

**Mid-State Health Network SUD Oversight Policy Advisory Board**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

CMH Association of Michigan (CMHAM)

507 S. Grand Ave  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Bryan Kolk called the MSHN SUD Regional Oversight Policy Board (OPB) of Directors Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Kolk reminded members participating virtually may not participate in or vote on matters before the board unless absent due to military duty, disability, or health-related condition. Mr. Kolk introduced Christa Merritt, alternate member appointed by Montcalm County.

**Board Member(s) Present:** Bruce Caswell (Hillsdale), Jacob Gross (Clare), Charlean Hemminger (Ionia), John Hunter (Tuscola), Bryan Kolk (Newaygo), Karen Link (Huron), Jim Moreno (Isabella), Emily Rayburn (Gratiot), Jerrilynn Strong (Mecosta), Kim Thalison (Eaton), and Dwight Washington (Clinton), and Ed Woods (Jackson)

**Board Member(s) Remote:** None

**Board Member(s) Absent:** Lisa Ashley (Gladwin), Lori Burke (Shiawassee), Irene Cahill (Ingham), Todd Gambrell (Midland), Christina Harrington (Saginaw), Charlie Mahar (Montcalm), Justin Peters (Bay), David Turner (Osceola), and Rachel Vallad (Arenac)

**Alternate Member(s) Present:** Christa Merritt (Montcalm) and Tanya Pratt (Ingham)

**Alternate Member(s) Remote:** Margery Briggs (Ionia)-Portland, MI, Nicole Fickes (Clinton)-Laingsburg, MI, and Susan Svetcos (Gladwin)-Gladwin, MI-joined at 4:21 p.m.

**Staff Members Present:** Amanda Ittner (Deputy Director), Dr. Dani Meier (Chief Clinical Officer), Dr. Trisha Thrush (Director of Substance Use Disorder Services and Operations); Sarah Andreotti (Prevention Specialist), Cari Patrick (Prevention Specialist), Stacey Lehmann (Data and Grand Coordinator), and Sherry Kletke (Executive Support Specialist)

**Staff Members Remote:** Leslie Thomas (Chief Financial Officer)-joined at 4:40 p.m., Joe Sedlock (Chief Executive Officer)-joined at 4:40 p.m., Sarah Surna (Prevention Specialist), and Jodie Smith (Treatment Specialist)

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Dwight Washington provided the Roll Call for Board Attendance and informed the Board Chair, Bryan Kolk, that a quorum was present for board meeting business.

**3. Approval of Agenda for August 20, 2025**

Board approval was requested for the Agenda of the August 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting, as presented.

**MOTION BY JOHN HUNTER, SUPPORTED BY JIM MORENO, FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2025 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2025 Regular Business Meeting**

Board approval was requested for the draft meeting minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular Business Meeting.

**MOTION BY JOHN HUNTER, SUPPORTED BY JERRILYNN STRONG, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2025, MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**6. Board Chair Report**

Mr. Bryan Kolk again welcomed Christa Merritt to the board and thanked her for attending the new member orientation prior to the board meeting.

**7. Deputy Director Report**

Ms. Amanda Ittner provided an overview of the written report included in the board meeting packet, and available on the MSHN website, highlighting:

**Regional Matters:**

- SUD Oversight Policy Board Bylaws Update
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Procurement Update
  - Board members requested talking points for their use in advocacy efforts
- MSHN SUD Site Visit Results
- Reminder: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Hybrid Conference

- Reminder-Board Annual Disclosure of Ownership, Controlling Interest, and Criminal Convictions DUE

## 8. Chief Financial Officer Report

Ms. Leslie Thomas provided an overview of the financial reports included in board meeting packets and the addition of the PA2 Funding and Expenditures by County summary provided in board member folders:

- FY2025 PA2 Funding and Expenditures by County
- FY2025 PA2 Use of Funds by County and Provider
- FY2025 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Financial Summary Report as of June 2025

## 9. Substance Use Disorder PA2 Contract Listing

Ms. Leslie Thomas provided an overview and information on the FY26 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) PA2 Contract Listing as provided in the packet.

**MOTION BY BRUCE CASWELL, SUPPORTED BY ED WOODS, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO EDIT HILLSDALE COUNTY FY2026 PA2 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION REDUCING FROM \$101,366 TO \$70,000. ROLL CALL VOTING IN FAVOR: BRUCE CASWELL, JACOB GROSS, JOHN HUNTER, BRYAN KOLK, KAREN LINK, JIM MORENO, JERRILYNN STRONG, DWIGHT WASHINGTON, ED WOODS, TANYA PRATT. ABSTAINED: CHARLEAN HEMMINGER, EMILY RAYBURN, KIM THALISON, CHRISTA MERRITT. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY JIM MORENO SUPPORTED BY JOHN HUNTER, FOR APPROVAL OF THE FY26 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) PA2 CONTRACT LISTING, AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTING IN FAVOR: BRUCE CASWELL, JACOB GROSS, JOHN HUNTER, BRYAN KOLK, KAREN LINK, JIM MORENO, JERRILYNN STRONG, DWIGHT WASHINGTON, ED WOODS, TANYA PRATT. ABSTAINED: CHARLEAN HEMMINGER, EMILY RAYBURN, KIM THALISON, CHRISTA MERRITT. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 10. SUD Operating Update

Dr. Dani Meier introduced Ms. Cari Patrick, MSHN SUD Prevention Specialist and Ms. Stacey Lehmann, MSHN Data and Grant Coordinator. Dr. Meier provided an overview of the written SUD Operations Report and the FY25 Q3 SUD County reports included in the board meeting packet, highlighting the below:

- State Opioid Response Site Visit
- [CelebratingStrength.com](https://celebratingstrength.com) – media campaign focused on reducing stigma
- Monitoring of MSHN roll out of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to PIHPs from MDHHS for FY25
- Appointment to the Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council

**11. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13. Board Member Comment**

A board member expressed concern regarding how the block grant allocation will be determined with the MDHHS proposed Central Region that includes 44 counties. Administration plans to document the current process and postpone any policy development work till after December when the RFP bid awardee(s) are known.

**14. Adjournment**

Chairperson Bryan Kolk adjourned the MSHN SUD Oversight Policy Advisory Board Meeting at 5:14 p.m.

*Meeting minutes submitted respectfully by:  
MSHN Executive Support Specialist*