

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 on January 23, 2025, at 7:02 pm, at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

<b>BOARD ATTENDANCE:</b>	Bardwell	Excused	Helmbold	Present
	Bruno	Absent	McNett	Present
	Fritz	Excused	Partridge	Present
	Griesing	Present	Ryan	Present
	Grimshaw	Present	Snider	Present
	Harrington	Present		

<b>STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>	Majeske	Present	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

**ROLL CALL** taken by Secretary Harrington.

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

**GUESTS:** Crystal Waugh, TBHS Children’s Services Supervisor

**CHILDREN’S SERVICES PRESENTATION BY WAUGH:**

Crystal Waugh, Children’s Services Supervisor, provided a presentation on the Children’s Services program within TBHS. Questions and answers were addressed during the presentation. Waugh left the meeting following the presentation at 7:20 pm.

<b>DATE-NUMBER</b>	<b>BODY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
January 23, 2025 - - 1	McNett moved and Partridge supported to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting as mailed.	Motion Carried

**CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:**

January 23, 2025 - - 2	Grimshaw moved and Griesing supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated January 23, 2025 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	Motion Carried
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**CONTRACT TERMINATIONS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:**

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Griesing moved and Partridge supported to approve the Contract Terminations as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated January 23, 2025.

Motion Carried

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:**

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McNett moved and Harrington supported placing the Financial Statements on file.

Motion Carried

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT BY MAJESKE:**

- Medicaid/General Fund – TBHS is currently analyzing the anticipated impact of the Earned Sick Time Act, proposed to go into effect on February 21, 2025, on agency financing. At this time, it is anticipated that the most significant impact will be in the provider network, specifically residential and Self-Directed Services. MSHN is recommending a regional approach to the standardized contract for providers. Dudewicz is currently on a MSHN workgroup to evaluate the financial impact across the region. Both the House and Senate have introduced bills to amend the ESTA.
- TBHS Workforce Update – One position has been filled since the December Board Meeting; the Recipient Rights Officer position, which will be an internal transfer. There was also one additional offer of employment extended to an external applicant for a vacant residential position; confirmation is pending at this time. TBHS continues to have 11 vacant positions at the present time. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.
- Conflict-Free Access and Planning (CFAP) – MDHHS received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), for the HSW 1915(c) application retroactive to October 1, 2024. This approved waiver application contained MDHHS’ approach (as previously opposed by TBHS and other CMHSPs) to meeting the Conflict Free standards. MDHHS also received CMS approval for the state’s SEDW and is awaiting approval of the 1915(i) and CWP waivers. The CFAP language is consistent throughout all applications. CMHA reports that it will be analyzing this document and working with MDHHS and the CMHSPs to determine what flexibilities exist in the MDHHS CFAP approach and how this approach will be implemented across the mental health system. An “Only and Willing Qualified Provider Designation” was included in the approved application, which includes criteria specific to rural counties and tribal providers.
- MDHHS will be sponsoring three (3) meetings in February 2025 for PIHP and CMHSP staff to meet with MDHHS to review the corrective action plan documents submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the onsite visits conducted in Michigan in July 2024. CMS reported that it “visited several settings in Michigan that were recommended by advocates and the state as benefiting from a site visit, including settings identified by the state and/or stakeholders as having the qualities of an institution as outlined at 42 CFR § 441.301(c)(5) and 42 CFR § 441.710. Other settings were selected to ensure the site visit itinerary reflected a diversity of setting and service types. CMS also met with state officials, supports coordinators, people receiving Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) and service providers to hear directly about Michigan’s strategy for implementing the regulatory criteria defining a home and community-based setting and how that strategy is carried out among the entities in the HCBS system.” A copy of the letter from

CMS to MDHHS has been included in the Board packet for review. The impact of corrective measures on the CMHSP system will be further defined in the upcoming meetings.

- Waskul Settlement – At the end of December 2024, the Court indicated that it was going to approve the Waskul settlement reached by MDHHS and the Plaintiffs. The Court did not provide its reasoning yet and has not entered its order. While the judge has approved the settlement, MDHHS must satisfy a host of conditions. Additional information on the status of the settlement is anticipated to be provided at the CMHA Directors Forum scheduled for next week.
- TBHS hosted a Human Trafficking Training on January 15, 2025 with Dr. Dena Nazer. A total of 109 individuals participated, with 72 of those being external stakeholders across the Thumb region. Evaluations received thus far have been extremely positive. TBHS will be exploring additional community training opportunities to be held in FY25.
- Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA), has proposed attending the TBHS Board of Directors Meeting in March to provide updates on various topics and CMHA activities. As a reminder, specific topics of interest should be forwarded to Cindy Mitchell for coordination with CMHA.

**MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT:**

Grimshaw and Griesing shared information received from the MSHN Board Meeting that was held on January 7, 2025.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Partridge reported on the Legislation & Policy Committee Meeting that was held on January 15, 2025.

The Contract Monitoring Committee (Griesing and Ryan) met prior to tonight's meeting. The committee reviewed two (2) contracts. The committee found that all criteria as noted in Policy I-003-010, Contracts, have been met.

January 23, 2025 - - 5                      Griesing moved and McNett supported to accept the Contract Monitoring Committee report as presented.

Motion Carried

Griesing reported on the CMHA Contract & Financial Issues Committee Meeting that was held on January 16, 2025.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The following board member's terms will be expiring on March 31, 2025: Bruno, Fritz, Griesing, and McNett. Mitchell will provide necessary information to the Board of Commissioners office for approval of re-appointments.

Chairperson Snider appointed Bardwell, Bruno, and Grimshaw 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 potential Clinical Program Presentation for the February meeting.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT:**


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Griesing moved and Harrington supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell  
Recorder



Karen Snider  
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington  
Secretary