

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 2025, 4 p.m.
375 Apple Tree Drive
Ionia, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Member(s) Present:

Karen Bota, Andrew Dinehart (zoom), David Hodges, Mariah Lab, Tara Lanz (zoom),
Melissa McKinstry, Deborah McPeek-McFadden, Linda Purcey, Ron Thomas

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present: CEO Kerry Possehn, Board Chairperson Nancy Patera

Members Absent: Mary Barker, Nancy Haga (excused)

Staff Present:

Amanda Eveleth, Kris Hamilton, Teresa Kiser, Lisa Lubenow, Jodi Mohr, Maureen Perkins,
Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. June 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the June 23, 2025 Board meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Financial Statements – June 2025

CEO Kerry Possehn reviewed the June 2025 financial statements,

8. Pending Contracts – July 2025

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden to approve the June 2025 pending contracts as presented.

MOTION carried unanimously.

8a. Adjustment to Salary Scale Grade 1

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the adjustment to the salary scale grade 1 to reflect entry level at the rate of \$15.89 and top level \$20.32 and to allow CEO Possehn to make an adjustment if necessary dependent on status of hiring for the position

MOTION carried unanimously.

9. Policy Review

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to approve Policies C-330 Guardianship, F-220 Assets, F-228 Reserve Account, F-233 Investments, F-300 Retirement Plan Investments, HR-560 Employee Records, HR-570 Disciplinary Process, HR-580 Severance of the Employee Relationship, ITIS-403 Software Asset Management, ITIS-404 Risk Assessment and Management, ITIS-405 Firewall and Anti-Virus, ITIS-406 Secure Configuration Management, RR-101 Recipient Rights, RR-109 Dignity and Respect, RR-111 Informed Consent, RR-112 Rights of Minors, RR-114 Change in Type of Treatment, RR-115 Comprehensive Examinations, and RR-992 Cultural Diversity as presented.

MOTION carried unanimously.

9a. FY 26 General Fund Contract

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeck-McFadden to approve the FY 26 Specialty Services General Fund contract with MDHHS as presented.

MOTION carried unanimously.

10. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the Community Stakeholder Survey results.

11. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

There was no report given.

12. CMHA Report

Melissa McKinstry informed that CMHA continues to discuss strategies to stop the procurement process for the PIHP re-bids. CMHA continues to encourage advocates to contact elected officials to retain the public mental health system vs. privatization. Melissa encouraged Board members to contact elected officials and for the members to encourage others to do so as well.

13. CEO Report

CEO Possehn updated the Board on the status of the PIHP re-bid process. The official RFP is to be published this summer. CMHA representatives have met with MDHHS Director Hertel and Governor Whitmer regarding the possibility of the RFP being rescinded. CEO Possehn informed the Board that CMHA continues to develop strategies to fight the RFP and attempts at privatization of the local CMH system. She will keep the board updated.

CEO Possehn also informed the board the Mental Health Framework is to be implemented by MDHHS by October 2026. The Framework would shift some services to be provided by health plans. CMHA and the public mental health system are in opposition and developing a strategy to stop the Framework from being implemented.

CCBHC funds will be directly paid to the CCBHC as of October 1st. The Right Door is prepared for this to begin.

14. Other

Board Member McKinstry informed the Board there is an event “Breaking Barriers” coordinated by Michigan DD Council on Tuesday, July 29 starting at 2 p.m. on the State

Capital lawn and ending with a “sensory friendly” Lugnuts baseball game which begins at 7 p.m.

15. Board Meeting Wrap-Up June 2025 Review

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

16. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board Chairperson Patera encouraged members to complete the form.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer