

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 22, 2026
TBHS TRAINING CENTER
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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, September 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm, at the TBHS Training Center, 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	Excused		

STAFF ATTENDANCE:	Majeske	Present	Canady	Present
	Dudewicz	Present	Mitchell	Present

ROLL CALL taken by McNett.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public present.

DATE-NUMBER	BODY	ACTION
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 24, 2026 - - 1	Griesing moved and Fritz supported to accept the minutes from the August 27, 2026 meeting as mailed.
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Motion Carried

OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2026/2027:

Proposed budget for FY26/27 was reviewed by Dudewicz during the Public Hearing.

September 24, 2026 - - 2	McNett moved and Partridge supported to approve the proposed Operating Budget for FY 2026/2027 as presented at the Public Hearing on September 24, 2026.
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Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

September 24, 2026 - - 3	Griesing moved and Partridge supported to approve the Contracts/Agreements for FY2026 as presented on the Contract List Sheet dated September 24, 2026 and authorize the CEO to sign on behalf of the Board.
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Motion Carried

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENT RENEWALS FOR FY 2026/2027 REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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Partridge moved and Griesing supported to approve the Contracts/Agreement Renewals for FY 2026/2027 as presented on the Contract Renewal List Sheet(s) dated September 24, 2026 as presented.

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEWED BY DUDEWICZ:

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

Motion Carried

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

- Medicaid/GF – TBHS is awaiting final FY 2027 rate information. MSHN received rates from Milliman; however, the rates were not allocated by funding source or county. Accordingly, the Operating Budget presented tonight was based on MSHN's current Funding Exhibit, which does not separately identify the Autism allocation because sufficient information is not yet available. TBHS has requested a revised Funding Exhibit once the rates are finalized. A revised FY 2027 budget will be presented at that time.
- Wakely Consulting Group, LLC, the company retained to provide actuarial support to the ten (10) PIHPs, submitted correspondence to MDHHS requesting further review of the draft FY 2027 rates. As noted by Wakely, "although the aggregate increase is meaningful, rate changes vary materially by population and do not fully address questions regarding the assumptions and program changes reflected in the rates." Specifically, Wakely identified several issues requiring additional consideration, including Working Families Tax Cut Enrollment and Acuity Assumptions, the January 2027 Minimum Wage and Related Workforce Adjustments, Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services, and changes to CCBHC funding, among others. As of today, MDHHS has not responded.
- TBHS Workforce Update - No positions have been filled since the August Board meeting. TBHS continues to have ten (10) full-time and three (3) part-time vacant positions.
- TBHS has submitted our application for recertification as a National Health Services Corps (NHSC) site. Two (2) of our current staff members are participating in the NHSC loan forgiveness program. Maintaining NHSC site certification strengthens our ability to recruit and retain qualified healthcare professionals by providing eligible staff access to loan repayment opportunities, while supporting our mission to expand access to care in an underserved community. We expect to receive the outcome of our recertification application by the end of the calendar year.
- PIHP Procurement Process – The appeal filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals related to the PIHP lawsuit, *Region 10 PIHP, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, Mid-State Health Network, St. Clair County CMHA, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo and Saginaw County CMHA vs. the State of Michigan, State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and State of Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget* remains open at this time.

The most recent information posted on the Michigan Court of Appeals website indicates that the Court denied MDHHS' motion to dismiss on August 11, 2026, and that the Appellee filed a brief on September 4, 2026. No additional information has been shared.

- The intended procurement of the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), posted on the DTMB Vendor Opportunity Dashboard in June 2026, has been removed from the dashboard. No additional details are currently available on the website.
- Grant Update – MSHN received notification that its grant proposal for the Limited Licensed Social Work Supervision Stipend Program has been recommended for funding, pending application revisions. The grant would strengthen regional workforce capacity by supporting shared infrastructure for LLMSW supervision and providing stipends to licensed MSWs who deliver this critical service. The regional funding request totaled \$996,048.00.
- LOCUS MIFAST Review – TBHS participated in a MIFAST review of its implementation of the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) on September 17, 2026. LOCUS is a standardized assessment tool used to determine the appropriate intensity and level of behavioral health services based on an individual's needs. During the exit conference, reviewers provided highly positive feedback and commended the agency's process monitoring, clinical supervision, and administrative support. The formal report is expected in approximately six (6) weeks.
- Certifications – Following recent reviews, MDHHS notified TBHS that one (1) agency program received initial certification and another received renewed certification.

On August 31, 2026, TBHS received notification that MDHHS approved the continued certification of the Home-Based Services program. The certification is valid for a three (3) year period. The Home-Based program provides services to children and youth, birth through age 21, and their families, when the child or youth has experienced abuse, neglect, severe and persistent mental illness, and/or serious emotional disturbance. The program operates five (5) days per week, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm, and provides services during non-traditional hours when needed for in-home and/or community-based service delivery.

On September 15, 2026, TBHS received notification that MDHHS approved the Adult ICSS program for certification with a Technical Assistance Plan. The certification is valid through September 30, 2029. Under a new policy effective July 1, 2025, Michigan's Adult Intensive Crisis Stabilization Services are Medicaid-covered, short-term, multidisciplinary interventions designed to avert psychiatric hospitalization or shorten inpatient stays and are delivered by certified Community Mental Health Service Providers (CMHSPs).

- Walk A Mile Rally – The Walk A Mile Rally was held in Lansing yesterday, with a combined group of 50 TBHS staff members and individuals served in attendance. Their participation demonstrated TBHS' strong commitment to mental health advocacy, wellness, and reducing stigma across Michigan.
- FY26 Strategic Plan Status Report – The report has been included in the Board packet. The CEO will highlight key achievements and areas for continued growth.
- Inter-Regional Dialogue – MSHN and SWMBH being co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit have decided to meet to explore how to align processes, improve efficiencies, and standardize practices to address provider advocacy concerns which came to light during the previous RFP effort by MDHHS. Exploratory conversations and efforts have focused on evaluating how MSHN and SWMBH could, as two regions, improve the standardization between consumer experiences of CMHSP services.

MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD REPORT:

Griesing and Grimshaw reported on the MSHN Board Meeting that was held on September 1, 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE FY25/26 PRESENTED BY MAJESKE:

A copy of the Strategic Plan Update document was provided to Board Members for review during the presentation. Majeske reviewed highlights of the plan. Questions were addressed during the presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Partridge reported on the Recipient Rights Advisory Meeting that was held on September 9, 2026. Reviewed rights assessment, activity report, incident report, budget, and ongoing review of policies.

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

Motion Carried

Partridge reported on the CMHA Legislation & Policy Committee Meeting that was held on September 16, 2026.

Griesing reported on the CMHA Contracts & Financial Issues Committee Meeting that was held on September 17, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Snider presented the CMHA Membership Dues for FY2027 in the amount of \$15,247.00, which was increased by \$276.00 from FY2026.

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Griesing moved and Grimshaw supported authorizing payment in the amount of \$15,247.00 for the CMHA Membership Dues for FY27.

Motion Carried

BOARD'S SELF-EVALUATION: In compliance.

OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Corporate Compliance Presentation and Strategic Plan.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public was present.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 7:00 pm at TBHS Training Center, 129 East Burnside Street, Caro, MI 48723.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Fritz moved and Partridge supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Motion Carried



Cindy Mitchell
Recorder



Karen Snider
Chairperson



Marianne Harrington
Secretary