

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 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.; Mary Barker took roll call.

Member(s) Present:

Mary Barker, Andrew Dinehart (zoom), Nancy Haga, David Hodges, Melissa McKinstry, Deborah McPeek-McFadden, Linda Purcey, Ron Thomas

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

Members Absent: Karen Bota (excused), Mariah Lab, Tara Lanz

Staff Present:

Nathan Derusha, Amanda Eveleth, Kris Hamilton, Teresa Kiser, Lisa Lubenow, Maureen Perkins, Melissa Peterson, Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer, Alayna Taber, Stephanie Taylor

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

New staff members Alayna Taber and Stephanie Taylor were introduced. Alayna is Case Manager and Stephanie is School Outreach/Case Manager.

4. July 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the July 28, 2025 Board meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Ron Thomas to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Financial Statements – July 2025

CFO Nathan Derusha reviewed the July 2025 financial statements.

7. Pending Contracts – August 2025

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the August 2025 pending contracts as presented.

MOTION carried unanimously.

8. Policy Review

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve Policies C-340 Coordination of Care, F-200 Method of Accounting, F-210 Budget, G-100 Code of Ethics, G-310 Executive Compensation, HR-514 Drug Tobacco Weapons Free Workplace, HR-520 Employment, 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.

9. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the YSS survey data.

10. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Board Member McPeck-McFadden reported that MSHN has been very busy, and that she wasn't able to report much due to their Executive Committee going into closed session.

11. CMHA Report

Melissa McKinstry deferred her report to the CEO report to be given as the next agenda item.

12. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that discussion of the status of the PIHP re-bid process will be a separate item as indicated on the agenda and the Board will go into closed session. She informed the Board that the agency had another successful Back to School Bash event with many supplies and clothes given out as well as people getting haircuts. She also informed the Board that the agency was approved for the DBT model after a MIFast review last week. CEO Possehn updated the Board about the CCBHC ACT model stating that CCBHC has pivoted over to the evidence-based best practice of intensive case management being an alternative option to ACT, which our agency has already been using. She notified the Board that the FY 26 Budget will be on the agenda for next month's meeting; there will be a small increase in Medicaid funds. CEO Possehn distributed a copy of an article that she & Montcalm Care Director Warner submitted as "Guest View" in the Greenville Daily News in August. She informed Board members that the CMHA Fall Conference dates haven't been released as of yet.

13. PIHP RFP

CEO Possehn requested the meeting go into closed session.

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga that the meeting be closed session at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeck-McFadden that the meeting be open session at 4:49 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

14. Other

There were no other comments.

15. Board Meeting Wrap-Up July 2025 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from July 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 4:53 p.m.