Clinical Leadership Committee & Utilization Management Committee
Thursday, April 23, 2026, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Meeting Materials: 2026-04 | Powered by Box
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7242810917
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FY 2026 Meeting Calendar *(All meetings via videoconference unless otherwise noted)*

October 23	January 22	April 23	July 23
November 20	February 26	May 28	August 27
December – No Meeting	March 26	June 25	September 24

*(*The minutes shall reflect additional clarity when discussion focuses on the adoption, review, and approval of clinical practice guidelines, policies, and procedures.*)
***Standard**: title of document, summary of changes, key discussion points, questions/concerns, proposed revisions, outcome.
Upcoming Deliverables:

Attendees:
MSHN: Todd Lewicki, Skye Pletcher, Cammie Myers, Elizabeth Philpott, Dani Meier, Trisha Thrush
Bay: Joelin Hahn, Nicole Sweet, Karen Amon
CEI: Tim Teed, Drew Kersjes
Central: Angela Zywicki, Jennifer McNally
Gratiot: Sarah Bowman
Huron: Agnes Bissett
Lifeways: Shannan Clevenger, Jennifer Fitch, Allison Singer, Jeff Caler
Montcalm: Melissa McLaren
Newaygo: Heather Derwin, Meshelle Burrows, Denise Russo-Starback
Saginaw: Erin Nostrandt, Kristie Wolbert, Jen Kreiner
Shiawassee: Crystal Cranmer, Gina Fortino, Vickey Hoffman
Right Door: Amanda Eveleth, Kris Hamilton
Tuscola: Sheila Canady

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

JOINT TOPICS

1. Welcome, Roll Call, & Announcements - (LifeWays additions)
2. Approval of March Minutes; Additions to April Agenda
3. MHEF Predictive Modeling Project
4. Conflict Free Access & Planning and Utilization Management Discussion
5. Network Adequacy Update and Youth Crisis Residential Update
6. Procurement Update/Related (as appropriate) April 13 Hearing
7. CMHA Inpatient Admission Screening Workgroup Updates-members
8. MDHHS Site Review
9. Autism Policy, Data, and Plan Update and Refresh
10. Transition of Care/Case Meetings with MDHHS, PIHPs, and the CMHSPs
11. Mental Health Framework

CLC Topics

UMC Topics

12. CLS and Respite Assessment Tools and Authorization Practices
13. General Fund Benefit Packages
14. CMS Prior Authorization Final Rule

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Agenda Item	Action Required				
JOINT – Approval of March Meeting Minutes; Additions to April Agenda	March meeting minutes approved No additions to the meeting agenda.				
		By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT- MHEF Predictive Modeling Project	Amanda Ittner joined to share the overview of this project. MSHN has been working on a pilot project on an initiative with the Michigan Endowment Fund. Vital Technologies – working on a predictive model at-risk of psychiatric inpatient, most at-risk for SUD, and/or not diagnosed but most at risk for anxiety/depression. This information has also been shared with the Operations Committee, the PowerPoint presentation has been uploaded to BOX. Ops Counsel is in support of this project. Asking for feedback and input from this committee to define workflows, care pathways, and evidence-based interventions/practice guidelines for each risk model. At our next meeting we should have a demo in ICDP.				
	Next Steps: MSHN will demonstrate care alert process in ICDP during the May CLC/UMC meeting and request input from committees regarding workflows and care pathways.	By Who	All	By When	5/28/2026
JOINT – Conflict Free Access & Planning and Utilization Management Discussion	Updates from Operations Counsel meeting and PIHP UM Meeting. During the PIHP UM meeting in April, MDHHS affirmed that PIHPs cannot delegate UM functions to CMHSPs. The Dept indicated they will issue additional guidance to the field and PIHPs/CMHSPs will need to start discussing and formulating workflows. What does MDHHS mean by "PIHPs cannot delegate UM functions?" – we still don't have an answer.				
	Next Steps: No imminent action needed but start thinking and brainstorming how UM configurations for HCBS services and how potential bifurcation of beneficiary auths could or will be affected.	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Network Adequacy-Youth Crisis Residential Update	Amanda Ittner joined to go through the draft Network Adequacy Assessment results. Thank you to all the CMHSPs for providing data and participating in this process. Time and Distance metrics remain the same for FY25 as for FY24. New requirement standards (CMHSP services) for time and distance. All information presented will be shared in the meeting folder. Discuss plans for youth crisis residential with the group. Safe House is the only provider in the state at this time. Discussion of possible reasons that could be impacting these numbers (increase in residential beds, crisis respite home use, etc). Question about the utilizing IOP				

	billing codes- MDHHS has not allowed this but CMHSPs can utilize the unbundled codes for billing for these services.				
	Informational	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Procurement/Related April 13th Hearing	April 15 was the hearing on MDHHS requesting dismissal for this case. Significance in this ruling as well as if the decision is with or without prejudice. Additional briefs were provided, so at this point we will have to wait for the judge's ruling. Nothing from the group for discussion of this item. Judgement came through during this meeting- lawsuit was dismissed as moot without prejudice (the way we wanted this to go).				
	Informational	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – CMHA Inpatient Admission Screening Workgroup Updates- members	Nicole Sweet (BABHA) participates in this meeting: opportunity to share updates. No update, meeting was cancelled. Rescheduling TBD by MDHHS.				
	N/A	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – MDHHS Site Review	Informational and preparation. MSHN has been going through the credentialing files that have been shared and providing feedback as needed. All done through the CRM for this round which appears to be going a bit smoother than previous years.				
	N/A	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Autism Policy, Data, and Plan Update and Refresh	MSHN sent Autism Policy to the State prior to this meeting. Copy of submission is available in BOX, MSHN Feedback Regarding 2613-BCCHPS (AUT)_FINAL MSHN is in the process of updating/refreshing autism services data that was shared with Ops Council previously. Todd will be providing the data to this group for discussion in the future. Nothing from the group for discussion of this item.				
	N/A	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT- Transition of Care/Case Meetings with MDHHS, PIHPs, and the CMHSPs	Discussion with group to determine the best process for dealing with these requests. MSHN is always willing to help with these cases, but would like to make sure we are striking a good balance. Discussion around CMHSP recent experiences. Struggling with the information being provided to CMHSPs and what is in the MDHHS specific policies/procedures for MDHHS. Suggestions for how to improve these experiences- request for all members to be providing the same feedback to MDHHS staff regarding these issues. Support for providing similar feedback from the group as well. Members mentioned specific assistance from MSHN staff as requested has been very helpful in past situations. Suggestion for staff participating in these meetings to ask each time if the goals have been met sufficiently to move the meetings back to the local levels.				
	Would CMHSPs prefer a specific process/procedure or request assistance as needed?	By Who		By When	

	CMHSP members agreed to continue requesting assistance from MSHN staff on an as needed basis.				
UMC- CLS and Respite Assessment Tools and Authorization Practices	Request from GIHN to discuss and share these items. Ask to see if group would be willing to participate in a focused workgroup to create a best practice guideline. Resources are available for review in Box. Discussion on the current meeting structure for CLC/UMC meeting. Suggestions for a more focused meeting to move through agenda items quickly and still have time to review UM related items. Proposal that this workgroup to focus on some items that would be to have some similar areas in the regional guidance, not necessarily having all CMHSPs authorize these services the exact same. Full output would be provided to the full CLC/UMC group for review and feedback prior to finalizing anything.				
	Julianna Kozara, Angela Zywicki, Heather Derwin, Tim Teed, Karen Amon, Jen Fitch, Taylor Hirschman, Gina Fortino all volunteered to be part of this workgroup. Skye will send a scheduling poll to the group to identify a date/time in May for a focused subgroup meeting. If you have additional staff that you'd like to attend the subgroup meeting feel free to forward the poll and/or meeting invitation. If you haven't shared your CLS/Respite tools please upload them into Box or email to Skye	By Who	Skye	By When	Week first week of May
UMC – General Fund Benefit Packages and COFR	Request from GIHN (Taylor Hirschman) for the group to discuss General Fund Benefit Packages Questions from / for the group: How are other CMHSPs managing GF? What are other CMHSPs going with Spend downs? Do you have a limit? Do you have a GF "package" that you're willing to share? Karen – BABHA will share their updated GF guidelines/package. Angela- CMHCM has a guideline for use that is based on urgent and emergent needs. Stated she will share with the group. Jennifer – LifeWays is reviewing and updating their GF policy and guidelines. Renee Raushi, CMHCM - Is going to share the contact information for the MDHHS dept at the State level that can assist with overturning cases assigned to Spend down or to Healthy MI but should still be assigned to DAB. COFR - MDHHS County of Residency and County of Financial Responsibility (Administrative) Julianna is going to share the route taken in the past with MDHHS to get the administrative county re-assigned.				
	MSHN will create a folder in Box to share your GF policies and guidelines with the group. General Fund Benefit Packages | Powered by Box	By Who	All UMC members willing	By When	05/01/2026

UMC- CMS Prior Authorization Final Rule	Reminder: Starting 10/1/26 the standard authorization timeline will change from 14 days to 7 days. Awareness, preparation, any assistance needed? Majority of UMC members were not aware of the required change. Expedited request timeframes have not changed. Link to information: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/02/08/2024-00895/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-advancing-interoperability Is the Customer Services involved? Members are requesting Customer Services get involved to change/clarify the language in extension notices and ABDs. - When should extensions be applied for consistency? Please start having the conversations with your provider network as this may/will affect communication and feedback from providers if auths are returned for additional information. Be prepared to discuss process improvement or timeframe adjustment to align with new requirement. Skye shared MSHN PCE process for pending auth tracking and issuing ABDs. All members agreed that a demo of the MSHN process would be appreciated at the next meeting. Service Auth Denial Report Corrective Action- in efforts to help the system come into compliance with these new timeframes, Cammie and Skye will be reaching out to different CMHSPs with suggestions, recommendations, and support for the changes.				
	All members encouraged to review the related documents and begin thinking about implementation for 10/1/2026 MSHN will demo pending auth tracking and ABD process. Request to keep this topic on the agenda.	By Who		By When	
JOINT- Mental Health Framework	MSHN has a summary document and is gathering feedback, present state of the document in BOX. The CEOs offered opinion and discussion at Operations Council and MSHN incorporated this into the document.				
	Next Steps: If you want MSHN to include or emphasize points in the document in BOX, please email Todd and Skye. Please cc MSHN your feedback if you send it directly to MDHHS.	By Who	All	By When	04/24/2026 at noon
UMC- Personal Care	Jen Fitch brought this item to the group. Wording for personal care has changed in the code chart but the Medicaid Provider Manual has yet to be updated. How are other managing referrals for licensed AFC? There is an overlap between CLS and personal care. Responses are that people only need one or the other to be eligible for a licensed AFC. Some CMHSPs were unaware of this change. Discussions regarding frustration of the unclear documents for this area.				
	Any other thoughts or items, please reach out to Jen Fitch at LifeWays.	By Who	Any	By When	As needed