

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2024
TBHS TRAINING CENTER
129 EAST BURNSIDE STREET, CARO, MI 48723
IF UNABLE TO ATTEND CALL: 989.673.6191 OR 1.800.462.6814

The regular meeting of the Tuscola Behavioral Health System's Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Snider, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:	Bardwell	Excused	Helmbold	Absent
	Bruno	Present	McNett	Present
	Fritz	Present	Moore	Excused
	Griesing	Present	Partridge	Excused
	Grimshaw	Present	Ryan	Present
	Harrington	Present	Snider	Present
STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Majeske	Present	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

ROLL CALL taken by Harrington.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public present.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 26, 2024 - - 1	Grimshaw moved and Griesing supported to accept the minutes from the August 26, 2024 meeting as mailed.	
		Motion Carried

OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2024/2025:

Proposed budget for FY24/25 was reviewed by Dudewicz during the Public Hearing. Proposed budget included \$250,00.00 for merit-based pay.

September 26, 2024 - - 2	McNett moved and Fritz supported to adopt the proposed Operating Budget for FY 2024/2025 as presented at the Public Hearing on 9/26/2024.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

September 26, 2024 - - 3	Grimshaw moved and Harrington supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements for FY24 as presented on the Contract List Sheet dated September 26, 2024 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENT RENEWALS FOR FY 2024/2025 REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

September 26, 2024 - - 4	Griesing moved and McNett supported to approve the Contracts/Agreement Renewals for FY 2024/2025 as	
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presented on the Contract Renewal List Sheet(s) dated September 26, 2024 as presented.

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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Grimshaw moved and Fritz supported placing the Financial Statements on file.

Motion Carried

CDARS RENEWAL PRESENTED BY DUDEWICZ:

Handout was provided for current CDARS rates with the recommendation to move current CDARS to the Northstar Bank for 52 weeks at the rate of 3.95%. Discussion of going for a shorter term at a higher rate.

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Harrington moved and Bruno supported to go with a CDARS through Northstar Bank for 52 weeks and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the board.

Roll Call Vote:

Bardwell	Absent	Helmbold	Absent
Bruno	Yes	McNett	Yes
Fritz	Yes	Moore	Absent
Griesing	Yes	Partridge	Absent
Grimshaw	No	Ryan	Yes
Harrington	Yes	Snider	Yes

7 – Yes

1 – No

4 – Absent

Motion Carried

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS CONTRIBUTION BY DUDEWICZ:

Requesting Board approval to make a one-time contribution of \$110.00 per year of continuous service per eligible employee (as of 9/1/24) to the Health Care Savings Plan up to a maximum agency expense of \$100,000.00.

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McNett moved and Griesing supported to approve a one-time contribution of \$110.00 per eligible employee per year of continuous service (as of 9/1/2024) to the Health Care Savings Plan up to a maximum agency expense of \$100,000.00.

Motion Carried

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT BY MAJESKE (highlighted areas of written report):

- Medicaid/General Fund – As previously reported, CMHA has been continuing with advocacy efforts to close the projected revenue gap faced by Michigan's public mental health system. There has been growing concern regarding the size of the funding deficit, which has been projected by the state's PIHPs to be \$93 million for FY 24. Factors contributing to the deficit are the significant Medicaid enrollment drop, far below that used by MDHHS and Milliman to set the FY 24 Medicaid behavioral health capitation rates, ongoing higher demands for services and supports, as well as errors in the Medicaid re-enrollment process resulting in

Medicaid beneficiaries with Disabled, Aged, and Blind (DAB) eligibility being assigned a “spend-down” status or being enrolled in the Medicaid Plan First (a Medicaid benefit covering only family planning services).

Earlier this week, MSHN reported projected regional deficits of \$26 million for FY 24. As of this morning, MSHN received FY 24 rate adjustment confirmation, along with actuarial rate certification materials. MSHN is confirming receipt of information indicating a 1% (one percent) increase will be implemented, which translates to approximately \$41.6 million statewide. While this is expected to help, it will come considerably short of significantly reducing the regional deficits. Updated revenue projections for FY 24 are expected from MSHN in the near future. As of the date of this report, TBHS is one of two CMHSPs in the MSHN region projecting to be within budget for FY 24.

- TBHS Workforce Update - There have been two additions to the TBHS workforce since the September Board meeting; a registered nurse for the TBHS Wellness Clinic and a Community Rehabilitation Technician. There was also one resignation, a Rehabilitation Technician. Interviews remain ongoing for the Community and Residential Rehabilitation Tech position at this time, with three candidates scheduled.

