

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 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. and took roll call.

Member(s) Present: Andrew Dinehart (zoom), Nancy Patera, Linda Purcey, Ron Thomas

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

Members Absent: Mary Barker (excused), Karen Bota (excused), Cathy Hesche (excused), David Hodges (excused), Mariah Lab (excused), Melissa McKinstry (excused)

Staff Present: Amanda Eveleth (zoom), Teresa Kiser (zoom), Maureen Perkins (zoom), Melissa Peterson (zoom), Jenny Scheurer

2. Determination of Quorum

There was no quorum.

3. Public Comment

Board Member Patera told of a couple testimonies at church which relayed the message of using mental health services when needed; referenced May is Mental Health month.

4. April 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

5. April 27, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

7. Financial Statements – April 2026

CFO Nathan Derusha reviewed the April 2026 financial statements.

8. Pending Contracts – May 2026

Tabled to next meeting.

9. Policy Review

Tabled to next meeting.

10. G-200 Bylaws (3rd final reading)

Tabled to next meeting.

11. Quality Improvement

CEO Possehn informed members that the CARF standards will be reviewed at the June Committee of the Whole meeting. CARF review will be held in August. RRAC review is also scheduled for August, 11-13.

12. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Board Member Linda Purcey reported that MSHN completed an audit recently, and she commended Deborah McPeek-McFadden for her excellent MSHN Board secretary skills.

13. CMHA Report

There was no report given.

14. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that the Mental Health Framework has been temporarily delayed allowing more time for system wide preparation. She notified Board that the House of Reps passed FY 27 budget, and an action alert was sent to urge the legislature to retain House DHHS boilerplate sections to halt the RFP process and block further privatization of the public mental health system. CEO Possehn told the Board that there has been a preliminary discussion of future alliance of MSHN and SWMBHA. She also told the Board that the Directors Forum met earlier in May reviewing strategic exercises for Mental Health Framework. CEO Possehn informed the Board that there was a panel including agency representation at the recent Portland School Board meeting to discuss the awareness of suicide. She also informed Board members that the Drab to Fab event held on May 7 went well, and that funeral services for long-time board member Michael Gallagher are scheduled for Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul.

15. Other

16. Board Meeting Wrap-Up April 2026 Review

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

17. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.