

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

CMH Association of Michigan (CMHAM)

507 S. Grand Ave

Lansing, MI 48933

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Deb Thalison called the MSHN SUD Regional Oversight Policy Board (OPB) of Directors Organizational Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Dr. Dani Meier introduced members of MSHNs SUD Treatment and Prevention team present at today's meeting. On behalf of the SUD Oversight Policy Board, Chairperson John Hunter thanked the MSHN staff for their dedication to PIHP operations, the SUD Provider Network and the services to beneficiaries.

**Board Member(s) Present:** Steve Glaser (Midland), John Hunter (Tuscola) – joined at 4:04 p.m., Bryan Kolk (Newaygo), John Kroneck (Montcalm), Jim Moreno (Isabella), Justin Peters (Bay), Vicky Schultz (Shiawassee), Jerrilynn Strong (Mecosta) – joined at 4:10 p.m., Deb Thalison (Ionia), Dwight Washington (Clinton), Ed Woods (Jackson)

**Board Member(s) Remote:** Nichole Badour (Gratiot), Bruce Caswell (Hillsdale)

**Board Member(s) Absent:** Lisa Ashley (Gladwin), George Gilmore (Clare); Christina Harrington (Saginaw), Robert Luce (Arenac), Joe Murphy (Huron), Todd Tennis (Ingham), Kim Thalison (Eaton), David Turner (Osceola)

**Alternate Members Present:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Amanda Ittner (Deputy Director), Sherry Kletke (Executive Assistant), Dr. Dani Meier (Chief Clinical Officer), Dr. Trisha Thrush (Director of SUD Services and Operations), For introductions only: Sarah Surna (Prevention Specialist), Kari Gulvas (Prevention Specialist), Kathrine Flavin (Treatment Specialist), Rebecca Emmenecker (Treatment Specialist), Sherrie Donnelly (Treatment and Recovery Specialist),

**Staff Members Remote:** None

## 2. Roll Call

Ms. Sherry Kletke provided the Roll Call for Board Attendance and informed the Board Vice Chair, Deb Thalison, that there were only nine members present in-person which does not meet the minimum requirement for a quorum. Following roll call, two additional members joined the meeting increasing attendance to eleven members, establishing a quorum to conduct Board meeting business.

## 3. Approval of Agenda for April 19, 2023

Board approval was requested for the Agenda of the April 19, 2023 Regular Business Meeting, as presented.

**MOTION BY BRYAN KOLK, SUPPORTED BY STEVE GLASER FOR APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2023 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.**

## 4. Approval of Minutes from the December 21, 2022 and February 15, 2023 Regular Business Meetings

Board approval was requested for the draft meeting minutes of the December 21, 2022 and February 15, 2023 Regular Business Meetings.

**MOTION BY JOHN KRONECK, SUPPORTED BY VICKY SCHULTZ, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.**

**MOTION BY DEB THALISON, SUPPORTED BY JOHN KRONECK FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023 MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.**

## 5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 6. Board Chair Report

Mr. John Hunter announced the start of the 2023 Organizational Meeting's Board Officer Elections and expressed his thanks to the members for their support during his term as Board Chair.

- **Election of Chairperson:** Mr. John Hunter called for nominations from the floor for the office of Chairperson.
  - **MOTION BY DEB THALISON, SUPPORTED BY JOHN KRONECK TO NOMINATE BRYAN KOLK FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON.**
  - **MOTION BY JOHN KRONECK, SUPPORTED BY JERRI STRONG TO NOMINATE STEVE GLASER FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON.**
  - Nominations from the floor were closed and paper ballots were collected for the Board Chairperson with the results showing 6 votes for Steve Glaser and 4 votes for Bryan Kolk.

