



Region 5 - Regional Medical Directors Meeting

Friday, September 19, 2025, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meeting Materials: [09-19-2025 Regional Medical Director's Meeting | Powered by Box](#)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82291897541?pwd=SnN3ZGs1RXpyRkg1Ynl3Mms0Q3hKQT09>

FY 2025 Meeting Calendar

November 15, 2024

May 16, 2025

January 17, 2025

July 18, 2025

March 21, 2025

September 19, 2025

Attendees:

MSHN: Dr. Zakia Alavi, Dr. Todd Lewicki, Skye Pletcher

Bay: Dr. Roderick Smith

CEI: Dr. Stanley

Central: Dr. Janssen

Gratiot: Dr. Rangwani

Huron: Dr. Neda Habeeb

Lifeways: Dr. Drumm

Montcalm: Dr. Brian Smith, Melissa MacLaren

Newaygo: Dr. Baker

Saginaw: Dr. Ibrahim, Jen Kreiner

Shiawassee: Dr. Hashimoto

Right Door: Dr. Sanchez

Tuscola: Dr. Movva, Tina Gomez

Guests:

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Welcome & Roll Call/New Member
2. Review and Approve July minutes, Additions to Agenda. FY25 meeting dates above
3. Announcements (as appropriate)
4. MDHHS Procurement
5. HCBS and Eight IPOS Elements
6. WHODAS 2.0
7. Roundtable

Distribution list updates to be requested.

Parking Lot:

1. Justice Department Launches Disability Rights Investigation into Unnecessary Institutionalization in Michigan's State Psychiatric Hospitals-recent article [Office of Public Affairs | Justice Department Launches Disability Rights Investigation into Unnecessary Institutionalization in Michigan's State Psychiatric Hospitals | United States Department of Justice](#)

Agenda Item	Action Required				
3- Announcements	Cassandra Watson was recently selected as LifeWays' new CEO. We wish to welcome her.				
	Informational Only; No follow up needed	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
4-MDHHS Procurement	We will not be discussing anything related to procurement in the RMD meeting. Operations Council has requested that any questions you have be directed to your respective CEO.				
	Informational Only; No follow up needed	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
5- HCBS and Eight IPOS Elements	Discussion on the 8 elements and when behavior treatment plans are required. These HCBS are required to be documented in the IPOS anytime there is a restriction based on identified health and safety needs separately from any Behavior Treatment Plan the individual might have. These requirements apply to restrictions based on medical reasons even when a BTP would not be required. MSHN is reviewing 80-100 plans per month as part of the annual waiver recertification process which has provided good opportunities for feedback to CMH staff who are writing the plans. There continue to be conflicts between HCBS requirements and LARA licensing requirements for AFC homes that can be challenging to navigate. Reviewed a MSHN guidance document outlining when a BTP is required in addition to the 8 HCBS elements in the IPOS.				
	No follow up needed	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
6- WHODAS 2.0	WHODAS was selected as the statewide assessment tool for individuals age 18+ with I/DD via an expert steering committee consisting of PIHP/CMHSP staff, beneficiaries, assessors, family members, advocates, and MDHHS staff. WHODAS is a 36-item tool and evaluates functioning in multiple life domains. It takes significantly less time to administer than the SIS and it has been rigorously tested for reliability and validity. The steering committee is currently working on developing a guidance manual and it is anticipated that pilot testing and training will occur throughout fall/winter 2025. Implementation is expected to begin in spring 2026. Expanded discussion occurred about other required population-specific assessment tools (LOCUS, CAFAS/PECFAS, MichiCANS				
	MSHN will continue to provide updates about WHODAS implementation as more information becomes available.	By Who	Todd	By When	TBD
7-Roundtable	Updates on the speech from Senator Stabenow and advocacy against the current procurement process.				
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