



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HYBRID MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, August 21, 2025

5:30 pm

CMHA-CEI

812 E. Jolly Road, G11-C

Lansing, MI 48910

Staff Present (Via Zoom)

KC Brown, Shana Badgley, Joanne Holland, Elise Magen, Sue McCarthy, Gwenda Summers, Jennifer Stanley

Excused

None.

Staff Present (In-Person)

Aleshia Echols, Sara Lurie, Jana Baylis, Sue Panetta, Drew Kersjes

Public Present (In-person)

Elizabeth Pratt, NAMI

Public Present (via Zoom)

Daniel Arnold, CAC Representative

Michelle LaLone, CAC Member

Union Representation

None.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Jeanne Pearl-Wright at 5:32 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Board Member(s) Attending via Zoom

None.

Excused:

Paul Palmer
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 July 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as written.

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 August 21, 2025 Meeting Agenda with the following Amendments adding item #4. Mid State Bylaw Amendment and moving the following new business items to close session:

1. CEO Authorizations on actions related to the MDHHS PIHP Rebid, and
2. CMHAM Special Assessment Payment

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

CAC Representative Update

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

- CAC members shared their thanks to Gordon for his contributions to the CAC as

this was Gordon's last meeting for now due to term limits. Gordon has served for six years on CAC.

- DEI and the addition of "J" for Justice (DEIJ)
- List of CAC Accomplishments and focus throughout the next year (please refer to the August 7, CAC Meeting Minutes for details.
- Focus Areas of Discussion
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Walk Team Planning and Fundraiser opportunity.
- Review Program & Planning Agenda

The following updates were provided:

- FY26 Budget Public Hearing
- MSHN Regional Consumer Advisory Council (RCAC)
- Certified Community Behavioral (CCBHS)
- CMHA-CEI Crisis Care Center (CCC)
- Legislative updates – Bid Beautiful Bill
- Eaton County Updates

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Potter Park Zoo Event, September 13th from 10am to 1pm
- Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes Rally, Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 12:30 – 3:00 pm
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Lansing is attending the NAMIWalks in Grand Rapids, MI, on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 am at Davenport University. Pending transportation via bus. More details to come.
- The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (ASFP) Out of the Darkness Community Walk, Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Hawk Island.

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

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025 @ 3:30 pm.

Mid-State Health Network Update

CMHA-CEI Board of Director, Tim Hanna reported that MSHN has not met since the last CMHA-CEI Board of Director's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2025.

CEO Report

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

Introduction of Laticha Taylor, CSDD Residential Technician

CEO Lurie introduced Ms. Taylor sharing that she has worked for CMHA-CEI for 7 years, and is currently a regular residential technician in the Developmental Disabilities department at the Howell Road Home and currently attends Liberty University as a Worship Studies major. Ms. Taylor reached out on her own with an interest to shadow the CEO to learn what a day in the life of a CEO looks like. We are happy to have her with us this evening.

Resignation of Board Member, Al Platt

On behalf of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors, CEO Lurie announced the resignation of Board Member, Al Platt effective Monday, August 8, 2025 on the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors commenting that Al is an amazing human being, attorney and retired employee of CMHA-CEI, and will be sorely missed.

ACTION: CEO, Lurie solicited suggestions from board members regarding what we can do as a board/organization to support Mr. Platt, and encouraged members to feel free to give him a call to see if he is up to a visit or some delicious baked goods!

ACTION: CEO, Lurie will notify Ingham County of vacancy by September 1.

Crisis Stabilization Center

CEO Lurie reported that in spite of uncertainty, we continue to forge ahead and make headway. On August 5th, during the Directors Group retreat held at the Child & Family Charities building, Directors toured the construction site which is about 50% complete beginning at the top floor; working down to the first floor, including drywall and painting with framing only on the first floor.

Executive Drive Update

Sara shared that at the conclusion of the retreat Directors toured the Executive Drive property and are excited about the future possibilities of this space reporting that CATA is looking at deviation off current route nearby to service the building and reported that we are looking to close before September 30, 2025; excluding the parking area Lafontaine will retain.

Board Member Dwight Washington inquired as to whether we will have enough parking for staff if we allow Lafontaine to retain some of the parking. CEO Lurie and CFO, Sue Panetta reassured the board that there would be sufficient parking for staff.

ACTION: John Peiffer is looking at what type of renovations are needed to the Executive

Drive property to determine if work can be completed in-house by CMHA-CEI staff.

Space Planning

CEO, Sara Lurie reported that during the Directors Retreat, a variety of scenarios were presented seeking input and feedback for further consideration by engineering.

ACTION: CFO, Sue Panetta; Properties and Facilities Manager, John Peiffer and CEO, Lurie will continue to meet to review and identify which scenarios will be presented to Collier as we will need to determine if what we would like to do is even possible based on actual space. Stay tuned.

ACTION: Piper & Gold is working on a quarterly press release regarding the Crisis Stabilization Center. Once finalized, a staff walk through will be scheduled for the fall.

PIHP Rebid

CEO Lurie reported that she has been in meetings daily with other CMHs regarding this matter and these are very tumultuous, stressful times. However, advocacy is still actively underway to stop the rebid process amidst the State issuing an RFP on August 4 to change how Medicaid funds for mental health services are managed. Right now, 10 public PIHP regions oversee those funds. The State wants to reduce that to three larger regions and has opened up bidding to include private managed care companies. The requirements for bidders announced have been expanded to allow private not for profit and a variety of public entities to apply. Analysis of the RFP shows that a current PIHP could apply but would be unlikely to meet the full scope of the requirements. The state accepted written questions from potential bidders and will respond to these questions on 9/5/2025. The due date for bidders has been changed to 10/6/2025 with implementation beginning 10/1/2026 (FY27). Based on communication, we have learned that a number of legislators are now strong opponents against the RFP.

Board Member Paul Yensen inquired as to what would happen if no one were to come forward to submit a bid.

CEO, Lurie advised that we know that the health plans will submit a bid. However, we are putting our energy into stopping MDHHS from moving forward, and this evening she plans to share information regarding litigation strategies that are underway.

Child and Family Charities Non-profit Hub Open House 4 – 6pm

CEO Lurie extended an invitation to board members to attend the Child and Family

Charities Nonprofit Hub Open House, 407 W. Green lawn vibrant new space where local nonprofits unite to support and strengthen the community. Join us for a hub-wide Grand Opening on Wednesday, August 27, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

ACTION: Dwight Washington inquired as to whether CMHA-CEI can have further discussions with Eatran-Eaton County Transportation Authority regarding county line boundary issue in the Tri-County explaining that based on contract, Clinton County blue bus, not allowed to transport to Eaton County.

Board Chair, Jeanne Pearl-Wright explained the work that is being done by Eatran/CATA to work things out and talked a little bit about the importance of the Delta millage.

Board Member Paul Yensen (in all due respect to the work that is being done) reiterated that it is a major barrier for those who seeking medical services over county lines and are on a tight budget and cannot afford transportation costs. Ms. Yensen shared a personal experience that resulted in out of pocket expense in excess of \$100 for transportation to seek services for her husband stating that they were blessed to be able to pay the \$100 out of pocket expense. Unfortunately, that is not the case for everyone!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program & Planning Committee

New Expense Contract: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales and SUPPORTED by Tim Hanna 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 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services to purchase services indicated at the rates below for the retroactive period of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services 301 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49548			
Billing Code	Services	Unit	Rate
0912 & 0913	Partial Hospitalization – Child, Adolescent and Adult	Per Diem	\$582.00
0912 & 0913	Partial Hospitalization – Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder	Per Diem	\$756.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

New Revenue Contract: City of Lansing

ACTION:

MOVED by Raul Gonzales 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 the City of Lansing Human Relations and Community Services Department for the retroactive period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and receive \$37,500 in funding for those services.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Finance Committee

Expense Contract: Dell Computer

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 laptop computers from Dell Computer and pay \$175,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Expense Contract Amendment: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

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 approve the amendment to purchase outpatient ECT services to add to the existing hospital services contract with Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services in accordance with the rate schedule shown below for the period of June 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

Hospital
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services 301 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49548

Services	Billing Code	Unit	Rate
Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) Inpatient (all inclusive)	0901	Encounter	\$879.00
Paid in addition to Inpatient per diem.			
Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) Outpatient (all inclusive)	0901	Encounter	\$1,136.00

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Revenue Contract Renewal: Ingham County - Health Services Millage

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 renewal with Ingham County for the provision of a range of behavioral health and developmental disability services and receive up to \$1,633,372.00 for the retroactive period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.**

Revenue Contract Amendment: Ingham County - Health Services Millage

- **enter into a contract amendment with Ingham County for the provision of a range of behavioral health and developmental disability services and receive additional funding of \$697,969.00, bringing the total contract reimbursement to \$2,312,893.00, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.**

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Non-Rep Wage Increase

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 approve the wage increase, one-time payment and additional vacation purchase for the Non Represented employees as presented by staff at the August Finance Committee meeting.

HR Committee Chair, Tim Hanna commended Chief Human Resources Officer, Jana Baylis and the union management in expediting the negotiation process.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Tentative Agreement: OPEIU Local 512 – Supervisors Unit

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:

- ratify the amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Employer and the Local 512 Supervisors Unit as presented for the Collective Bargaining Agreements expiring September 30, 2026.

Tentative Agreement: OPEIU Local 512 – Physicians Unit

- ratify the amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Employer and the Local 512 Physicians Unit as presented for the Collective Bargaining Agreements expiring September 30, 2026.

Tentative Agreement: OPEIU Local 459 – Large, RN & Residential Units

- ratify the amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Employer and the Local 459 Large, RN & Residential Units as presented for the Collective Bargaining Agreements expiring September 30, 2026.

Board Member, Ryan Sebolt announced that under the Ingham County code of ethic policy that he is required to disclose, prior to the vote that he works for Michigan AFLCIO and that OPEIU is one of the affiliated unions.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Preliminary Steady State Budget Projections for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

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 approve the preliminary steady state budget projections for fiscal year 2025/2026.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Community Access Committee

The next meeting will be on September 22@ 5:30, @ CMHA-CEI, 812 E. Jolly Road, G11-C conference room.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Closed Session

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 go into closed session to discuss new business items: 1. CEO Authorization on actions related to the MDHHS PIHP Rebid and 2. CMHAM Special Assessment Payment at 6:14pm.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CEO Authorizations on actions related to the MDHHS PIHP Rebid

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 (CMHA-CEI) authorize Sara Lurie, CEO, to pursue all options to protect current and future Medicaid beneficiaries and the CMHSP/PIHP System that serves them, including joining collective legal action with other Michigan CMHSPs against MDHHS to halt the PIHP Procurement process at any and all stages. Further, to simultaneously participate in the planning and creation of a submission to MDHHS in response to the Request for proposals (RFP) in the best interest of those persons served by the public CMHSP/PIHP system, their families and Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CMHAM Special Assessment Payment

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 provide a special assessment payment of \$50,000 to Community Mental Health Association of Michigan.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Defined Benefit and Defined Compensation Plan Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals

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) approve this Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals in accordance with MERS Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plan requirements effective August 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MSHN Bylaws section 2.4 Amendment

MOVED by Paula Yensen and SUPPORTED by Dale Copedge that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) authorize minor updates to the bylaws to read as follows: New CMHSP Participants may join the Entity upon written approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the governing bodies of the existing CMHSP Participants at the time of the admission request.

Closed Session

Board Chair, Jeanne Pearl-Wright declared that the Board of Directors of the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) move out of closed session at 6:52 pm. No motion required.

Public Comment

None.

Announcement

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 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