- Mr. John Hunter turned the floor over to Mr. Steve Glaser to take the Board Chairperson seat for the remainder of the meeting.
- **Election of Vice-Chairperson:** Mr. Steve Glaser called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-Chairperson.
  - **MOTION BY DEB THALISON, SUPPORTED BY JERRI STRONG TO NOMINATE BRYAN KOLK FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND BEING ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON, TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR BRYAN KOLK AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.**
- **Election of Secretary:** Mr. Steve Glaser called for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary.
  - **MOTION BY DWIGHT WASHINGTON, SUPPORTED BY JOHN KRONECK TO NOMINATE DWIGHT WASHINGTON FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND BEING ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY, TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR DWIGHT WASHINGTON AS SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED: 11-0.**

## 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:

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board Bylaws
- MSHN SUD Site Visit Results
- MDHHS Strategic Priorities Released
- MSHN Offers Equity Upstream Lecture Series

### State of Michigan/Statewide Activities:

- MDHHS Releases Plan for Initial Opioids Settlement
- Michigan Opioid Advisory Commission (OAC) 2023 Report Available

## 8. Chief Financial Officer Report

Ms. Amanda Ittner provided an overview of the financial reports included in board meeting packets:

- FY2023 PA2 Funding and Expenditures by County
- FY2023 PA2 Use of Funds by County and Provider
- FY2023 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Financial Summary Report as of February 2023

## 9. SUD Operating Update

Dr. Dani Meier provided an update and information on the following items in addition to the written SUD Operations Report included in the board meeting packet:

- Overdose Deaths Disparities-Data for all Counties
  - Following a presentation to the MSHN Board of Directors, overdose death disparities data was collected for all counties in the MSHN region and is attached in today's meeting packet following the Deputy Director report.
- Equity Upstream Lecture Series and Learning Collaborative
  - Members should have received an email containing no-cost registration to the first two lectures in the Equity Upstream series.
  - The Learning Collaborative members include: eight MSHN-contracted providers and includes multiple levels of care (residential, outpatient, MAT/Methadone providers), recovery housing, peer-led community recovery organization and a police department doing post-overdose community-based outreach.
- SOR Grants Audit
  - The SOR Grants Audit went well and MSHN received top performance scores.
- MDHHS FY24-26 SUD Strategic Plan
  - MDHHS recently released the parameters for the required SUD FY24-26 Strategic Plan due in July. MSHN will share progress and portions relevant to OPB at the June meeting, with the final plan presented in August.

## 10. Other Business

Ms. Amanda Ittner presented MSHN's FY24-25 Strategic Planning process and requested OPB feedback. The presentation document is in members folders and also available on the OPB Meeting Materials page on the MSHN website: [MSHN website OPB meeting materials page.](#)

Board Members identified additional Barriers, Goals, Threats, and Opportunities.

- Barriers
  - Workforce Shortage
  - Administrative workload-especially regarding the clinical documentation and paperwork requirements
  - Medicaid requirements and related reporting requirements
- Goals:
  - Ensure coordination with counties and state regarding opioid settlement funds to prevent duplication and ensure effective and efficient use of resources

- Increase community connections through coalitions, prevention and community events to motivate, connect and encourage engagement of providers and beneficiaries (concern: lack of in-person attendance and engagement)
- Threats:
  - Reduced SUD Block Grant Revenue
  - Value Based Payments/contracts lack consideration for willingness/stages of change for beneficiaries and level of recidivism.
- Opportunities:
  - Develop SUD County plans that is replicable for other counties to implement
  - Review Medicaid requirements versus MSHN requirements on the SUD Provider Network to reduce where possible non-value added functions
  - Consistent, on-going plan for SUD services for rural counties

#### 11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 12. Board Member Comment

Mr. Steve Glaser thanked members for electing him as the Board Chairperson and is looking forward to working with all the members.

Members expressed their thanks to all the new officers.

#### 13. Adjournment

Chairperson Steve Glaser adjourned the MSHN SUD Oversight Policy Advisory Board Meeting at 5:19 p.m.

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