

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 24, 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.; roll call was taken by Melissa McKinstry.

**Member(s) Present:** Mary Barker, Karen Bota, Andrew Dinehart, Cathy Hesche, Melissa McKinstry, Nancy Patera, Linda Purcey, Ron Thomas

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

**Members Absent:** David Hodges (excused), Mariah Lab (excused)

**Staff Present:** Brenda Charles, Becky Christians, Nathan Derusha, Amanda Eveleth, Kris Hamilton, Samantha Hamlin, Lyndsee Hekman, Jenny Lumley, Justina McKeown, Jennie Morgan, Maureen Perkins, Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer

2. Determination of Quorum

It was determined there was a quorum.

3. Public Comment

New employees introduced themselves. Becky Christians is Clerical Support and Sam Hamlin is Behavior Analyst.

4. July 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

**MOVED by Andrew Dinehart and SUPPORTED by Melissa McKinstry to approve the July 27, 2026 Board meeting minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

5. Acceptance of Agenda

**MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by Andrew Dinehart to accept the agenda as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

6. Financial Statements – July 2026

CFO Nathan Derusha reviewed the July 2026 financial statements.

7. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Andrew Dinehart to accept the Fiscal Year 2027 budget as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

8. Pending Contracts – August 2026

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Andrew Dinehart to approve the pending contracts for August 2026 as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9. Policy Review

**MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by Melissa McKinstry to approve policies C-340 Coordination of Care, F-200 Method of Accounting, F-210 Budget, F-250 Purchasing, F-NEW Fund Balance, G-100 Code of Ethics, G-310 Executive Compensation, HR-514 Drug, Tobacco, Weapons Free Workplace, HR-590 Social Security, ITIS-407 Vulnerability Management, RR-107 Appeals and Grievances, RR-117 Advance Directives, RR-121 Freedom of Movement, and RR-136 Abuse and Neglect as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

10. Recipient Rights Training – Jennie Morgan, LMSW, Recipient Rights Officer

Recipient Rights Officer Jennie Morgan presented the Recipient Rights training.

11. FY 2027 MDHHS/CMHSP Community Mental Health Services Program Contract

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Cathy Hesche to approve the FY 2027 MDHHS/CMHSP Program contract as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

12. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the FY 27 Strategic Plan.

13. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

The next meeting is on September 1. Joe Sedlock is recovering well from medical condition and should be back at the end of September.

14. CMHA Report

There was no report given.

15. CEO Report

CEO Possehn updated the Board on the status of the budget and discussions with MSHN on funding status. She also notified the Board that over 100 entities applied for the Rural Health Transformation grants; only 14 will be approved. CEO Possehn informed the Board there have been many Listening Sessions with the MDHHS-CCBHC team regarding post-demonstration activities there have not been formal guidelines issued. PIHP and CMHSP representatives continue to monitor MDHHS DTMB website for a published request for procurement for a new bid opportunity. CEO Possehn notified the Board that the Recipient Rights review, which is held every three years, was held August 11-13, and the agency met full compliance. She also informed the Board that she is exploring options for 2027 insurance renewals with information to be presented at the October meeting. CEO Possehn reminded the Board that the CARF review will be September 2-4; Nancy Patera and Melissa McKinstry volunteered to be interviewed Wednesday, September 2 for the Board Governance section of this review.

16. Other

There was no other discussion.

17. Board Meeting Wrap-Up July Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from July 2026 were included in the packet.

18. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board members were encouraged to complete the wrap up questionnaire form.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer*