

**NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 27, 2026 – 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 Systems' Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Snider, July 23, 2026 at 6:59 pm, at the TBHS Training Center located at 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

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

ROLL CALL taken by Harrington.

GUESTS/PUBLIC: The Honorable Amy Gierhart and The Honorable Jason Bitzer

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public

MENTAL HEALTH COURT PRESENTATION:

The Honorable Amy Gierhart of Tuscola County Circuit Court and The Honorable Jason Bitzer of Tuscola County District Court, provided an informational presentation on the Mental Health Treatment Court, including its purpose, eligibility requirements, operations, and outcomes. Questions and answers were addressed during the presentation. Judge Gierhart and Judge Bitzer left the meeting following the presentation at 7:42 pm.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:		
July 23, 2026 - - 1	Griesing moved and Sherman supported to accept the minutes from the June 25, 2026 meeting as mailed.	
		Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

Questions regarding contracts were asked and answered.

July 23, 2026 - - 2	Harrington moved and Sherman supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements presented on the Contract List Sheet dated July 23, 2026 and to authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.	
		Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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Grimshaw moved and Fritz supported placing the Financial Statements on file as presented.

Motion Carried

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

- Medicaid/GF – The FY27 Conference Report (Final Budget) summary drafted by CMHA has been included in the Board packet. Notably, Boilerplate Sec. 1020 - PIHP Request for Proposal, Sec. 1021 - Mental Health Framework Prohibition, and Sec. 1022 - Waskul Cost Reimbursements were **not** included in the final budget. Additionally, the anticipated reduction in Healthy Michigan funding associated with HR.1 is expected to place significant pressure on general and local funds in 2027.
- MSHN has reported that a mid-year rate adjustment is not anticipated at this time, as no additional information has been received from MDHHS to date. Additionally, despite MSHN's outreach efforts, no information has been provided by MDHHS regarding FY27 contracts.
- Workforce – The two (2) individuals previously scheduled to begin employment in July 2026, the ACT Registered Nurse and part-time Rehabilitation Technician, have now started with TBHS. In addition, two (2) positions have been filled since the June Board meeting, including a Community and Residential Support position and a part-time Parent Support Partner position. TBHS currently has twelve (12) vacant positions, which reflect internal transfers and the addition of two (2) new PRN positions for the residential and CLS programs as well as the addition of another part-time Youth Peer Support Specialist.
- TBHS is collaborating with MSHN and affiliate partners to support regional efforts to secure funding through the 2027 Rural Health Transformation Program grant opportunity. As part of this collaboration, TBHS is providing input on initiatives intended to strengthen, expand, and sustain the rural behavioral health workforce and improve access to mental health services in rural communities.
- PIHP Procurement Process – There are no new developments in the Competitive Procurement Lawsuit, for which MSHN and five (5) other litigants have filed an appeal.
- As noted last month, the intended procurement of the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans was posted on the DTMB Vendor Opportunity Dashboard in June 2026. To date, no additional details have been posted beyond the anticipated release date of August 2026.
- Mental Health Framework Update / House Bill (HB) 6022 – As reported last month, Representative VanderWall introduced HB 6022 on May 19, 2026, which would modify Michigan's Mental Health Code to expand and clarify preadmission screening responsibilities for mental health services, particularly involving Medicaid health plans and community mental health service programs, ultimately advancing certain components of the Mental Health Framework. On June 10, 2026, HB 6022 was passed by the House Health Policy Committee and referred to the Committee on Rules. No further advancement of HB 6022 has occurred since the Committee on Rules accepted testimony on June 25, 2026.
- CMHA recently commissioned an independent statewide poll of likely November 2026 voters regarding proposals to privatize Michigan's public mental health system. Results indicated strong voter opposition to transferring the public mental health system to private health insurance companies. CMHA also released an Action Alert related to these findings. Copies of the poll results and Action Alert information are included in the Board packet.
- TBHS has scheduled two (2) community focus groups to gather input on current mental health needs, emerging trends, and priorities for future action. Facilitated by the Michigan State University Extension Program, the focus groups will offer both in-person and virtual

participation options and are scheduled for August 24–25, 2026. Information gathered through these sessions will be utilized to inform the agency's strategic planning efforts.

- TBHS has begun preliminary discussions and review of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies that may assist clinicians with clinical documentation by increasing efficiency, reducing administrative burden, and supporting the timely completion of clinical records. A recommendation is anticipated in October, following completion of compliance, privacy, accuracy, and operational reviews.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) BOARD REPORT:

Grimshaw reported on the MSHN Board of Directors meeting that was held on July 7, 2025. Griesing was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

The policy revision to Board Policy I-002-004 was included in tonight's packet for approval.

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Grimshaw moved and McNett supported to approve Board Policy I-002-004 with the revision date of 7/23/2026 as presented.

Motion Carried

Chairperson Snider read the resignation of Board member Steven Zissler. Due to a conflict with his permanent work schedule that requires him to work every fourth Thursday, he is no longer able to consistently attend board meetings.

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Harrington moved and Fritz supported to accept the resignation of Steven Zissler.

Motion Carried

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

AUGUST MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Contracts Committee and possibly a Program Presentation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public

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ADJOURNMENT:

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Griesing moved and Fritz supported to adjourn the meeting
at 8:15 pm.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary