

Mid-State Health Network (MSHN)  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025  
**MyMichigan Medical Center**  
Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Ed Woods called this special meeting of the Mid-State Health Network Board of Directors to order at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Woods asked for a moment of silence to honor those affected by the school shooting in Minneapolis earlier today. Mr. Woods reminded members that those participating by phone may not vote on matters before the board unless absent due to military duty, disability, or health-related condition and the Board Member Conduct Policy, emphasizing that there shall be no limit on board member questions or other inquiry on matters presently before the board. Mr. Woods welcomed four Chief Executive Officers of the Community Mental Health Service Programs that were present and asked them to introduce themselves.

**2. Roll Call**

Secretary Deb McPeek-McFadden provided the roll call for Board Members in attendance.

**Board Member(s) Present:** Patrick Conley (BABH), Ken DeLaat (Newaygo), Cindy Garber (Shiawassee), David Griesing (Tuscola), Dan Grimshaw (Tuscola), Tina Hicks (Gratiot), John Johansen (Montcalm), Pat McFarland (BABH), Deb McPeek-McFadden (The Right Door), Irene O'Boyle (Gratiot), Kurt Peasley (Montcalm), Linda Purcey (The Right Door), Kerin Scanlon (CMH for Central Michigan), Richard Swartzendruber (Huron), Joanie Williams (Saginaw), and Ed Woods (LifeWays)

**Board Member(s) Remote:** Patty Bock (Huron)-Bad Axe, MI; Tim Hanna (CEI)-Charlevoix, MI; Tracey Raquepaw (Saginaw)-Saginaw, MI; and Lori Schultz (Newaygo)-Newaygo, MI

**Board Member(s) Absent:** Brad Bohner (LifeWays), Greg Brodeur (Shiawassee), Paul Palmer (CEI), and Joe Phillips (CMH for Central Michigan)

**Staff Member(s) Present:** Joseph Sedlock (Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Ittner (Deputy Director), and Sherry Kletke (Executive Support Specialist).

**Public Present:** Neil Marchand (Attorney, Miller Johnson), Michelle Stillwagon (Chief Executive Officer, Gratiot Integrated Health Network), Tammy Warner (Chief Executive Officer,

Montcalm Care Network), Carol Mills (Chief Executive Officer, Newaygo County Mental Health Center), and Chris Pinter (Chief Executive Officer, Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health)

### 3. Approval of Agenda for August 27, 2025

Board approval was requested for the Agenda of the August 27, 2025, Special Meeting.

**MOTION BY KEN DeLAAT, SUPPORTED BY DAVID GRIESING, FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 27, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### 4. Public Comment

Members of the public expressed support for litigation against the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget specifically relating to the recently released Request for Proposal of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan contracts.

### 5. PIHP Procurement and Related Legal Matters

**MOTION BY KURT PEASLEY SUPPORTED BY TINA HICKS, TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(j) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING A WRITTEN ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND COMMON INTEREST PRIVILEGE WITH THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS. ROLL CALL VOTE IN FAVOR: PATRICK CONLEY, KEN DELAAT, CINDY GARBER, DAVID GRIESING, DAN GRIMSHAW, TINA HICKS, JOHN JOHANSEN, PAT MCFARLAND, DEB MCPEEK-MCFADDEN, IRENE O'BOYLE, KURT PEASLEY, LINDA PURCEY, KERIN SCANLON, RICHARD SWARTZENDRUBER, JOANIE WILLIAMS, AND ED WOODS. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KURT PEASLEY, SUPPORTED BY TINA HICKS, TO END CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY'S NAME PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY KURT PEASLEY, SUPPORTED BY PATRICK CONLEY, TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(j) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING A WRITTEN ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND COMMON INTEREST PRIVILEGE WITH THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE MILLER JOHNSON ATTORNEY NEIL MARCHAND. ROLL CALL VOTE IN FAVOR: PATRICK CONLEY, KEN DELAAT, CINDY GARBER, DAVID GRIESING, DAN GRIMSHAW, TINA HICKS, JOHN JOHANSEN, PAT MCFARLAND, DEB MCPEEK-MCFADDEN, IRENE O'BOYLE, KURT PEASLEY, LINDA PURCEY, KERIN SCANLON, RICHARD SWARTZENDRUBER, JOANIE WILLIAMS, AND ED WOODS. NAYS: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY JOHN JOHANSEN, SUPPORTED BY TINA HICKS, TO END CLOSED SESSION.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board of Directors meeting reconvened in open session at 6:18 p.m.

**MOTION BY KURT PEASLEY, SUPPORTED BY TINA HICKS, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATION DATED AUGUST 27, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE IN FAVOR: PATRICK CONLEY, KEN DELAAT, CINDY GARBER, DAVID GRIESING, TINA HICKS, JOHN JOHANSEN, PAT MCFARLAND, DEB MCPEEK-MCFADDEN, IRENE O'BOYLE, KURT PEASLEY, LINDA PURCEY, KERIN SCANLON, RICHARD SWARTZENDRUBER, JOANIE WILLIAMS, AND ED WOODS. NAYS: DAN GRIMSHAW. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Public Comment**

A member of the public expressed appreciation to the board for adopting the resolution.

**8. Adjournment**

The MSHN Board of Directors Regular Business Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.