In addition to the Great Lakes Employment Fair at Delta Community College on October 24, 2024, TBHS will also be participating in the Saginaw Valley State University Job Fair on October 17, 2024.

TBHS has 9.5 vacant positions: ACT Supervisor, ACT RN, ACT Team Coordinator, ACT Advocate, Supports Coordinator/Case Manager (2), Supports Coordinator/Self-Determination Coordinator, Children’s Home-Based Clinician, Community and Residential Rehabilitation Tech (part-time), and Quality/Compliance Supervisor.

- Conflict Free Access and Planning (CFAP) Update – MDHHS has scheduled a meeting with the PIHP Directors for November 1, 2024. No further information as to the content of the meeting has been shared as of this time. CMHA continues with advocacy efforts related to CFAP. They have been in communication with the states of Texas, Minnesota, Oregon and California regarding implementation of CFAP requirements.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended Michigan’s current 1115 waiver for 9 months (through June 2025) to allow the details to be worked out. All of the 1915c and 1115i waivers require compliance with the CMS conflict free requirements.

- Waskul Settlement – TBHS received notification from MDHHS on August 27, 2024, that the hearing date was moved from September 23, 2024, to December 11, 2024. The amended notice indicated that any comments or objections received in response to the original notice will be taken up at the December hearing.
- 1115 Incarcerated Persons Waiver – In April 2023, CMS released a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) that described a section 1115 demonstration opportunity to support community re-entry and improve care transitions for justice-involved populations. MDHHS will be applying for this waiver in September 2024, with its initial implementation being inmates at Michigan prisons and juvenile detention facilities (state run, private CCI, county-run juvenile homes). Case Management services, Medication Assisted Treatment and prescriptions in hand, upon release, are the behavioral health services that would be covered by Medicaid, within 90 days of release. In addition to these required services, Michigan plans to provide the following additional services – physical and behavioral health clinical consultation services, medications and medication administration, prescription or written order for durable medical equipment. The waiver’s implementation with jail inmates will occur a few years later, with readiness assessments required of local jails as part of the expansion of the

demonstration to jails. CMS approval is anticipated in summer 2025, with the demonstration scheduled to start in early 2027.

- TBHS will be submitting a grant application to the Tuscola County Community Foundation for funds to support emergency housing needs for FY 25. If approved, the funds will be utilized to support the emergency housing needs of TBHS service recipients, allowing them to secure temporary shelter while working with TBHS to address ongoing needs.
- TBHS sponsored two Community Focus Groups during the month of September facilitated by the Michigan State University Extension program. More than 12 different community partners were represented, with a total of 15 participants. Information sought included the most significant mental health needs not currently being addressed in our community, any identified trends, efforts or initiatives that have been helpful, any needed support groups or community education, suggestions for raising mental health awareness, and suggestions for improving the collaboration between mental health and physical healthcare providers. The feedback received is currently being reviewed as part of TBHS Strategic Planning efforts.
- TBHS sponsored a staff appreciation event on the afternoon of September 20, 2024, to acknowledge and thank staff for their contributions over the last year. The event was well attended, with positive feedback received.
- Also included in the packet tonight is the final update of the 23/24 Strategic Plan. Additional detail will be provided next month on the goals that were not achieved which will carry over into the new Strategic Plan for FY24/25.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT:

Grimshaw and Griesing reported on the MSHN Board Meeting that was held on September 10, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Griesing reported on the CMHA Steering Committee Meeting that was held on September 13, 2024.

Grimshaw reported the Executive Board Committee (Snider, McNett, Harrington, & Grimshaw) completed the CEO's Performance Evaluation and is recommending a performance-based payment to the CEO.

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Grimshaw moved and Harrington supported to accept the CEO Performance Evaluation as presented and issue a performance-based payment to the CEO.

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Snider shared that Moore has requested to resign from the board due to health issues. McNett suggested that it would be nice to send her a card.

Grimshaw shared that he has recently heard of a company that will purchase/acquire properties/homes and will then lease to individuals to manage as a group home. Grimshaw to forward information to Majeske.

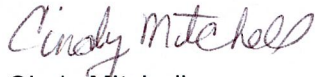
BOARD'S SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Strategic Plan for FY24/25 and the Recipient Rights Annual Training.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public was present.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 7:00 pm at TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Snider adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary