by Jason White to approve the Program and Planning Committee meeting minutes of February 9th, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOVED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright and SUPPORTED by Daniel Arnold to adopt the agenda of March 9th, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

New Expense Contract: Guardianship and Alternatives, Inc.

Drew Kersjes presented this item. An out of county consumer is seeking guardianship.

ACTION:

MOVED by Jason White and SUPPORTED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a new contract with Guardianship and Alternatives, Inc. to purchase services indicated at the rates below for the period of March 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

Agency Name	Address	Service
Guardianship and Alternatives, Inc.	P.O. Box 240 Dowagiac, MI 49047	Guardianship Services

Services as approved by Program Liaison	Amount per month per consumer
Guardianship Services without Payee Services	\$78.00
Guardianship Services with Payee Services	\$83.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Expense Contract: Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel

Gwenda Summers presented this contract for a conference venue for the annual MDHHS Evidence-Based Practice Conference on May 4-6, 2027.

ACTION:

MOVED by Jeanne Pearl-Wright and **SUPPORTED** by Daniel Arnold that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract with Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel and pay no more than \$97,400 for those services for the period of May 4, 2027, through May 6, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

2026 CMHA-CEI Quality Improvement Program Plan, 2025 Quality Improvement Program Plan Effectiveness Report, 2026 Mid-State Health Network Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program and the 2025 Annual Effectiveness and Evaluation Report

Elise Magen presented these plans and reports. She provided an update on the changes in the quality plan including changes in performance indicators in the quality plan and changes to CCBHC.

Elise also noted that last year, we had a higher response rate to our satisfaction survey, which we always aim to do.

Daniel Arnold wondered about the homicide noted in the 2025 report. Elise said we are required to report any deaths of an open client at CEI. Dr. Stanley recalled that this homicide was not while the person was in staff care nor when someone was under the care of one of our contractors.

ACTION:

MOVED by Jason White and **SUPPORTED** by Jeanne Pearl-Wright that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to approve the following resolutions:

- The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties approve the adoption of the 2026 CMHA-CEI Quality Improvement Program Plan and the 2025 Quality Improvement Program Plan Effectiveness Report.
- The Program and Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties approve the adoption of the 2026 Mid-State Health Network Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program and the 2025 Annual Effectiveness and Evaluation Report

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Unfinished Business

a. Crisis Stabilization Unit Update – Sara Lurie

Sara said all Board members should have received a tour invite for the new facility! Furniture and artwork installation is still happening. We also need a certificate of occupancy yet. Sara said a lot of tours have been scheduled starting in mid-March; staff whose programs will be housed in the new building will be touring the week of March 16th, and the week of March 23rd will be the stakeholder tours. This includes the Board, the CAC, and NAMI. Sara said she also sent two dates to the entire elected and appointed officials list; Board members can choose which date they would like to attend. CEI and the State have been working with the Tri-County Medical Control Authority who gives permission to transport to the Crisis Care Center. Dr. Stanley

said there is also a CMS rule change regarding the Control Authority being able to receive payment for transportation.

Sara said we are also trying to get all certification documents submitted by the end of March for MDHHS review. They are coming on-site to see the facility and meet staff in June, and the final certification will happen in July. In the meantime, we are trying to hire staff. There is one candidate for the Assistant Medical Director position. Positions are being posted internally, as well.

Lisa asked about the food for the CCC? Sara said there was an RFP for food services with interviews last week. There is a beautiful commercial kitchen in the building. Bridges will still have their own kitchen, but the rest of the building will be served through the central kitchen.

Discussion ensued about the changes in Medicaid starting next year and how/when CEI may start to feel effects of this.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Program and Planning Committee meeting is Monday, April 13th, 2026, at 5:30pm, 812 E. Jolly Rd, conference room G11-C.

Minutes Submitted by:

Darby Vermeulen

Finance Administrative Assistant