

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022 – 7:00 PM**  
**TUSCOLA COUNTY FAIR MIDWAY HALL**  
**700 SOUTH ALMER STREET, CARO, MI 48723**  
**IF UNABLE TO ATTEND CALL: 989.673.6191 / 1.800.462.6814**

The regular meeting of the Tuscola Behavioral Health System's Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Grimshaw, February 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm, at the Tuscola County Fair Midway Hall located at 700 South Almer Street, Caro, MI.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Bardwell	Present	McNett	Present
Fritz	Excused	Moore	Present
Griesing	Present	Partridge	Present
Grimshaw	Present	Ryan	Present
Harrington	Present	Snider	Present
Helmbold	Present	Szostak	Present

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:**

Beals via Zoom	Present	Majeske	Excused
Hagedon	Present	Mitchell	Present

**ROLL CALL** taken by Snider

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No public present.

**MARKETING & TRAINING PRESENTATION BY SUSAN HOLDER:**

Susan Holder, Director of Marketing & Training provided presentation on the Marketing & Training division of TBHS. Questions and answers were addressed during the presentation. Holder left the meeting following presentation.

<b>DATE-NUMBER</b>	<b>BODY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
February 24, 2022 - - 1	Szostak moved and Partridge supported to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2022 meeting as presented.	Carried

**CONTRACT AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY HAGEDON:**

February 24, 2022 - - 2	Griesing moved and Snider supported to accept the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated February 24, 2022 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	Carried
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY HAGEDON:**

February 24, 2022 - - 3	McNett moved and Szostak supported placing the Financial Statements on file.	Carried
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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT BY BEALS (highlighted areas of written report):

- FY22 Medicaid – MSHN staff will be requesting that the MSHN Board approve up to 13 million for provider stabilization related to staffing. These funds would be available to the 12 CMHs as well as the SUD providers. Funding is to assist providers (not CMHs) with staff recruitment and retention efforts, funds would be available until 9/30/2022 or until all approved funds have been spent. For CMHs, we are to utilize any funds available within our regular Medicaid funds (PEPM) prior to requesting additional funding.
- FY22 General Fund – Nothing new to report.
- COVID - Since the January board meeting, we have had 27 staff tested for COVID with five staff testing positive. We are following the CDC isolation period of five days and allowing staff to return to work if conditions are met and they wear either a KN95 mask or a N95 mask. As of February 16, 2022, we are now offering COVID testing for TBHS staff and individuals that reside in the TBHS and contracted residential homes. To date, we have done 10 tests on staff, I do not have a number related to individuals from the residential homes that may have been tested.

Staff are still working both remotely and on-site. Echols staff are three days on site and two days remote. PIC staff are also remote/on-site and as of next week we will have 60% of staff back on site. Both locations have staff that are on site at all times with no remote work due to their job responsibilities.

- Staffing - We have filled an administrative support staff shared Finance/ACT position, an Outpatient Therapist position and a part time Psychologist. We have also received the resignation from the Children's/Emergency Services Supervisor. Current open positions include the following: 5 part time residential (will fill one as full time in an attempt to speed up recruitment), 2 Case Managers/Supports Coordinators (MI), 1 Full time Outpatient Therapist, 2 Children's Services Workers (one position was filled but she is not available until June), Outpatient Supervisor, Compliance/PI Supervisor, Registered Nurse (upcoming retirement), and the Health Information Specialist. We also have a need for positions to be filled: Child Psychiatrist and Speech Therapist as either an employee or contractual.

Staff Psychiatrists – We are still working to get the child psychiatrist on board. The Child Psychiatrist (Dr. K) was originally scheduled to start in December but has put this on hold due to personal reasons. We have identified another Child Psychiatrist and we are looking at a start date in April. She will be doing telepsychiatry but is interested in coming on site one day per month (currently in the process of moving to Michigan). The other Locum psychiatrist, (Dr. Chung) did start in early February. If things work out, we will be making an offer of employment to her after 90 days.

- System Redesign - Senator Shirkey is continuing to work to move Senate bills 597 & 598 forward. It was reported yesterday that he intends to bring the bills up for a vote next week. It is unknown at this time if there is enough support within the Senate for these bills to pass out of the Senate. I did reach out to Senator Daley regarding the proposed bills, however, did not receive a response. Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) is looking for additional community mental health board or county commissioner resolutions against these bills if the board is interested in doing a resolution or if the board would support us requesting a resolution from the county commissioners in opposition to these bills. In your packet is also a copy of a press release from CMHA "New Poll Finds Two out of Three Likely Michigan Voters and more than 100 Michigan-Based Groups Prefer Public-led Mental Health System. If anyone is interested and able to reach out to Senator Daley to show our opposition to these bills, his contact information is 517-373-1777 or 1-855-347-8031 or email to [senkdaley@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senkdaley@senate.michigan.gov). You need to include name, address, phone number and email.

Representative Whiteford – her bills have not been introduced to the house. It is my understanding that she is continuing to work on edits to the bills prior to them being introduced.

Representative Brabec completed her listening tour around the state and the group has produced the document that was provided in your packet last month titled Enhancing Our Community Mental Health System. Participate in a Zoom presentation from Representative Brabec last week and was very impressed by her understanding of the issues that the CMH system is facing as well as the impact that Senator Shirkey's bills would have on the CMH system. Per Representative Brabec she is in discussions with Representative Whiteford and she hopes to get bi-partisan support for her bills. She is still in the process of developing her bills but also understands that for her proposals there will also need to be funding. She has recently been appointed as the Minority Chair of Appropriations so is hopeful that this would assist with getting the funding needed if her bills move forward.

- HB 5165 - There has been no update related to HB 5165 which would modify the ability to pay provisions within the mental health code which should allow community mental health authorities/agencies to receive approval through the National Health Services Corp (NHSC).
- Beals to be returning to work onsite on Monday, February 28, 2022.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chairperson Grimshaw appointed Szostak, Bardwell, and Helmbold to serve as the Nominating Committee. The committee will present their recommendations for officers at the next meeting prior to the election of officers that will take place at the March meeting.

Griesing reported on the CMHA Board of Director's meeting that was held on February 4, 2022.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Grimshaw reviewed the Board Member listing and indicated that the following member's terms will be expiring on March 31, 2022: Fritz, Griesing, McNett, and Szostak. Mitchell will provide necessary information to the Clerk's Office for approval of re-appointments.

Griesing shared information he received while attending the CMHA Virtual Winter Conference that was held February 8-9, 2022.

McNett reported on the Regional Meeting that was held on February 22, 2022.

The Finance Audit Report that is typically scheduled for the March meeting will be presented at the April meeting. Chairperson Grimshaw requested that they provide the report in person versus Zoom.

Included in the board packet that was mailed out was information on the CMHA 2022 Annual PAC Campaign. There is no set donation amount but would like participation from all boards. These donations must be made by individuals and not by the agency.

**BOARD'S SELF-ASSESSMENT:** Chairperson Grimshaw reviewed the outcome from the Board Self Assessments that were completed last month.

**MARCH MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Nominating Committee Report, Election of Officers, and myStrength Presentation


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**OTHER DOCUMENTS/ITEMS PROVIDED IN THE BOARD PACKET:** TBHS Guide to Services booklet (January 2022).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Grimshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

  
Cindy Mitchell  
Recorder

  
Daniel Grimshaw  
Chairperson

  
Karen Snider  
Secretary