

**FULL SERVICE BOARD
June 5, 2025 / 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

The Lapeer County Community Mental Health Full Service Board met on Thursday, June 5, 2025 in the Boardroom, 1570 Suncrest Drive, Lapeer, MI.

Present:

Kay Morris
Jerry Webb
Lori Curtiss
Christina Russell
Greg Wise
Catherine Bostick
Mary Linn Voss
Mark Bachman
Cheryl Howell
Brad Haggadone - excused at 6:40 pm.
Donna Shelton

Brooke Sankiewicz – CEO
Laura Moore – CCO
Emma McQuillan – CFO
Mandi Brace – Support Services Manager/recorder

Absent:

Rex Ziebarth

Guests:

Lacey Klimek – Finance and Billing Supervisor
Roslund Prestage and Company Auditor
Larry Smith

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bostick at 5:31 p.m. The tag line was recited and roll was called.

Public Time: No members of the public spoke during public time.

Changes to the Agenda:

- Add the approval of the FY24 Finance Audit, Compliance Audit and Single Audit to 4.A
0625-001: Motion was made by L. Curtiss seconded by C. Howell to approve the changes to the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations:

- A. FY24 Finance Audit

0625-002: Motion was made by K. Morris seconded by G. Wise to approve the FY24 Finance Audit, Compliance Audit and Single Audit. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Report:

A. Staffing Report: May 2025

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. May 15, 2025 Full Service Board Meeting Minutes

0625-003: Motion was made by B. Haggadone seconded by C. Howell to approve the May 15, 2025 Full Service Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

A. Approval to amend the Table of Organization for Community Mental Health to change full-time IT Manager and Data Management Supervision position #535 Pay Grade 22 to a one full-time Chief Information Officer position #TBD Pay Grade 25 to meet the compliance requirements from Region 10 and added job duties

0625-004: Motion was made by C. Russell seconded by J. Webb to approve to amend the Table of Organization for Community Mental Health to change full-time IT Manager and Data Management Supervision position #535 Pay Grade 22 to a one full-time Chief Information Officer position #TBD Pay Grade 25 to meet the compliance requirements from Region 10 and added job duties. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve the second addendum to the CEO contract

0625-005: Motion was made by L. Curtiss seconded by C. Howell to approve the second addendum to the CEO contract. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recommend the Lapeer County Board of Commissioner adopt the 2025 Funding Shortfall Resolution: The board discussed and consensus was for the LCCMH Board to adopt the resolution and have Brooke provide education on the topic to the Board of Commissioners.

0625-006: Motion was made by J. Webb seconded by C. Russell to adopt the following 2025 Funding Shortfall Resolution. Roll call vote: L. Curtiss-Aye, M. Bachman-Abstain, B. Haggadone-Ney, C. Russell-Aye, K. Morris-Aye, J. Webb-Aye, M. Voss-Aye, D. Shelton-Aye, G. Wise-Ney, C. Howell-Aye, C. Bostick-Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

URGING ACTION TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING SHORTFALL

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Community Mental Health Board recognizes that Michigan's public mental health system is facing a serious and escalating funding crisis, driven by several compounding factors, including the loss of Medicaid-covered lives, inflationary pressures, increasing demand for services, and expanding regulatory burdens; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is required under state law (MCL 330.1116 and MCL 330.1202) to promote and financially support an adequate and appropriate system of community mental health services programs (CMHSPs); and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has lost nearly 700,000 Medicaid beneficiaries since the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), resulting in reduced capitation payments to CMHSPs despite continued or increasing demand for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, funding increases for core behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services have not kept pace with medical inflation or the broader state budget growth, with only a 6% increase in the past five fiscal years compared to a 43% increase in the overall state budget and 25% in Medicaid expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the MDHHS has repeatedly underspent appropriated Medicaid funds, with a projected \$232 million in underspending in FY25 alone, and these unspent dollars are not being redirected to meet urgent service needs across Michigan's CMHSP system; and

WHEREAS, additional factors exacerbating this crisis include skyrocketing inpatient psychiatric and residential costs, significant underfunding of autism services, misclassification of Medicaid eligibility groups resulting in lost revenue, and a growing administrative burden that diverts staff time and resources away from direct care; and

WHEREAS, failure to adequately fund and streamline the public behavioral health system undermines the ability of CMHSPs to meet the needs of the most vulnerable residents—including children, adults with serious mental illness, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those with substance use disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Community Mental Health Board urgently calls on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Legislature, and the Governor to:

1. **Fully allocate appropriated Medicaid behavioral health funds to CMHSPs** in fiscal year 2025 and beyond.
2. **Ensure capitation rates are actuarially sound at the regional and local levels**, and reflect the actual cost of service delivery, including inpatient care, specialized residential treatment, and autism services.
3. **Rectify the misclassification of Medicaid beneficiaries**, ensuring individuals are enrolled in appropriate coverage categories with mental health benefits.
4. **Account for new cost drivers**, including legislative changes such as paid sick leave and minimum wage increases.
5. **Significantly reduce unnecessary administrative requirements** that increase overhead without improving outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the leadership of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties, and members of the Michigan Legislature representing Lapeer County.

- D.** Recommend the Lapeer County Board of Commissioner adopt the 2025 PIHP Procurement Resolution: The board discussed and consensus was for the LCCMH Board to adopt the resolution and have Brooke provide education on the topic to the Board of Commissioners.
0625-007: Motion was made by L. Curtiss seconded by J. Webb to adopt the following 2025 PIHP Procurement Resolution. Roll call vote: L. Curtiss-Aye, M. Bachman-Ney, C. Russell-Aye, K. Morris-Aye, J. Webb-Aye, M. Voss-Ney, D. Shelton-Aye, G. Wise-Ney, C. Howell-Ney, C. Bostick-Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Community Mental Health Board formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, members of the Michigan Legislature representing Lapeer County and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

- E. Approve the request of architect drawing not to exceed \$40,000 for the move of Children and Autism services to 1505 Suncrest Dr
0625-008: Motion was made by K. Morris seconded by L. Curtiss to approve the request of architect drawing not to exceed \$40,000 for the move of Children and Autism services to 1505 Suncrest Dr. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: None.

CEO Report:

- The state has decided to move forward with direct payments for CCBHCs. This is going to cause some internal process changes and additional oversight. Workgroups have been created across the state to work on these processes as well as an internal workgroup at the agency.
- Waiting on Region 10 to notify the agency of an implementation plan for the removal of access services.
- The site plans are on the Mayfield Township board agenda June 11.
- Commissioners approved the installation of GPS systems in county cars.
- The county has also contracted for leadership trainings for department heads and elected officials.
- Kelly VanWormer was selected as CEO of Region 10. Region 10 is holding their meeting at the agency this month.
- The summer conference is next week. The member assembly meeting is Monday.

CCO Report:

- The Complete Wellness Fair is being held on June 18th.
- The State of Michigan Community Corrections did a spotlight of our SUD Supervisor, Todd Anglebrandt.
- We are currently at 78 IPS referrals for the year.
- The DBT MIFAST review was held last week. There was good feedback, but official results have not been received yet.
- Trauma Informed MIFAST Review results were received and included in the packet.

Region 10 Update: No update.

Committee Reports:

- A. Citizens Advisory Council: Meeting minutes attached.
- B. Health & Safety Committee: Meeting minutes attached.
- C. Recipient Rights Advisory Committee: Meeting minutes attached.
- D. Harmony Hall Advisory Committee: Meeting minutes attached.
- E. Golden Arrow: Meeting minutes attached.
- F. Trauma Committee: Meeting minutes attached.
 - Trauma Informed MIFAST Review attached.
- G. Standards Committee: Meeting minutes attached.

Informational/Correspondence: None.

Adjourn: G. Wise motioned to adjourn at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by: Mandi Brace

Mandi Brace, Support Services Manager/recorder

Approved by: Kay Morris

K. Morris, Secretary of the Board