

REGIONAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL/CEO MEETING

Key Decisions and Required Action

Date: 04/20/2026

Members Present: Chris Pinter; Ryan Painter; Carol Mills; Julie Majeske; Tammy Warner; Kerry Possehn; Michelle Stillwagon; Bryan Krogman; Sandy Lindsey; Sara Lurie, Jeff Labun, Cassie Watson

Members Absent: Tracey Dore

MSHN Staff Present: Amanda Ittner

MSHN Staff Absent: Joseph Sedlock

Agenda Item	Action Required				
CONSENT AGENDA	Reviewed consent agenda. Nothing further discussed.				
	No follow up, questions, or discussion. Accepted as drafted.	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
NETWORK ADEQUACY PRESENTATION • Fy25 NETWORK ADEQUACY REPORT	A. Ittner presented the FY25 Network Adequacy results and the FY25 Network Adequacy report. Findings have not changed since FY24. No large concerns outside of pediatric crisis residential. Sharing results with Board in May. Autism services are in excessive demand.				
	Operations Council members suggested update to language on ACT Exemptions and review of autism services capacity based on timeliness.	By Who	A. Ittner/T. Lewicki	By When	4/24/2026 5/31/2026
MHEF PREDICTIVE MODELING PRESENTATION	A. Ittner shared the MHEF Predictive Modeling presentation. The predictive model provides three risk stratifications: 1) psych inpatient, 2) SUD, and 3) depression/anxiety, while prioritizing youth and foster care. Models are updated monthly with new data provided by MSHN. In process of automating results into ICDP for care alerts. Next step to pilot workflows on top 10 highest risk. Seeking to finalize workflow and fully operationalize by October 1, 2026. Ops council supported the project, but request MSHN review to not add more burden but combine with care coordination processes that exist. Next step is to gather feedback from regional councils/committees to develop workflow and process.				
	Newygo requested if MSHN could review a path for any CMHSPs to be providers of SUD?				
	Schedule a mtg w Carol/Newygo to discuss SUD question. Operations Council supports sending to CLC/UMC.	By Who	A.Ittner CLC/UMC	By When	4/23/2026
04/26 PIHP/MDHHS OPERATIONS MEETING, CONFLICT FREE ACCESS AND PLANNING	A. Ittner shared the 4/26 PIHP/MDHHS Operations meeting content and discussion on Conflict Free Access & Planning. State said UM cannot be delegated which was reiterated by CMS. MSHN region & PIHPs concerned and identified the need for clear definitions from MDHHS. CMHs also need clarification on the definition of “no willing and qualified provider.” MSHN continues to pursue clarification on relevant CFA&P questions.				
	MSHN will keep Operations Council updated for additional discussion.	By Who	N/A	By When	As appropriate

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<p>PIHP PROCUREMENT DISCUSSION CONTINUATION/UPDATES (IF ANY)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAWSUIT/RULING UPDATES/DISCUSSION (IF ANY) • PROCUREMENT UPDATES/DISCUSSION (IF ANY) • FUTURE PLANNING DISCUSSION (IF ANY) 	<p>A. Ittner offered further discussion on matters related to PIHP procurement, lawsuit ruling updates, and any future planning discussion. Received response from attorneys regarding briefings due to Judge Yates today. Expecting Judge opinion yet this week. Next steps to review appeal options.</p>				
	Information Only	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
<p>FY27 BUDGET DISCUSSION</p>	<p>How is planning for reductions being addressed based on House budget reductions and HR1? Broadly discussed concerns and issues. FY27 rate setting set to begin in next month or two.</p> <p>T.Warner requested information on next steps if deficits are expected after savings are depleted. Cost containment plans would be developed if expected to use any ISF based on projections.</p> <p>Budget issues and MHF will affect the CMHSPs providing services consistently. General Fund (GF) is extremely vulnerable if individuals lose their Medicaid (not meeting work requirements), are not working, and are now not covered for care. This threatens to push more individuals to GF.</p> <p>CMHSPs are looking at cost containment, including scenario planning for reductions. MSHN will be doing so as well.</p>				
	MSHN to develop scenarios for the region based on expected revenue reductions to be developed during budgeting process in FY27.	By Who	L. Thomas	By When	6/1/26
<p>Mental Health Framework (MHF)</p>	<p>CMHs shared their concerns related to MHF. This appears to violate the Social Welfare Act. Inpatient and crisis homes are of great concern, including room and board. Population concerns about mild to moderate (M2M) who need inpatient. The state advocacy group should have a strong opinion on MHF.</p> <p>MSHN indicated it's important for our region, T. Lewicki/S. Pletcher put a MSHN document together sharing feedback and concerns on the two MHF documents. How will admissions be addressed that are involuntary? Issues with CCBHCs as well.</p>				
	A. Ittner to share the MHF document with the Operations Council. Feedback due by COB Thursday from CMHs.	By Who	CMHSPs	By When	4/23/26