Community Mental Health for Central Michigan

Minutes of Board of Directors Regular Meeting, July 28, 2026
Midland County Office, 218 Fast Ice Drive, Midland

PRESENT: Richard Dolinski, George Gilmore, James Haton, Annmarie Hawkins, Mary Olshewski, Joseph Phillips, Susan Svetcos, Greg Gydesen, Karen Moore, Alaynah Smith, Kerin Scanlon (joined at 6: 40)

EXCUSED: Tobin Hope, Melissa King, William Routley

STAFF: Ashten Harless, Bryan Krogman, Renee Raushi, Deana Schad, Tiffany Smith, Katherine Squire, James Seidel, and Emily Shaffer

1. Call to Order – Karen Moore, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Chairperson Moore presented the agenda for adoption.

MOTION: by Svetcos, second by Gilmore, to adopt the agenda as published.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

5. Announcements – Bryan Krogman, Executive Director, provided an update on the state's request for proposals, noting that a related Gongwer article was included in the Board packet and that no additional information was available regarding the anticipated release date. An update was also provided on the Gladwin County annual commission visit, which was rescheduled for August 25 at 9:00 a.m.

   Bryan reported that the Gladwin office was temporarily closed after lightning damaged the City of Gladwin's wastewater treatment facility, prompting businesses and residents to limit use of common fixtures. Administration was evaluating options for limited office operations the following day. The Board was also informed that MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel resigned effective June 30, 2026, and Amy Epkey began serving as Acting Director on July 1, 2026. The annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes rally was announced for September 23, 2026, at the State Capitol in Lansing. The event raises awareness of behavioral health needs, advocates increased funding, and promotes the removal of barriers and stigma.

6. Consent Agenda – A consent agenda was presented for adoption. Chairperson Moore asked if anyone would like an item removed.

   Acknowledge Receipt of:
   - Monthly Financial Report – July 2026
   - Finance Committee Minutes – June 30, 2026
   - Personnel Committee Minutes – July 9, 2026
   - Services Committee Minutes – July 9, 2026

- Director's Report – July 2026
- Approval/Acceptance of:
- Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2026

MOTION: by Dolinski, second by Smith to adopt the consent agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

7. Art LeTourneau Award Winner – Allise Nicole Noble, Express Yourself at Creative 360 was recognized as this year's Art LeTourneau Award winner.

8. Resolution of Appreciation – Cory Hackett, James Seidel II, and Emily Shaffer were congratulated each for their 20 years of service with the agency.

MOTION: by Haton, second by Svetcos, to adopt the resolution of appreciation for 20 years of service for Cory Hackett as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: by Olshewski, second by Smith, to adopt the resolution of appreciation for 20 years of service for James Seidel II as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: by Svetcos, second by Haton, to adopt the resolution of appreciation for 20 years of service for Emily Shaffer as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. In-service Presentation – Deana Schad, Midland County Chief Clinical Officer, presented an overview of *Local Efforts and Collaboration* in Midland County. The presentation highlighted CMHCM's participation in community coalitions and partnerships aimed at improving access to care, addressing service gaps, supporting early intervention, and strengthening coordination among schools, healthcare providers, courts, law enforcement, and community organizations. Updates were also provided on youth screening and referral programs, primary care integration, jail diversion and specialty court partnerships, and other community-based services. Deana also shared examples of positive consumer outcomes, demonstrating the impact of sustained treatment, case management, family support, stable housing, employment, and community engagement.

10. Committee Reports

    a. Finance Committee Report – Susan Svetcos reported that the committee reviewed the proposed FY2026 compensation proposal. Due to ongoing uncertainty regarding state funding and the need for additional information from MDHHS, the committee tabled the proposal until its next meeting to allow for a more informed financial recommendation. The committee also reviewed expenditures reported under the agency's purchasing policy. Administration reported the purchase of six Dell Pro laptops for $17,327 and a replacement fleet vehicle for the Clare office from Garber Chevrolet for $29,722. Both purchases were awarded to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the agency's purchasing requirements.

    b. Personnel Committee Report – James Haton reported that the committee reviewed proposed revisions to the Credentialing and Re-Credentialing Policy (4.200.003). The recommended change would extend the recredentialing cycle for clinical staff from every two years to every three years, aligning the agency's process with current MDHHS and regional credentialing requirements while reducing administrative burden.

MOTION: by Haton, second by Svetcos, to adopt revisions to the Credentialing & Re-credentialling Policy (4.200.003).
MOTION CARRIED.

c. Services Committee Report – Kerin Scanlon reported that the committee received a presentation on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) services and the agency's community-based approach to supporting youth and families through intensive home- and community-based interventions. The committee also reviewed service utilization data and discussed ongoing efforts to improve reporting on service outcomes and reasons for discharge to support future analysis. Additional updates were provided on clubhouse operations, including recent activities, upcoming accreditation efforts, program participation, and initiatives to support member engagement.

d. Executive Committee Report – Karen Moore reported on a provider appeal involving the recoupment of approximately $2,430 resulting from an agency data entry error. The committee reviewed the agency's determination, the provider's appeal, and the circumstances surrounding the overpayment. Following its review, the Executive Committee concluded that the overpayment resulted from an agency error rather than any action by the provider. The committee also recognized that the provider identified the discrepancy and brought it to the agency's attention in good faith. Based on these circumstances, the Executive Committee determined that the provider should not be required to repay the amount and recommended that the agency use an appropriate funding mechanism to satisfy the required Medicaid repayment, after legal counsel.

11. Reports

a. Mid-State Health Network – Joseph Phillips and Kerin Scanlon reported on the July 7 Board meeting. They provided updates on recent Mid-State Health Network activities, including operations, financial matters, strategic planning, and ongoing state behavioral health system developments. The report also included information on leadership, the regional procurement process, and other matters affecting the network and its member community mental health agencies.

b. General Update – Executive Director, Bryan Krogman referred Board members to his written report in the meeting packet and provided updates on several agency and statewide initiatives. He highlighted recent community engagement activities, including participation in the Gladwin community event, and discussed developments related to the State of Michigan FY2027 budget. Topics included continued uncertainty surrounding the regional behavioral health procurement process, Medicaid rate setting, direct care workforce funding, and the potential fiscal impact of state funding decisions on community mental health agencies and provider networks. The Board also received an update on the agency's continued participation in regional planning efforts with partner organizations in preparation for a potential procurement process. In addition, Bryan reported on grant opportunities intended to support workforce recruitment and retention, clinical supervision, and transportation initiatives in rural communities.

12. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment –Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting 7:55 p.m.

Submitted,

Mary Olshewski
Secretary

Minutes recorded by Tiffany Smith, Executive Coordinator