

Mid-State Health Network Board Officer Briefing by Executive Leadership Notes

Friday, August 21, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

Purpose: *The purpose of this meeting is for MSHN Executive Leaders to brief the MSHN Board Officers on recent events, current operations, and future plans.*

Officers Present: Ed Woods, Chairperson; Irene O'Boyle, Vice-Chairperson, Deb McPeek-McFadden, Secretary; Kurt Peasley, Member at Large; David Griesing, Member at Large

Others Present: Greg Brodeur, Board Member; Jack Stapleton, Board Member; Kevin Collins, Board Member

Staff Present: Amanda Ittner, Deputy Director

Staff Absent: Joseph Sedlock, Chief Executive Officer

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson Woods welcomed everyone to this Executive Leadership briefing, which began at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments: None

3. MSHN Executive Leadership Briefing Topics:

- 3.1. Planned Order of Business, September 1, 2026, Board Meeting & Public Hearing: A. Ittner reviewed the draft board meeting agenda and the public hearing agenda. The FY27 Budget presentation will be handout as normal process. However, the FY27 Budget will also be a handout due to the timing of MDHHS rates which was originally scheduled for August 20th, then rescheduled to August 24 and late yesterday that was cancelled with no reschedule date. The board packet needs to be mailed out on August 24th, so finance needs additional time to finalize revenue and expense from the region. In addition, we will be removing the placeholder for FY26 contracts as no action items are needed for FY26. Note, we will also present the FY26 Budget Amendment. The FY27 Budget presentation will include more information this year related to the state budget and HR.1. assumptions included in revenue for the PIHP.
- 3.2. MDHHS Competitive Procurement of PIHPs: MSHN has not heard any updates directly from MDHHS related to the procurement. On August 10th, MSHN received the FY27 MDHHS contract to be returned by September 10th, 2026. No items of concern at this time, more details will be included in the board report. MSHN continues to monitor the state vendor solicitation site for the PIHP procurement release.
- 3.3. Litigation Update(s): As an update to the PIHP/MDHHS lawsuit, MSHN along with the other plaintiffs filed an appeal with the State of Michigan Court of Appeals on May 13, 2026, in response to the final order issued on April 23, 2026, from the Court of Claims earlier order dated October 14, 2025. In early June, MDHHS moved to dismiss our appeal, claiming the case is moot. MSHN along with the other plaintiffs filed a response to the dismissal on July 14, 2026, and on August 11, 2026, the court of appeals denied MDHHS' motion to dismiss the appeal. The ruling doesn't resolve anything definitively in our favor, but it means that our appeal is still alive on whether MDHHS has the authority to reduce the number of PIHPs and dictate the geographic boundaries of the PIHPs. MSHN along with the other plaintiffs filed our brief to the appeal on August 4, 2026. MDHHS's

response is due September 8, 2026.

- 3.4. Inter-Regional Dialogs: Inter-regional dialogs continue weekly with the MSHN region represented by MSHN and six of our Community Mental Health Service Program (CMHSP) CEO's and the CMHSP CEOs and Executive Leadership of another PIHP with a primary goal of working together to survive the anticipated request for proposals (RFP). These exploratory inter-regional conversations are focused on preserving the public behavioral health system, increased consistency in access and service array for beneficiaries, protecting the rights and statutory authorities of the CMHSP participants in both regions, identifying how we can jointly submit a future bid, potential future regional configurations, and operating in similar ways to benefit providers in common. It is important to highlight that this is designed to be a CMHSP-led initiative. CMHSPs are the only entities that can create regional entities, including any future structural configurations. The latest discussion revolves around a joint representation agreement between all CMHSPs, with the future intention to develop a common interest agreement with the PIHPs.
- 3.5. Board Officer Briefing Calendar: The FY27 Board Officer Briefing calendar was presented as included in the packet. MSHN administration will send out calendar invitations in September.
- 3.6. Postpone Chief Executive Officer Evaluation for two months: A. Ittner reported that in the past during the August Executive Committee, a Chair would be identified for the CEO Performance Review. Since the CEO is on a leave of absence, administration recommends postponement for two months. The Board Chair will announce during the September board meeting and indicate a request for a volunteer to Chair the CEO evaluation process. The CEO's contract is through January 31, 2027, with optional renewal up to two additional years without amendment.

4. Public Comments: None

5. **Concluding Comments:** Chairperson Woods reminded officers that the next scheduled Board Officer Briefing Meeting will be 10/16/2026, 9:00 a.m. and thanked MSHN Leadership and Board Officers for attending this briefing meeting, which ended at 9:37 a.m.