

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 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, February 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm, at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI.

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

ROLL CALL taken by Harrington.

GUESTS/PUBLIC: Teri Kopasz (TBHS), Chad, and Jack.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Jack stated that he was present to observe and to learn more about mental health, as he feels the topic is important.

CLINICAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY KOPASZ:

Teri Kopasz, Skill Building/Supported Employment Supervisor, provided a presentation on the Skill Building/Community Living Supports/Supported Employment programs of TBHS. Chad spoke regarding his participation in the Supported Employment program. Questions and answers were addressed during the presentation. Kopasz and Chad left the meeting following the presentation at 7:06 pm.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
February 26, 2026 - - 1	McNett moved and Partridge supported to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2026 meeting as mailed.	Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/TERMINATIONS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

There were no contracts/agreements/terminations to review.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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SSA-11-BK FORM PRESENTED BY DUDEWICZ:

The Social Security Administration is now requiring documentation confirming that the individual signing the SSA-11-BK application has the authority to act on behalf of the agency when an organization seeks to serve as Representative Payee for an individual served.

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Grimshaw moved and Fritz supported to authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to sign SSA-11-BK applications with the Social Security Administration on behalf of TBHS, allowing the agency to serve as Representative Payee for eligible individuals.

Motion Carried

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

- Medicaid – TBHS received clarifying information from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) regarding implementation of the Waskul Lawsuit Settlement for Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW) individuals participating in self-directed arrangements. The settlement's minimum fee schedule did not go into effect, thus, a specific wage for HSW self-directed CLS staff does not need to be paid. A subgroup will be established to develop a budget template for state-wide use to improve consistency with this initiative.
- General Fund – TBHS continues active collaboration with the local MDHHS office to reduce the processing time for retroactive spenddown applications. This effort is focused on improving timeliness, minimizing financial disruptions for individuals served, and strengthening coordination between agencies to ensure benefits are applied as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Workforce – There were two (2) new hires since the January 2026 Board meeting: a Nurse Educator and a Financial Services Secretary/Receptionist. In addition, there were two (2) internal transfers and one (1) retirement during the month. Currently, TBHS continues to have ten (10) full-time vacant positions and two (2) part-time vacant positions. Recruitment efforts remain ongoing.
- PIHP Procurement Process – On January 29, 2026, the State issued a rescission of the Request for Proposal (RFP) related to the State's PIHP contracts via Michigan's SIGMA system. The notice indicated that "...the State has elected to discontinue the RFP process, and no Award will be issued."

The following day, January 30, 2026, the State filed a motion for summary disposition, requesting the lawsuit be dismissed (i.e., since the RFP was rescinded, the lawsuit is moot). The Plaintiffs' attorneys filed a brief opposing the State's motion on February 13, 2026. The State's response to the Plaintiff's response was filed on February 17, 2026. A hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 in the Michigan Court of Claims.

- PIHP Lawsuit (FY 25 Contract) – As you may recall, five (5) PIHPs inclusive of Lakeshore Regional Entity, NorthCare Mental Health Care Entity, Northern Michigan Regional Entity, CMH Partnership of Southeast Michigan, and Region 10 PIHP, signed a "red-lined" version of the FY 25 PIHP contract offered by MDHHS. MDHHS did not accept the red-lined version and invoked the two-year "transition to termination" clause in the fully executed FY24 contract. At this time, the two-year transition period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2026.

Four (4) of the PIHPs noted above filed suit against MDHHS in the Court of Claims on December 10, 2024. Recently, a hearing for oral arguments on defendants' motion for summary disposition was scheduled to be held on March 24, 2026.

- Conflict Free Access and Planning (CFAP) / Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW) Amendment – Earlier this month, MDHHS issued a notice that it intends to submit Waiver application

amendment requests for the 1915(c) HSW to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The anticipated effective date for the 2026 HSW Amendment is on or after July 1, 2026. MDHHS continues to pursue an option that would require organizations that carry out assessment and service planning to be separate organizations from those that provide direct services. No public meeting is being scheduled regarding this notice but comments are being accepted via written correspondence through March 16, 2026. TBHS will be providing a written response aligned with the TBHS Board Resolution adopted in June 2024 regarding this matter.

- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Grant Update – As you are aware, TBHS has been actively working with the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice (CBHJ), Tuscola County Probate Court and local law enforcement 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. TBHS was notified on February 6, 2026, that the grant funding was being reduced by 50% for FY 26, resulting in total grant funds available of \$8,870.00. TBHS was provided the option of formally opting out of the grant at the end of March 2026; however, TBHS is committed to continuing with their AOT efforts, as significant progress has been made. The next quarterly collaboration meeting with community partners for further implementation is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026.
- Police Chiefs Meeting – The TBHS Chief Operating Officer and the TBHS Emergency Services Supervisor attended the Police Chiefs Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, to provide an overview of Emergency Services and discuss ways to enhance future collaboration. Methods for conveying information and communication improvement were reviewed, with local law enforcement utilizing these methods and engaging in outreach with TBHS twice since the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Partridge reported that the Nominating Committee (Partridge, Ryan, and Sherman) met prior to tonight's meeting and is recommending the current slate of officers for another year as follows: Chairperson, Karen Snider; Vice-Chairperson, Susan McNett; and Secretary, Marianne Harrington.

The committee recommended that next year's Nominating Committee consider selecting members who have not previously served as officers. They also recommended rotating members on the monitoring committees so the same individuals are not serving on the same committee for extended periods, giving all members the opportunity to learn about each committee's responsibilities.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Snider re-appointed Grimshaw to the Mid-State Health Network Board of Directors for a 3-year term starting 5/1/2026 and ending 4/30/2029.

Chairperson Snider reviewed the results from the Board Self Assessments that were completed last month.

McNett and Partridge shared information they received while attending the CMHA Winter Conference that was held in Kalamazoo, MI on February 3-4, 2026.

BOARD'S SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

MARCH MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Election of Officers and Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA). A clinical program overview may be provided in lieu of Mr. Bolter's presentation in the event Mr. Bolter is unable to attend the March meeting.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public comments were made.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Harrington moved and Partridge supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

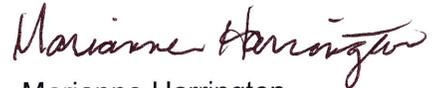
Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary