

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 26, 2025 – 7:00 PM
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, May 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm, at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:	Bardwell	Present	McNett	Present
	Bruno	Absent	Partridge	Present
	Fritz	Present	Ryan	Present
	Griesing	Present	Sherman	Present
	Grimshaw	Present	Snider	Present
	Harrington	Present		

STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Majeske	Present	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

ROLL CALL taken by Harrington.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

GUESTS: Alan Bolter from Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA).

PRESENTATION BY CMHA ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ALAN BOLTER:

Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, provided updates on various topics and CMHA activities. Questions and answers were addressed during the meeting. Mr. Bolter left the meeting following the presentation at 8:11 pm.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:		
May 22, 2025 - - 1	Griesing moved and Partridge supported to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting as presented.	
		Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

May 22, 2025 - - 2	Partridge moved and Bardwell supported placing the Financial Statements on file.	
		Motion Carried

ONLINE ACCESS FOR CDARS ACCOUNT BY DUDEWICZ:

Dudewicz is requesting that finance staff be granted view-only online access to the CDARS account through Huntington Bank. This access would allow them to retrieve and print monthly statements directly, thereby eliminating the \$5.00 monthly fee currently being charged.

May 22, 2025 - - 3	Fritz moved and Bardwell supported to approve finance staff to have view-only access to the CDARS account at Huntington Bank and approve Majeske to authorize said access.	
		Motion Carried

AIR CONDITIONING UNIT AT ECHOLS PRESENTED BY DUDEWICZ:

Dudewicz presented to the board three (3) bids for a new air conditioning unit for the second floor at the Echols Building. Recommending at this time to go with Jack's Heating & Cooling whose bid came in at \$23,700.00.

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Griesing moved and Partridge supported to approve the bid from Jack's Heating & Cooling for a new air conditioning unit at Echols in the amount of \$23,700.00 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried

HOME REPAIRS TO THE MAPLE RIDGE RESIDENTIAL HOME PRESENTED BY DUDEWICZ:

Bids were distributed for multiple home repairs to the Maple Ridge Residential Home which includes repairing flooring and damaged plaster, repairing door frame, trim windows, and other miscellaneous repairs throughout the home.

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Harrington moved and Fritz supported to approve the bid from Keys Contracting, LLC for miscellaneous home repairs to the Maple Ridge home in the amount of \$11,385.00 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT BY MAJESKE:

- Medicaid/General Fund – MSHN has reviewed the regional savings estimates through March 2025. They are still projecting the use of \$23M from the Internal Service Fund (ISF) to cover expenditures. There was a positive \$4M improvement in the March savings estimate compared to the December estimate.

Revenue shortfalls as reported by MSHN are noted below (excerpt taken from the Report of the MSHN Chief Executive Officer to the MSHN Board of Directors, and a communication to MSHN affiliate partners).

- Between October 2023 and January 2025, the region experienced 75,300 fewer enrollees but its actuary enrollee estimates were based on a significantly higher level of enrollment resulting in significant revenue loss due to lower rates per enrollees, while individuals served continued to increase.
- Based on MDHHS actuarial rate certification for FY 25, MSHN projected revenues totaling about \$783M. Actual revenues to date, annualized, show a revenue reduction of about \$35M in FY 25 alone (about 5% lower).
- Based on actuarial projections for FY 25, Healthy Michigan Program revenues were projected to increase by more than 20%. Actual revenues are lagging by at least 7-10%.

Statewide Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Financial Information:

For context against the MSHN financial information presented above, MSHN provided the following statewide context: For FY 24 (fiscal year ended 09/30/24), 6 of 10 PIHPs ended the year in significant deficits ranging from \$8M to \$34M. For FY 25, 8 of 10 PIHPs project deficits ranging from \$350K to ~\$25M. For additional context, it's been reported that Michigan's Medicaid Health Plans fell about \$250M short last fiscal year.

- As shared last month, the Medicaid revenue gap experienced by Michigan's public mental health system remains a significant concern. There are several factors that are contributing to the shortfalls, including loss of Medicaid funds as individuals lose coverage, flat funding for core services being outpaced by rising medical inflation, increasing program costs for services (i.e., inpatient psychiatric care, autism services and specialized residential services), and administrative burden from state regulators. A summary document from the Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) providing further details has again been included in the

Board packet and will also be addressed by Alan Bolter, CMHA Associate Director, in his presentation this evening.

- TBHS Workforce Update - Four (4) positions have been filled since the April Board Meeting: ACT Team Coordinator, part-time Community and Residential Support Staff, Family Services Clinician, and Rehabilitation Technician. Currently, TBHS has 10 vacant positions. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.
- TBHS received notification from the Thumb Community Health Partnership (TCHP) that grant funding for Navigator services will be terminated effective 8/26/25, based on recent correspondence received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As you may recall, a portion of these grant funds support the TBHS Benefits Navigator position, which assists Tuscola County residents with accessing benefits and entitlement programs. The current grant was scheduled to go through 2027, providing \$11,000 in support yearly.
- PIHP Procurement Process – No update regarding the procurement process has been provided by MDHHS since the initial announcement. The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) continues to advocate for steps to collectively solve the core issues such as sufficient funding, ensuring and enhancing local stakeholder voice, reducing administrative overhead and increasing workforce and network capacity. MSHN leadership continues to work toward positioning itself for participation in the procurement process.
- Conflict-Free Access and Planning (CFAP) – Although it has been over a year since MDHHS initially announced that it will require system compliance with CFAP, specifically separating service planning from service delivery, no additional information has been received further defining requirements and providing technical details. However, most recently, the National Council for Mental Wellbeing provided feedback to CMS, advocating for removal of CFAP requirements as part of regulatory relief recommendations.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) – In April, TBHS staff met with the Tuscola County Probate Judge and other personnel regarding further education and implementation of AOT programs and processes. Subsequently, a draft of a collaborative training plan has been received from the Wayne State Center for Behavioral Health and Justice and is under review.
- Strategic Initiative Update – Goal: Promotion of behavioral health wellness through a comprehensive range of strategies to promote understanding of the public mental health system, strengthen positive community relations, and to support its mission and vision. Objective: Explore opportunities for increased collaboration with local law enforcement including training, education and new initiatives.
- Last week, TBHS staff met with the Tuscola County Chief Judge, the Tuscola County Sheriff and the Jail Administrator to provide education and explore opportunities for further collaboration specific to behavioral health resources and supports available to assist in meeting the mental health needs of jail inmates. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled for June.
- Congratulations to Dave Griesing who was recognized for 10 years of service on the MSHN Board of Directors at their May meeting. Additional congratulations to Cindy Mitchell who has achieved 30 years of service with TBHS today, serving as the support staff for the TBHS Board of Directors for several of those years. Congratulations to both Dave and Cindy!

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) REPORT:

Grimshaw and Griesing reported on the MSHN Board of Directors meeting that was held on May 13, 2025.

APPROVAL OF THE BYLAWS:

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Partridge moved and Grimshaw supported to accept the Bylaws with no changes.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE TBHS MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS:

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Grimshaw moved and Griesing supported to accept the Mission and Vision Statements with no changes.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Communication & Counsel to the Board Monitoring Committee (Snider, McNett, Harrington and Grimshaw) met tonight prior to the Board Meeting. Harrington reported that the committee reviewed the monitoring criteria and found the CEO to be in compliance with Board Policy I-003-009, Communication & Counsel to the Board.

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Harrington moved and McNett supported to accept the Communication & Counsel to the Board Monitoring report as presented.

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Snider appointed McNett and Partridge as the Voting Delegates at the Member Assembly Meeting that is being held at the upcoming CMHA Summer Conference in Traverse City on June 9, 2025.

Majeske shared a statement that was issued to WJRT ABC 12 News regarding an incident involving a former employee.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

JUNE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Staff Treatment Committee, Review of Board Ends Policies, and Tuscola County Community Connections App Presentation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Griesing moved and Partridge supported to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary