

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2024
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, November 25, 2024 at 6:59 pm, at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:	Bardwell	Present	Helmbold	Present
	Bruno	Present	McNett	Present
	Fritz	Present	Partridge	Present
	Griesing	Excused	Ryan	Present
	Grimshaw	Absent	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 present.

GUESTS: Deb Geroux (Butzel Attorney) and Desiree Smith (TBHS Human Resources Supervisor).

COMPLIANCE TRAINING was provided by Butzel Attorney, Deb Geroux. Handouts were provided in tonight's Board packet. Questions were asked and answered. Geroux and Smith left the meeting at 7:39 pm.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 25, 2024 -- 1	McNett moved and Partridge supported to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2024 meeting as mailed.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

November 25, 2024 -- 2	Harrington moved and Fritz supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated November 25, 2024 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACT TERMINATIONS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

November 25, 2024 -- 3	McNett moved and Partridge supported to approve the Contract Terminations as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated November 25, 2024.	
		Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

November 25, 2024 - - 4 Partridge moved and Helmbold supported placing the Financial Statements on file as presented.

Motion Carried

MAPLE RIDGE ROOF REPLACEMENT BY DUDEWICZ:

Dudewicz presented to the board additional information regarding the warranty and quality of the shingles on the three bids that were received for roof replacement at Maple Ridge.

November 25, 2024 - - 5 McNett moved and Fritz supported to approve E&J Construction for the roof replacement at Maple Ridge in the amount of \$19,950.00 as presented.

Motion Carried

RFP FOR VEHICLE PURCHASE BY DUDEWICZ:

An RFP for vehicle purchase was sent to seven (7) dealerships with four (4) responding. Dudewicz is requesting Board approval to purchase up to three (3) vehicles in the amount of up to \$95,000.00.

November 25, 2024 - - 6 McNett moved and Partridge supported to approve the purchase of three (3) vehicles in the amount of up to \$95,00.00 as presented.

Motion Carried

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

- Medicaid/General Fund – As reported in several Board reports over the last year, Medicaid re-enrollment issues, specifically individuals being transitioned from the Disabled, Aged, and Blind (DAB) Medicaid program to other Medicaid programs, have resulted in a loss of revenue for TBHS as well as other Community Mental Health Service Programs. Recently, CMHA, in collaboration with one of the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, completed an in-depth analysis relative to this issue. Following is a summation provided by CMHA specific to the analysis, with a copy of the full analysis being provided in the Board packet. CMHA is taking a number of advocacy actions, including a meeting with MDHHS leadership to discuss their views on the findings of the analysis and the steps necessary to correct this re-enrollment problem, and to fund the revenue loss experienced by the state’s public mental health system.

“CMHA, working with one of its PIHPs, recently completed an in-depth analysis of the magnitude, dimensions, and causes of the DAB re-enrollment issues. The analysis, attached, examines the findings of one of Michigan’s ten Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) in quantifying the revenue lost by Michigan’s public mental health system by the inappropriate movement of persons in Michigan’s Disabled, Aged, and Blind (DAB) Medicaid program to other Medicaid programs with per enrollee per month (PEPM) rates far below those of DAB. In fact, one of the programs to which these DAB enrollees have been moved provides no revenues to the public mental health system and no mental health benefit to persons who were eligible for Michigan’s full mental health benefit, before they were incorrectly moved to other Medicaid programs.

During this period, hundreds of persons with DAB coverage, statewide, were moved inappropriately out of that coverage and into other Medicaid programs.

The loss to the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), Northern Michigan Regional Entity, which conducted the study was greater than \$35 million over the past five years, with a loss of over \$18 million occurring in FY 2024 alone. When extrapolated to the entire Michigan public mental health system, the gross revenue loss over the last five years is estimated to be over \$689 million with over \$350 million lost in FY 2024 alone.”

- TBHS Workforce Update - There was one addition to the TBHS workforce since the October Board meeting, a Supports Coordinator/Case Manager who is scheduled to start on 12/09/24. There was also one internal transfer of a Supports Coordinator/Case Manager to the vacant Children’s Home-Based position. Interviews remain ongoing for the Benefits Administrator position due to a pending retirement in December 2024 as well as the Recipient Rights Officer position. TBHS also had one resignation in November, a Community and Residential Support Staff.

TBHS has eleven (11) vacant positions: ACT Advocate, ACT RN, ACT Supervisor, ACT Team Coordinator, Community and Residential Support Staff, Peer Support Specialist, Quality/Compliance Supervisor, Supports Coordinator/Case Manager (2), Supports Coordinator/Self-Determination Coordinator and Recipient Rights Officer.

- Conflict-Free Access and Planning (CFAP) Update – No new updates have been provided by MDHHS since the cancellation of the November 1st meeting with the PIHPs.
- The Justice Department announced on November 13, 2024, that it has opened an investigation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into whether the State of Michigan unnecessarily institutionalizes adults with serious mental illness in state psychiatric hospitals. The DOJ will investigate whether the state fails to provide necessary community-based mental health services to enable people to transition from the state psychiatric hospitals and remain stable in the community.
- Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA), has offered to attend an upcoming TBHS Board meeting to provide updates on various topics and CMHA activities. Specific topics of interest should be forwarded to Cindy Mitchell for coordination with CMHA. Majeske to make arrangements with Bolter to attend a TBHS Board meeting after the first of the year.
- Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) conducted a Delegated Managed Care (DMC) review of TBHS on November 12-13, 2024. Feedback from the exit conference held on November 13, 2024 was very positive, with minimal findings noted. The written report will be forthcoming. The DMC follow-up review by MSHN to ensure compliance with any corrective action plans developed is scheduled for May 2025.
- The University of Michigan-Flint School of Nursing has announced the launch of an initiative aimed at addressing the critical nursing shortage in Michigan's Thumb region. The UM-Flint Educates Rural Nurses program, also known as the UM-FERN project, is backed by a four-year, \$3.94 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration and seeks to increase the number of nurses in rural and underserved communities, particularly in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola counties. The key objectives of the project are to increase enrollment and graduation rates, offer specialized training, provide an accelerated pathway, and establish clinical faculty and preceptors. TBHS will be supporting this initiative through its involvement in the Thumb Community Health Partnership.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT: No report was provided due to the absence of both Grimshaw and Griesing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Partridge reported on the CMHA Legislation & Policy Committee Meeting that was held on November 20, 2024.

The Communication & Counsel to the Board Monitoring Committee (Snider, Harrington, and McNett) met prior to tonight’s meeting. McNett reported that the committee has found the CEO to be in compliance with Board Policy I-003-009, Communication & Counsel to the Board.

November 25, 2024 - - 7 McNett moved and Harrington supported to accept the Communication & Counsel to the Board Monitoring Committee Report as presented.

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion in light of the Compliance presentation; what action should be taken to ensure compliance oversight while still maintaining adherence to the Carver Model. Majeske offered for the Compliance Officer to meet quarterly with the Board to discuss ongoing compliance without Senior Leadership involvement, should that be the Board’s desire.

November 25, 2024 - - 8 Bardwell moved and Fritz supported the recommendation of the Compliance Officer meeting quarterly with the Board.

Motion Carried

BOARD’S SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

DECEMBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Recipient Rights Annual Report

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public

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ADJOURNMENT:

November 25, 2024 - - 9 McNett moved and Fritz supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

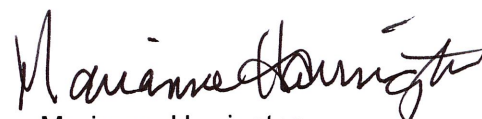
Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary