

Mid-State Health Network SUD Oversight Policy Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 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 4:01 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 and also provided a reminder that only one vote is allowed per county for those counties that have the member and alternate present.

Board Member(s) Present: Irene Cahill (Ingham), Jacob Gross (Clare), John Hunter (Tuscola), Bryan Kolk (Newaygo), Karen Link (Huron), Jim Moreno (Isabella), Pamela Schumacher (Bay), Kim Thalison (Eaton), Mike Visnaw (Gladwin), Dwight Washington (Clinton), and Ed Woods (Jackson)

Board Member(s) Remote: Emily Rayburn (Gratiot)-Ithaca, MI and Rachel Vallad (Arenac)-Standish, MI

Board Member(s) Absent: Bruce Caswell (Hillsdale), Christina Harrington (Saginaw), Charlean Hemminger (Ionia), Charlie Mahar (Montcalm), Alaynah Smith (Midland), Jerrilynn Strong (Mecosta), and David Turner (Osceola)

Alternate Member(s) Present: Christa Merritt (Montcalm)

Alternate Member(s) Remote: Nicole Fickes (Clinton)-Laingsburg, MI-arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Staff Members Present: Amanda Ittner (Deputy Director), Dr. Trisha Thrush (Director of Substance Use Disorder Services and Operations), Sarah Andreotti (Prevention Administrator), and Sherry Kletke (Executive Support Specialist)

Staff Members Absent: Leslie Thomas (Chief Financial Officer) and Dr. Dani Meier (Chief Clinical Officer)

Staff Members Remote: Joe Sedlock (Chief Executive Officer), Sarah Surna (Prevention 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 April 15, 2026

Board approval was requested for the Agenda of the April 15, 2026 Regular Business Meeting, as presented.

MOTION BY JOHN HUNTER, SUPPORTED BY IRENE CAHILL, FOR APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2026 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2026 Regular Business Meeting

Board approval was requested for the draft meeting minutes of the February 18, 2026 Regular Business Meeting.

MOTION BY PAM SCHUMACHER, SUPPORTED BY IRENE CAHILL, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026, MEETING, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Board Chair Report

Mr. Bryan Kolk announced new member Alaynah Smith and alternate member Jeanette Snyder both have been appointed from Midland County but unfortunately were not able to attend today's meeting. Mr. Kolk also offered well wishes to Jerri Strong who is recovering from surgery.

7. Deputy Director Report

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

Regional Matters:

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Procurement Update
- Provider Network Adequacy Assessment – FY25
- Utilization Management and Access Department Update
- FY25 Fiscal Review of Prevention and State Opioid Response Funds

8. Chief Financial Officer Report

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

- FY2026 PA2 Funding and Expenditures by County

- FY2026 PA2 Use of Funds by County and Provider
- FY2026 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Financial Summary Report of February 2026

9. SUD Operating Update

Dr. Trisha Thrush provided an overview of the written SUD Operations Report, highlighting the below and referenced the FY26 Q1 SUD County reports, both included in the board meeting packet:

- MPDS System has opened
- Updated Annual Planning Documents for FY27
- Prevention Conference May 6-7, 2026 in Frankenmuth
- Response to Proposed Changes to LARA SUD Administrative Rules
- Development of the FY27 Treatment Annual Plan
- Continued Implementation of the MDHHS Recovery Incentive Pilot
- [Equity Upstream Status Report](#) and [Learning Collaborative Implementation Guide and Checklist](#)

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Public Comment

Board members provided information on community activities in their counties.

12. Board Member Comment

Board members provided a reminder of the Prevention Conference and if interested in attending to contact Sarah Andreotti, MSHN Prevention Administrator.

13. Adjournment

Chairperson Bryan Kolk adjourned the MSHN SUD Oversight Policy Advisory Board Meeting at 4:38 p.m.

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