

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 28, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
TBHS TRAINING CENTER
129 EAST BURNSIDE STREET, CARO, MI 48723
IF UNABLE TO ATTEND CALL: 989.673.6191 OR 1.800.462.6814**

The regular meeting of the Tuscola Behavioral Health System's Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Snider, July 24, 2025 at 7:08 pm, at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:	Bardwell	Present	McNett	Excused
	Bruno	Present	Partridge	Present
	Fritz	Excused	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

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:		
July 24, 2025 - - 1	Griesing moved and Partridge supported to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting as mailed.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

Questions regarding contracts were asked and answered.

July 24, 2025 - - 2	Harrington moved and Grimshaw supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements presented on the Contract List Sheet dated July 24, 2025 and to authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	
		Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

July 24, 2025 - - 3	Grimshaw moved and Partridge supported placing the Financial Statements on file as presented.	
		Motion Carried

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

- Medicaid/General Fund – As reported last month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) held a rate adjustment meeting with the Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) at the end of May 2025, resulting in rate increases for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan. Since that time, TBHS has received one adjusted payment for the month of June;

however, payments for prior months have not been received as of this time. TBHS is still projecting a Medicaid surplus as noted in the year-to-date financial statements.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) – MSHN reports that MDHHS is proposing to reduce PIHP base capitation by \$97M for next fiscal year, which is significantly higher than MSHN would expect based on historical usage (approximately \$46M/year for MSHN). Information has been shared with MDHHS for possible reconsideration.

Contrary to previous reports, MSHN recently shared that an additional rate adjustment is not anticipated in FY25 to cover the cost of implementing minimum wage increases and the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act but anticipates an increase specific to these expenses in FY26.

- TBHS Workforce Update – One position has been filled since the June Board Meeting: a Rehabilitation Technician position. Currently, TBHS has 10 full-time vacant positions and one part-time position. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.

Navigator Grant – TBHS received notification from the Thumb Community Health Partnership (TCHP) that funding to continue the Health Insurance Navigation Program was successfully secured through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, thus, allowing TBHS to continue to support a TBHS Benefits Navigator position in FY26. As you may recall, previous funding was terminated earlier this year as part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) funding reductions, which were originally scheduled to provide support through 2027.

- PIHP Procurement Process – On July 1, 2025, the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Board of Directors adopted a resolution in opposition of MDHHS' plans to competitively procure Michigan's Pre-Paid Health Plans. The MSHN Board of Directors requested MDHHS to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur. A copy of the MSHN resolution is included in the Board packet. Since that time, CMHSPs, within the MSHN region and across Michigan, have approved resolutions in opposition of the proposed procurement process. In follow-up to discussion at last month's Board meeting, a draft resolution has been included in the Board packet for TBHS Board review and consideration.

The Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) is continuing with advocacy efforts in opposition to the PIHP Contract Procurement Proposal, issuing a new "Concerns Regarding MDHHS PIHP Contract Procurement Proposal" which has been included in the Board packet.

- Conflict - Free Access and Planning (CFAP) – On May 13, 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a public Request for Information. The request asked members of the public to identify HHS rules that should be rescinded as part of the Administration's effort to reduce regulatory burdens. In response to this request, which closed on July 10, 2025, TBHS provided feedback advocating for changes to 42 CFR 441.730 as part of regulatory relief recommendations. Recommendations submitted were consistent with the TBHS Board Resolution adopted in June 2024, regarding this matter.
- AOT Grant Update – As you are aware, TBHS has been actively working with the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice (CBHJ) to initiate, expand and fortify the agency's capacity to deliver evidence-based services for individuals under Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) orders or deferrals via the Infrastructure Strengthening Possibilities Initiative grant. We are pleased to share that a collaborative training event has been scheduled for September 26, 2025 to include CBHJ personnel, the Tuscola County Probate Judge and Court personnel, Sheriff Department and other local law enforcement personnel, and TBHS staff to further solidify processes and expand options for those in need within the community.

- National Health Services Corps (NHSC) – NHSC has notified TBHS that the agency's eligibility for continued participation in the program has been extended until December 31, 2026. As you may recall, NHSC strives to increase access to quality health care in communities with significant health professional shortages. NHSC supports more than 17,000 primary care medical, dental and behavioral health providers through scholarships and loan repayment programs.
- Strategic Initiative [The 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.] Update – TBHS continued messaging and community education regarding mental health services and supports, being represented and/or presenting at various community events during the months of June and July:
 - June 4, 2025 – Faith Based Summit held at Mid-Way Hall
 - June 6, 2025 – Caro Downtown Business, Friday Family Fun Nights
 - June 17, 2025 – Tuscola County Senior Fair in Cass City
 - July 19, 2025 thru July 26, 2025 – Tuscola County Fair

Discussion of adopting the resolution opposing the MI Department of Health and Human Services' plan to competitively bid Michigan's Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans. Recommended to combine paragraphs seven and eight and to move paragraph nine under paragraph six for consistency.

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Harrington moved and Griesing supported to adopt the resolution opposing MDHHS Plan to Competitively Bid Michigan's Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) with changes as discussed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Bardwell	Yes	McNett	Absent
Bruno	Yes	Partridge	Yes
Fritz	Absent	Ryan	Yes
Griesing	Yes	Sherman	Yes
Grimshaw	Yes	Snider	Yes
Harrington	Yes		

9 – Yes

2 – Absent

Motion Carried

Bardwell suggested that Majeske consider giving an overview of why this resolution is important and the impact to the community to the Board of Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT:

Griesing and Grimshaw reported on the MSHN Board of Directors meeting that was held on July 1, 2025.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ENDS POLICY:

The Board Ends policies were reviewed at last month's meeting with no proposed changes or recommendations.

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Griesing moved and Partridge supported to approve the Board Ends Policies with no recommendations or changes.

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding potential modifications to committee meetings in order to strengthen compliance with the Open Meetings Act and to promote greater transparency. Three options were discussed: holding committee meetings farther in advance of the regular board meeting to allow time for minutes to be prepared and reviewed; having the full board act as the committee during the regular meeting; or continuing with the current practice of holding separate committee meetings prior to the board meeting with committee members reporting out during the board meeting. Will discuss further at the next board meeting.

Request that the Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes be included in the monthly Board packets.

The handout of the Board Member Code of Ethics was provided in tonight's board packet.

BOARD'S SELF-ASSESSMENT: Board Self-Assessment forms were mailed out in the board packet. Please complete and return to Mitchell who will compile the results for Chairperson Snider to review.

AUGUST MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Contracts Committee

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Harrington moved and Griesing supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary