

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness  
(Ionia County Community Mental Health)

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 26, 2026 4 p.m.**  
**375 Apple Tree Drive**  
**Ionia, Michigan**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chairperson Deborah McPeek-McFadden called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.; Secretary Melissa McKinstry took roll call.

**Member(s) Present:**

Mary Barker, Karen Bota, Nancy Haga, David Hodges (zoom), Mariah Lab, Melissa McKinstry, Nancy Patera (zoom), Linda Purcey

**Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:** CEO Kerry Possehn, Chairperson Deborah McPeek-McFadden

**Members Absent:** Andrew Dinehart (excused), Ron Thomas

**Staff Present:**

Nathan Derusha, Teresa Kiser (zoom), Jennie Morgan, Maureen Perkins, Melissa Peterson (zoom), Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. December 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Karen Bota to approve the December 15, 2025 Board meeting minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

5. Acceptance of Agenda

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to accept the agenda as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

6. Financial Statements – December 2025

CFO Nathan Derusha presented and reviewed the December 2025 financial statements.

7. Pending Contracts – January 2026

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the January 2026 contracts as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8. Policy Review

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve Policy C-310 Access as amended and Policies C-319 Utilization Management, F-235 Security and Control, F-238 Allowable Costs, G-220 Organization and Strategic Planning, G-400 Policies, Procedures and Standards of Operating, G-410 Emergent Business, G-500 Quality Improvement, G-800 Compliance, ITIS-100 Information Systems, ITIS-412 Usage of AI, RR-103 Guarantee of Rights, RR-124 Property and Funds, RR-125 Resident Labor, and RR-130 Confidentiality and Disclosure as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9. Annual License for Microsoft 365

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the renewal of the Microsoft 365 licenses for the agency.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

10. FY 25 Recipient Rights Annual Report

Recipient Rights Officer Jennie Morgan presented the FY 25 Recipient Rights Annual Report.

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Mary Barker to approve the FY 25 Recipient Rights Annual Report as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

11. Quality Improvement

CEO Possehn informed board members that the 2026 Board Self-Assessment, Conflict of Interest, and Board Demographic forms are included in the Board packet for members to complete.

12. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Board Member Linda Purcey reported there was no quorum present for the recent MSHN meeting.

13. CMHA Report

Board Member McKinstry reported that an action alert for the federal block grants has been issued.

14. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that the CMHs haven't heard anything regarding the January 2026 PIHP/CMSHP RFP hearing decision citing the RFP was written without the Mental Health Code requirements being included. The CMHs are waiting for MDHHS to issue a response to the court's decision. CEO Possehn also informed the Board of the Director's forum scheduled for Wednesday, January 28. She noted that the slides from Nathan's CCBHC presentation at Committee of the Whole meeting are included in the packet for reference. She also notified the Board of the CMHA winter conference scheduled in February. CEO Possehn mentioned there is a person interested in the vacant Board position.

15. Other

Board Member Mary Barker brought information about the Assisted Technology workshop she attended at the Fall conference for members who would like a copy.

16. Board Meeting Wrap-Up December 2025 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from December 2025 were included in the packet.

17. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board Chairperson McPeck-McFadden encouraged members to complete the form.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.