

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 23, 2026 - 7:00 PM**  
**TBHS TRAINING CENTER**  
**129 EAST BURNSIDE STREET, CARO, MI 48723**  
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**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 March 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI.

<b>BOARD ATTENDANCE:</b>	Bardwell	Excused	McNett	Present
	Bruno	Excused	Partridge	Present
	Fritz	Present	Ryan	Present
	Griesing	Present	Sherman	Present
	Grimshaw	Present	Snider	Present
	Harrington	Present	Zissler	Excused
<b>STAFF ATTENDANCE:</b>	Majeske	Excused	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

**ROLL CALL** taken by Harrington

**GUESTS/PUBLIC:** Alan Bolter from Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) via Zoom and Jack Bader.

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

**PRESENTATION BY CMHA ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ALAN BOLTER:**

Alan Bolter, Associate Director of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, provided updates on various topics and CMHA activities. Questions and answers were addressed during the meeting. Mr. Bolter left the meeting following the presentation at 7:22 pm.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The Nominating Committee recommended to continue with the current slate of officer as follows: Snider as Chairperson, McNett as Vice Chairperson, and Harrington as Secretary.

Chairperson Snider reported the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Karen Snider for Chairperson of the Board. Chairperson Snider called for any other nominations from the floor three times; no other nominations were made.

<b>DATE-NUMBER</b>	<b>BODY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
March 26, 2026 - - 1	Griesing moved and Sherman supported to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Snider as Chairperson of the Board.	

Motion Carried

Chairperson Snider reported the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Susan McNett for Vice Chairperson of the Board. Chairperson Snider called for any other nominations from the floor three times; no other nominations were made.

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Partridge moved and Fritz supported to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect McNett as Vice Chairperson of the Board.

Motion Carried

Chairperson Snider reported the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Marianne Harrington for Secretary of the Board. Chairperson Snider called for any other nominations from the floor three times; no other nominations were made.

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Grimshaw moved and Partridge supported to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Harrington as Secretary of the Board.

Motion Carried

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

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Partridge moved and Harrington supported to accept the minutes from the February 26, 2026 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

#### **CONTRACT AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:**

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McNett moved and Griesing supported to accept the Contracts/Agreements as presented on the Contract List Sheet(s) dated March 26, 2026 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.

Motion Carried

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:**

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Partridge moved and Sherman supported placing the Financial Statements on file.

Motion Carried

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT BY CANADY ON BEHALF OF MAJESKE:**

- Medicaid/GF – Earlier this week, TBHS held a productive meeting with the Tuscola County Department of Health and Human Services to address processing timelines for spenddowns. As a result, a dedicated specialist has been assigned to submit all spenddown documentation on behalf of TBHS. This change is expected to create more consistent processing, reduce fluctuations in General Fund expenditures, and shorten the timeframe for Habilitation Support Waiver payments.
- TBHS Workforce Update – There was one (1) new part-time hire since the February 2026 Board meeting: a community and residential support staff. Two additional offers of employment are pending; both are for part-time community and residential support positions. TBHS received one notice of intent to retire from a long-term staff as well as two other resignations during the month. Two (2) of the positions are anticipated to be vacated in May

2026. Currently, TBHS continues to have eleven (11) full-time vacant positions. While the operational impact is manageable at this time, it underscores the need for ongoing planning to maintain service continuity and is reflective of the larger behavioral health workforce shortage being experienced across the state.

Human Resources staff attended the Saginaw Valley State University Human Services Job Fair on March 19, 2026 and made meaningful connections with two (2) students anticipated in graduate in May. Both expressed strong interest in the agency, and interviews have already been scheduled as TBHS continues building a pipeline of emerging talent.

- PIHP Procurement Process – As noted last month, the State filed a motion for summary disposition on January 30, 2026 requesting the lawsuit be dismissed (i.e., since the RFP was rescinded, the lawsuit is moot). A hearing has been scheduled for April 13, 2026 in the Michigan Court of Claims.

MDHHS held listening sessions with CMHSP Directors on March 03, 2026 and a separate meeting with PIHP Directors on March 05, 2026. MDHHS identified that their role in the listening session was to listen and the meeting was solely for them to receive feedback regarding the recently issued Request for Proposal (RFP). Kristen Morningstar, Director of the Bureau of Specialty Behavioral Health Services, reported MDHHS staff would be limited in their interactions during the meeting and that it would need to be mostly “one-sided dialogue.” MDHHS stated they would not be answering questions during the meeting. MDHHS stated they would be recording the meeting; however, they would not commit to sending out the recording or a transcript after the meeting and indicated that the recording would be used for their “internal purposes only.” CMHSPs and PIHPs conveyed a desire for ongoing collaboration to develop achievable solutions together with stakeholders, indicating that it was the hope that this would be the first in a series of collaborative problem-solving meetings. There has been no further follow up since these meetings.

- PIHP Lawsuit (FY 25 Contract) – The hearing for oral arguments on the defendants’ motion for summary disposition has been rescheduled to April 09, 2026. This is lawsuit filed by the four (4) PIHPs who signed a “red-lined” version of the contract offered by MDHHS and are now operating under 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.
- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) Accreditation – Earlier this week, CARF notified TBHS that, based on a recent analysis of anticipated upcoming surveys, TBHS has been selected for a permanent change to its accreditation expiration cycle. Under this adjustment, TBHS would receive a new accreditation expiration date of May 31, 2027, with a corresponding resurvey scheduled for March/April 2027. TBHS has until Tuesday, March 31, 2026 to either accept this change or formally request to retain the original November 2026 expiration date.
- Intensive Care Coordination with Wraparound (ICCW) Approval – MDHHS certifies providers to participate in the Medicaid program and deliver specific specialty behavioral health services. The Bureau of Children’s Coordinated Health Policy and Supports (BCCHPS) approves certifications for the following programs: Home-Based Services, Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services, Intensive Care Coordination with Wraparound, Crisis Residential Programs, and Children’s Therapeutic Family Care. Programs requiring special approval services are required to seek approval for certification every three (3) years on a schedule that is specified by MDHHS. TBHS was informed on March 24, 2026 that the agency’s application to provide ICCW services to children, youth and families was approved by MDHHS.

- Thumbody Transportation Services – TBHS received notification yesterday, via a press release, that the Human Development Commission (HDC) has decided to end their partnership with Caro Transit Authority (CTA) after four (4) decades of providing service. Per the press release “Since 1984, the Human Development Commission (HDC) has operated in partnership with the Village of Caro to provide transportation services in the Caro Area. In 1988, Almer and Indianfields Townships joined the collaboration and formed the Caro Transit Authority (CTA), contracting with HDC to provide Thumbody Express services to the public...HDC will continue to provide the Thumbody Express service during CTA’s transition to another provider. However, HDC will cease operation of services effective September 30, 2026, if another provider cannot be found sooner. TBHS will be monitoring these developments closely, as transportation needs were one of the top three (3) priorities/emerging trends identified by participants in the most recent TBHS-sponsored focus groups. A significant number of service recipients rely on the services of Thumbody to access mental health treatment, making the future of these services particularly important to the individuals TBHS supports.

**MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) BOARD REPORT:**

Grimshaw and Griesing shared information received from the MSHN Board Meeting that was held on March 3, 2026.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Partridge reported on the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Meeting that was held on March 11, 2026. Committee reviewed the budget, activity, incident and training reports. Also continued reviewing the Recipient Rights policies and held election of officer for executive positions.

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Partridge moved and Fritz supported to accept the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Report as presented.

Motion Carried

Partridge reported on the CMHA Legislation & Policy Committee that was held on March 18, 2026.

Griesing reported on the CMHA Contract and Financial Issues (CFI) Committee Meeting that was held on March 19, 2026.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Snider reappointed S. Campbell, L. Groth, J. Squire, J. Hunter, B. Stadler, & K. Partridge to the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee for a three-year term beginning 4/1/2026 and expiring 3/31/2029.

**BOARD’S SELF-EVALUATION:** In compliance.

**APRIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:** Finance Audit, Review of the ByLaws, Review of Mission & Vision Statement, and completion of Board Member Disclosure, Declaration, and Confidentiality Agreement forms.

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

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 7:00 pm at the TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Griesing moved and Sherman supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

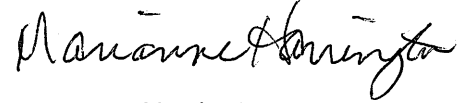
Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell  
Recorder



Karen Snider  
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington  
Secretary