

**REGIONAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL/CEO MEETING**

Key Decisions and Required Action

Date: 01/26/2026

**Members Present:** Chris Pinter; Ryan Painter; Maribeth Leonard; Julie Majeske; Tracey Dore; Tammy Warner; Kerry Possehn; Michelle Stillwagon; Bryan Krogman; Sara Lurie, Jeff Labun, Cassie Watson

**Members Absent:** Sandy Lindsey; Carol Mills

**MSHN Staff Present:** Joseph Sedlock; Amanda Ittner; For applicable area, Kim Zimmerman, Leslie Thomas

Agenda Item		Action Required			
CONSENT AGENDA	No items removed from consent agenda for discussion.				
	Information and updates	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
FY26 CONSUMER HANDBOOK <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CHANGE LOG</li></ul>	K. Zimmerman reviewed the FY26 changes to the consumer handbook reviewed and presented by Customer Service Committee as identified in the change log. Still awaiting final version of tag lines template from MDHHS.				
	Approved with the inclusion of edits provided from CMHCM.	By Who	K. Zimmerman	By When	2.1.26
ESTA, MINIMUM WAGE, WASKUL	L. Thomas reviewed the background and summary provided in the packet that was also presented and reviewed by the Finance Council with no edits or revisions noted.				
	No response yet from MDHHS on the Waskul implementation questions however Jackie Sprout indicated she has sent the questions on to the compliance department.				
	ESTA/MIN Wage/DCW: New L letter that replaces the 24-29 with L 24-59. Concerns with ability to manage SD budgets and including total budgets (having a maximum) but not allowed to have a maximum budget. Leslie will submit another question to clarify this item as she supports all other services should be based on CMH negotiated rates.				
	Recommend a regional response to providers: “Not able to implement Waskul until clarification/detail on how to implement is received from MDHHS”. This was already supported by PNC in October.				
	CFO’s meeting with Keith tomorrow regarding rate setting clarification for FY26. Leslie with follow up with Joe after the meeting to review updates and discuss next steps.				
	Will an estimate on financial impact be provided? Included in the additional notes in the attached.				
	Leslie will submit another question to MDHHS. Ops supported continued response to providers as recommended by PNC in October.	By Who	L. Thomas	By When	3.1.26

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<b>MEDICAID/HMP ENROLLMENT DECLINES</b>	<p>Medicaid/HMP has been declining. PIHP CFO's collected information statewide and shared with MDHHS and PIHPs CEO. Discussion will occur tomorrow with Keith White to adjust the enrollment numbers included in the rates.</p> <p>MSHN staff will keep region posted.</p>	By Who	L. Thomas/A.Ittner	By When	3.1.26
<b>PIHP PROCUREMENT DISCUSSION CONTINUATION/UPDATES (IF ANY)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LAWSUIT/RULING UPDATES/DISCUSSION, IF ANY</b></li> <li>• <b>PROCUREMENT UPDATES/DISCUSSION, IF ANY</b></li> <li>• <b>FUTURE PLANNING DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>From a Systems Improvement Perspective, What are the top three-five priorities of beneficiaries, communities, advocates, providers, CMHSPs, MDHHS, and other stakeholders?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>No updates as of today from MDHHS.</p> <p>Group discussed and brainstormed ideas for systems improvements as identified by beneficiaries, communities, advocates, providers, CMHSPs, MDHHS, and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Joe drafted document that includes a list of items, which will be discussed in the future for any action and distributed to the group. Joe will also add information from the advocates and association documents.</p>				
	Ongoing agenda item for future discussions	By Who	J. Sedlock	By When	3.1.26