

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 27, 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.; Secretary Mary Barker took roll call.

**Member(s) Present:**

Mary Barker, Andrew Dinehart (zoom), Clinton Galloway, Melissa McKinstry, Deborah McPeek-McFadden, Linda Purcey

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

**Members Absent:** Nancy Haga (excused), David Hodges (excused), Mariah Lab, Tara Lanz, Ron Thomas

**Staff Present:**

Laci Bowling, Brenda Charles, Nathan Derusha, Tanya Edger (zoom), Amanda Eveleth (zoom), Kris Hamilton (zoom), Lisa Lubenow, Allison May, Jodi Mohr, Maureen Perkins, Melissa Peterson, Susan Richards (zoom), Jenny Scheurer, Josh Thelen, Liz Thelen, Jeff Warner, Stephanie Zalis

2. Determination of Quorum

There was no quorum.

3. Public Comment

New staff were introduced by their supervisors. Laci Bowling – Clerical, Jeff Warner – Facility/Vehicle Maintenance, Allison May – Intensive Case Mgt. Case Manager, Stephanie Zalis – Case Manager

4. April 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

5. April 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

7. Financial Statements – April 2025

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

8. Pending Contracts – May 2025

Tabled to next meeting.

9. Policy Review

Tabled to next meeting.

10. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the composition survey results as well as the board member competencies.

11. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Board Member Linda Purcey presented a report about MSHN May 12 meeting.

12. CMHA Report

There was no report given.

13. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that there was an official press release issued on Friday about the PIHP re-bid stating an effective date of October 2026. The RFP (Request for Proposal) and more details will be issued later this summer. CEO Possehn discussed the four principles and the requirements for the PIHPs. She notified the Board that she presented the FY 24 annual report to the County Board of Commissioners during the month of May, and that the commissioners passed the resolution to be sent to Governor Whitmer about Medicaid shortfalls.

14. Other

Board Chairperson Patera and CEO Possehn recognized Clinton Galloway's resignation from the Board after serving for 38 years. They acknowledged his many contributions through the years and expressed their gratitude for his service, including his involvement with other boards as a representative of The Right Door.

Board Chairperson Patera provided information about a recent episode on Shark Tank where Visionary founder Sophie Nistico endeavors to normalize discussions around mental health and promote self-affection via her brand, “See The Way I See”. This clothing line business offers an assortment of stickers related to mental health, cleverly integrated into T-shirts, hoodies, pants, caps, and more.

Board Chairperson Patera also mentioned that Shane Houghton, Ionia VFW Quartermaster, was the keynote speaker at the Ionia Memorial Day event and recognized his work with veterans for suicide prevention.

15. Board Meeting Wrap-Up April 2025 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from April 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 4:46 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer*