

Meeting Date: March 9, 2026

- MSHN – Leslie Thomas
- MSHN – Amy Keinath
- MSHN – Brandilyn Mason
- Bay – Michele Perry
- CEI – Sue Panetta
- Central – Katherine Squire
- Gratiot – Jeremy Murphy
- Huron – Stephanie Remley
- LifeWays – Debi Andrews
- Montcalm – Jess Palasek
- Newaygo – Jeff Labun
- Saginaw – Jan Histed
- Shiawassee – Inna Mason
- The Right Door – Nathan Derusha
- Tuscola – Stacey Dudewicz

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Welcome and Attendance
- Review and Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Snapshot from January 2026
- Regional Cost Reduction Strategies
- CCBHC Transition
- Behavioral Health Home
- Waskul Settlement
- Earned Sick Time Act and Minimum Wage
- MDHHS Reporting
- Standard Cost Allocation Workgroup
- Operations Council Key Decisions
- MDHHS Contract Updates
- Other Updates – PIHP CFO, PIHP Operations, EDIT
- Sharing things that we have learned that could be helpful to others
- Next Meeting: April 13, 2026; 10:00am to 12:00pm – **Zoom**

✓ KEY DECISIONS

- Welcome and Attendance
- Review and Approval of Agenda – Approved as presented.
- Approval of Snapshot from January 2026 – Approved as presented.
- Regional Cost Reduction Strategies – Based on the first quarter estimates, savings will be maximized and the ISF nearly fully funded. There will be mid-year rate adjustments; it is unknown how CCBHC and the decline in enrollees will impact those adjustments. Discussion of any regional cost reduction strategies will remain on hold until more information is known.
- CCBHC Transition – CEI is billing and receiving payments but has other challenges because much of the setup was geared toward PCE customers; billing positions have been posted but remain vacant. LifeWays is slowly working through issues.
- Behavioral Health Home – The case rate increase was approved. Once retro-payments are received from MDHHS, they will be paid to the participating CMHSPs.
- Waskul Settlement – A state-wide workgroup has been formed to develop a standard self-directed budget template; Katherine and Leslie will be representing the region. Current templates were received from CMHSPs for workgroup consideration.
- Earned Sick Time Act and Minimum Wage – The completed spreadsheet was reviewed. Leslie will be sharing with Joe for Operations Council and CMHA.
- MDHHS Reporting – The final reports were submitted. Copies can be found in Box.
- Standard Cost Allocation Workgroup – No discussion.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Council Key Decisions – The January and February minutes have been saved to Box. • MDHHS Contract Updates – FY2025 amendments were done for late year capitation rate adjustments (ESTA, minimum wage, CCBHC). • Other updates – PIHP CFO, PIHP Operations, EDIT – The January and February PIHP CFO notes have been saved to Box. A verbal update of the PIHP Operations meeting was given. S9485 is being removed as a Medicaid service effective 04.01.2026. Will another code be used for Medicaid crisis stabilization unit services? • Sharing things that we have learned that could be helpful to others – No discussion.
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