

NEXT MEETING: MAY 22, 2025 – 7:00 PM
TBHS TRAINING CENTER
129 EAST BURNSIDE 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 Snider, April 24, 2025 at 7:02 pm, at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

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| BOARD ATTENDANCE: | Bardwell | Excused | McNett | Present |
| | Bruno | Excused | Partridge | Present |
| | Fritz | Present | Ryan | Present |
| | Griesing | Present | Sherman | Present |
| | Grimshaw | Present | Snider | Present |
| | Harrington | Present | | |
| STAFF ATTENDANCE: | Majeske | Present | Canady | Present |
| | Dudewicz | Present | Mitchell | Present |

ROLL CALL taken by Harrington.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

GUESTS: Trevor Kapp from Roslund, Prestage & Company

AUDIT REPORT:

Trevor Kapp, from Roslund, Prestage & Company presented the Independent Auditor's Report of TBHS for the FY ending September 30, 2024. Questions were addressed during the audit report; members were invited to contact Mr. Kapp with any questions that may arise in the future. Mr. Kapp left the meeting following the presentation at 7:17 pm.

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AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY KAPP:

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| April 24, 2025 - - 1 | Partridge moved and Griesing supported to accept the Financial Audit as presented and to place on file. | |
| | | Motion Carried |

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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| April 24, 2025 - - 2 | Partridge moved and McNett supported to accept the minutes from the March 27, 2025 meeting as mailed. | |
| | | Motion Carried |

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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| April 24, 2025 - - 3 | Grimshaw moved and Fritz supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated April 24, 2025 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board. | |
| | | Motion Carried |

CONTRACT TERMINATIONS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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McNett moved and Griesing supported to approve the Contract Terminations as presented on the Contract Termination List dated April 24, 2025.

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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Griesing moved and Fritz supported placing the Financial Statements on file.

Motion Carried

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT BY MAJESKE (highlighted areas of written report):

- Medicaid/General Fund – MSHN issued the Performance Bonus Incentive Pool (PBIP) earnings to its CMHSP participants this week. The PBIP is a financial mechanism used to encourage and reward contracted health plans for achieving specific health outcomes and improving health equity. The distribution of PBIP earnings to TBHS was \$180,434.61.
- The Medicaid revenue gap experienced by Michigan's public mental health system remains a significant concern. There are several factors that are contributing to the shortfalls, including loss of Medicaid funds as individuals lose coverage, flat funding for core services being outpaced by rising medical inflation, increasing program costs for services (i.e., inpatient psychiatric care, autism services and specialized residential services), and administrative burden from state regulators. A summary document from the Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) providing further details has been included in the Board packet.
- TBHS Workforce Update - Two (2) positions have been filled since the March Board Meeting: a part-time residential staff at the Maple Ridge Home and a part-time residential staff at the Gun Club Home. Two additional offers of employment are pending at this time. Currently, TBHS has 11 vacant positions. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.
- HHS COVID-19 Grant Termination - TBHS received notification from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) of the termination of the Health and Human Services COVID-19 grants, specifically, the COVID-19 Comprehensive Services for Behavioral Health Workforce Stabilization Support grant and the COVID-19 Comprehensive Services for Behavioral Health ACT and Dual ACT/IDDT Team Incentive grant. In the memo received dated 4/1/25, MDHHS indicated that based upon the lack of funding, beginning on April 1, 2025, "you must not spend funds under the above-named grants/contracts until further notice." As you may recall, these grants allowed the agency to fund, in part, various initiatives such as retention agreements, increased staff longevity payments, increased Emergency Services on-call compensation, wellness initiatives and sign-on bonuses for various positions. Grant funding awarded was scheduled to go through 9/30/25. Due to the pause of the grant funding, Senior Leadership has reviewed the activities supported via the aforementioned grants and has identified operational changes to be made.

Although MDHHS reports being encouraged by the legal ruling granting a Temporary Restraining Order blocking the cancellation of approximately \$376 million in funding, the pause work order as stated above remains in place until further notice.

- PIHP Procurement Process - As noted during the March Board meeting, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a press release on February 28, 2025 announcing their intent to move to a competitive procurement process for the state's Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) contracts. MDHHS sought public input through an online survey which closed on March 31, 2025. No update regarding the procurement process

has been provided by MDHHS since the initial announcement. The Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) has been actively advocating for steps to collectively solve the core issues such as sufficient funding, ensuring and enhancing local stakeholder voice, reducing administrative overhead and increasing workforce and network capacity. A copy of the CMHA infographic regarding this issue is included in the Board packet.

- Conflict-Free Access and Planning (CFAP) - No additional information has been received from MDHHS further defining requirements and providing technical details related to CFAP. Processes and procedures associated with the “Only Willing and Qualified Provider Designation” (OWQP) have not been communicated. CMHA has raised a number of logistical questions with MDHHS regarding the implementation of the CFAP segment of the waivers, underscoring the complexities of the plan.
- HRSA Site Visit - TBHS received notification that the National Health Services Corp (NHSC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) virtual site visit scheduled for 4/24/25 has been cancelled. No additional information was provided.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) - TBHS staff met with the Tuscola County Probate Judge and other personnel regarding further education and implementation of AOT programs and processes. Collaborative initiatives will be further examined and explored over the next five (5) months.
- Strategic Initiative (Promotion of behavioral health wellness through a comprehensive range of strategies to promote understanding of the public mental health system, strengthen positive community relations, and to support its mission and vision.) - TBHS continued community messaging and education regarding mental health services and supports, being represented and/or presenting at various community events during the month of April:
 - April 12, 2025 - Highland Pines Family Resource Fun Day
 - April 14, 2025 - Presentation to the Caro Rotary Club
 - April 21, 2025 - Offered benefits navigation services at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City
 - April 23, 2025 - Representation at the Caro High School Suicide Prevention Event featuring Derek Pfaff

In addition, TBHS, as a member of the Prevention and Recovery Coalition, coordinated with Cass City schools for installation of the Tuscola County Community Connections App on all 7-12 grade student Chromebooks.

REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS:

The ByLaws were mailed to members for review prior to the meeting. No recommended changes were suggested. Will approve at the May meeting.

REVIEW OF THE MISSION & VISION STATEMENT:

The Mission & Vision Statements were mailed to members for review prior to the meeting. No changes were suggested at this time. Will approve at the May meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Partridge reported on the CMHA Legislation & Policy Committee meeting that was held on 4/16/2025.

Griesing reported on the CMHA Board of Directors meeting that was held on 4/14/2025 along with the CMHA Contract & Financial Issues Committee meeting that was held on 4/17/2025.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Member Declaration, Confidentiality, & Disclosure Sheets were mailed to members prior to the meeting to complete and return to Mitchell.

BOARD'S SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

MAY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Communications & Counsel to the Board Committee meeting, Approval of ByLaws, Approval of Mission and Vision Statements, and Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA).

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Griesing moved and Partridge supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary