

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – 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

TUSCOLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Snider on January 22, 2026, at 6:59 pm, at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:	Bardwell	Present	McNett	Present
	Bruno	Present	Partridge	Present
	Fritz	Present	Ryan	Present
	Griesing	Excused	Sherman	Present
	Grimshaw	Present	Snider	Present
	Harrington	Present		

STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Majeske	Present	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

ROLL CALL taken by Secretary Harrington.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
January 22, 2026 - - 1	Partridge moved and Sherman supported to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting as mailed.	Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

January 22, 2026 - - 2	Grimshaw moved and Fritz supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated January 22, 2026 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	Motion Carried
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CONTRACT TERMINATIONS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

January 22, 2026 - - 3	Grimshaw moved and Partridge supported to approve the Contract Terminations as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated January 22, 2026.	Motion Carried
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

January 22, 2026 - - 4	Harrington moved and Sherman supported placing the Financial Statements on file.	Motion Carried
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CDARS RENEWAL PRESENTED BY DUDEWICZ:

Handout was provided for current CDARS rates with the recommendation to move current CDARS account to the Huntington Bank for 12 months at the rate of 3.40%/3.45% APY.

January 22, 2026 - - 5 Grimshaw made a motion to open a new CDARS account with a deposit of \$525,828.03 at the Huntington Bank at the rate of 3.45%/3.50% APY as of January 26, 2026, with a term of 6 months. No support was offered.

Motion Failed

January 22, 2026 - - 6 Partridge moved and Fritz supported to open a new CDARS account with a deposit of \$525,828.03 at the Huntington Bank at the rate of 3.40%/3.45% APY as of January 26, 2026, with a term of 12 months.

Roll Call Vote:

Bardwell	Yes	McNett	Yes
Bruno	Yes	Partridge	Yes
Fritz	Yes	Ryan	Yes
Griesing	Absent	Sherman	Yes
Grimshaw	No	Snider	Yes
Harrington	Yes		

9 – Yes
1 – No
1 – Absent

Motion Carried

January 22, 2026 - - 7 Fritz moved and Partridge supported to approve Julie Majeske as the authorized signer on the account and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried

January 22, 2026 - - 8 Fritz moved and Sherman supported to approve TBHS finance staff to have view-only online access to the CDARS account at the Huntington Bank and approve Julie Majeske to authorize said access.

Motion Carried

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT BY MAJESKE:

- Medicaid/General Fund – TBHS submitted supporting documentation to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) regarding missing Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW) payments from October 2023 to September 2025. In total, TBHS did not receive 24 payments for various individuals during that period. On December 22, 2025, TBHS received notification from MDHHS that the payments are scheduled to be issued.
- TBHS Workforce Update – There has been one (1) new hire since the December 2025 Board meeting; a Children’s Home-Based Assistant/Case Manager. In addition, two (2) internal transfers, one (1) resignation and two (2) retirements occurred during the month. Currently, TBHS continues to have eleven (11) full-time vacant positions. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.

- PIHP Procurement Process – On January 8, 2026, the Michigan Court of Claims released its decision related to the lawsuit between Mid-State Health Network, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, Region 10 PIHP, St. Clair County CMH, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo and Saginaw County CMH, et al, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The Opinion and Order from Judge Christopher Yates included the following:

“For the reasons explained above, defendants’ motion for summary disposition beyond the award in the Court’s October 14, 2025 opinion and order is denied, and the Court hereby issues a declaratory pronouncement that the RFP, as drafted, impermissibly conflicts with Michigan law in numerous respects, especially insofar as the RFP restricts CMHSPs from entering into financial contracts for the purpose of funding CMHSPs’ managed-care functions. However, the Court will not yet issue injunctive relief that directs defendants to amend or pull back the RFP.⁴ Defendants must decide, in the first instance, how to address the conflicts between Michigan law and the RFP that the Court has identified.”

The Court cited many examples from state law of responsibilities that would be impossible for CMHSPs to perform under the RFP as written. These included comprehensive service array requirements, pre-release planning, coordination with the criminal justice system, hospitalization of persons requiring treatment, and implementation of a recipient rights protection system.

- 1115 Reentry Services Demonstration Waiver Update – Due to a lack of funding appropriations in the state’s Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is unable to move forward with waiver implementation. With approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, MDHHS has formally withdrawn the Section 1115 Reentry Services Demonstration. Work on the waiver project concluded as of December 31, 2025. As you may recall, this was the program that was to provide Medicaid coverage of certain pre-release services for adults and youth transitioning from correctional facilities back into the community.
- SAMHSA Grant Cancellation – On January 13, 2026, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sent correspondence to numerous agency grant recipients stating that certain grants were terminated. The reason for cancellation noted in the correspondence was that SAMHSA may terminate a federal award to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. Initial estimates suggested approximately 2,800 grants totaling nearly \$2 billion had been cancelled. The following day, on January 14, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services rescinded its decision and restored the grants.
- Strategic Initiative Update – In alignment with strategic initiatives related to recruitment, TBHS has partnered with Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) to provide tours and orientation to TBHS programs and services for SVSU nursing students. Meetings have been scheduled for February 3, 2026 and March 17, 2026.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT:

Grimshaw shared information received from the MSHN Board meeting that was held on January 6, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Partridge reported on the Legislation & Policy Committee meeting that was held on January 14, 2026.

The Contract Monitoring Committee (Bardwell, Bruno, and Ryan) met prior to tonight's meeting. The committee reviewed three (3) contracts. The committee found that all criteria as noted in Policy I-003-010, Contracts, were met.

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Bardwell moved and Partridge supported to accept the Contract Monitoring Committee report as presented.

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Snider shared that she and Majeske met with a potential candidate to fill the current board vacancy. Support for the appointment of Mr. Steven Zissler for a partial term expiring March 31, 2026 and to continue with a full-term appointment expiring March 31, 2029 was submitted to the Board of Commissioners.

The following board member terms will be expiring on March 31, 2026: Grimshaw, Partridge, and Snider. Mitchell will provide necessary information to the Board of Commissioners for approval of re-appointments.

Chairperson Snider appointed Partridge, Ryan, and Sherman to serve as the Nominating Committee. The committee will present their recommendations for officers at the February meeting, with the election of officers to take place at the March meeting.

BOARD'S SELF-ASSESSMENT:

Board members were mailed the Board Self-Assessment Form to complete. Completed assessments to be given to Mitchell who will compile the results for Chairperson Snider to review.

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Nominating Committee Report and a Clinical Program Presentation for the February meeting.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dudewicz and Canady acknowledged that last week CEO Majeske achieved 30 years of service with Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 7:00 pm at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.


ADJOURNMENT:


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Harrington moved and Partridge supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Motion Carried


Cindy Mitchell
Recorder


Karen Snider
Chairperson


Marianne Harrington
Secretary