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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 27, 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, Cathy Hesche, David Hodges, Mariah Lab, Melissa McKinstry, Nancy Patera, Linda Purcey

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

Members Absent: Andrew Dinehart, Ron Thomas

Staff Present: Chris Barnett, Jill Carter, Nathan Derusha, Amanda Eveleth, Teresa Kiser, Nataliia Kniffin (Intern), Maureen Perkins, Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen

2. Determination of Quorum

It was determined there was a quorum.

3. Public Comment

Intern Nataliia Kniffin introduced herself. Nataliia is an intern with the Outpatient department.

4. June 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Cathy Hesche to approve the June 15, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5. June 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Nancy Patera and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to approve the June 22, 2026 Board meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

7. Financial Statements – June 2026

CFO Nathan Derusha reviewed the June 2026 financial statements.

8. Pending Contracts – July 2026

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Patera to approve the pending contracts for July 2026 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

9. Policy Review

MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Cathy Hesche 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-112 Rights of Minors; RR-114 Change in Type of Treatment; RR-115 Comprehensive Examinations; RR-991 Consumerism; and RR-992 Cultural Diversity as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

10. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the Board Outcomes Quarter 2.

11. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

Linda Purcey reported that MSHN reviewed their Corporate Compliance report which was 40 pages. She also reported that Deputy Director Amanda Ittner is serving as Interim Director while Joe Sedlock is on medical leave.

12. CMHA Report

No report given. Next meeting is Friday, August 7.

13. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board of a 2nd Action Alert for HB 6022 regarding privatization of the CMH system; people in the community were surveyed, and privatization is not wanted in the community. She notified the Board that MSHN will be applying for grants through the Rural Health Transformation program as the umbrella for all CMHs in the region; Jackson County will not be eligible as they are considered urban. CEO Possehn informed the Board of RFP status: no change in the posting on DTMB intended as a procurement for a new bid opportunity. She also informed that there are upcoming listening sessions for CCBHC post demonstration policy development. CEO Possehn notified the Board of the Recipient Rights review, which is held every three years, will be August 11-13; CARF review will be September 2-4.

14. Other

Discussion was held regarding Board members completing the Board Member Competencies and Conflict of Interest forms. Jenny also reminded Board members of the option to complete the ACH forms for their expense reimbursement.

15. Board Meeting Wrap-Up June 2026 Review

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

16. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

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

17. Board Member Demographic Survey 2026

Survey forms were redistributed, and members were asked to complete the survey.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer