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Mid-State Health Network

Mid-State Health Network Board Officer Briefing
by Executive Leadership
Notes

Friday, October 16, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Ed Woods, Chairperson; Irene O'Boyle, Vice-Chairperson; Deb McPeek-McFadden, Secretary; Kurt Peasley, Member at Large; David Griesing, Member at Large
OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Stapleton; Ken DeLaat; Kevin Collins
STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Ittner, Deputy Director; Joseph Sedlock, Chief Executive Officer

Purpose: *The purpose of this meeting is for MSHN Executive Leaders to brief the MSHN Board Officers on recent events, current operations, and future plans.*

1. Welcome and Introductions Mr. Woods welcomed the participants to this board officer briefing at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comments: There were no comments from members of the public.

3. MSHN Executive Leadership Briefing Topics

   3.1. Planned Order of Business, November 10, 2026 Board Meeting: The draft agenda for the November 10, 2026 board meeting was reviewed.
   3.2. Transitions: Mr. Sedlock informed the participants of his intention not to renew or extend his employment contract when it expires at the end of January. Mr. Sedlock will send an email to all board members, CMHSP CEO's, and MSHN Staff today.
   3.3. MDHHS Competitive Procurement of PIHPs – Updates: The State has removed the Open procurement notice from the State purchasing website (known as Sigma), even while rumor of the imminent release of a new request for Proposals (RFP) circulates. Executive leadership has restored all operations to normal, including external postings to fill vacant positions. If (or when) these circumstances change, administration will get word out as soon as possible.
   3.4. Litigation Update(s): MSHN, along with five other organizations, are plaintiffs in the RFP-related litigation, which is now in the Court of Appeals. Appeal-related briefs were filed. Next steps will be oral arguments (if the Court of Appeals wants them) or rulings on the briefs without hearing. Timing could be quick or 12, 18, or 24 months or more. MSHN is a defendant, along with the State, in a federal lawsuit filed against MSHN and the State by Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties. Our attorney has filed a motion to dismiss and is awaiting a hearing or decision.
   3.5. Inter-Regional Dialogs MSHN and its CMHSP Participants' CEOs are continuing to engage in dialog with another regional entity and its CMH CEOs. These exploratory conversations are focused on preserving the public behavioral health system, increased consistency in access and service array for beneficiaries, improving consistency at provider touch-points and related matters. Work is also being done to protect related documents and conversations under attorney-client privilege. It is important to highlight that this is designed to be a CMHSP-led initiative.
   3.6. Other: CEO Succession considerations were briefly discussed.

4. Public Comments: There were no comments from members of the public.

5. Concluding Comments: Next scheduled board officer briefing meeting is December 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. This briefing concluded at 9:25 a.m.