

Council, Committee or Workgroup Meeting Snapshot

Meeting: Regional Consumer Advisory Council

Meeting Date: June 13, 2025	KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS
RCAC/MSHN Attendees: 20 members, S. Lehmann (MSHN), A. Ittner (MSHN), and D. Dedloff (MSHN)	 Welcome & Introductions Review and approve April 11, 2025 meeting snapshot Follow-up agenda items Approval of current agenda Opioid Settlement Funds Overview PIHP Procurement Update Welcome & Introductions MSHN Board Newsletter Conflict-Free Access and Planning update Member Suggested Topics Regional budget shortfall Open Discussion CMHSP Local Updates Adjourn
✓ KEY DECISIONS	 ✓ Welcome & Introductions ✓ The Regional Consumer Advisory Council (RCAC) meeting snapshot for April 11, 2025 was approved. ○ Follow-up agenda items: None ✓ The current agenda was reviewed and approved. ✓ Stacey Lehmann [MSHN] provided an overview of the Michigan Opioid Settlement Fund. She reported that the funds came from lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies regarding opioid medications. Michigan will receive \$800 million from the settlement. She noted that fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amount will be distributed directly to county, city, and township governments, and the remaining 50% will be distributed to the state government's Michigan Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund. The settlement funds will be used to address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, treatment for opioid use, and programs to address the opioid epidemic. ✓ Amanda Ittner [MSHN] provided an update regarding the PIHP Procurement process. She reported that there are many unknowns regarding the procurement process. Questions have been submitted to MDHHS by Mid-State Health Network (MSHN), but no response has been received to date. The hope is that MDHHS will provide a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document to answer the questions before the bid details are issued at the end of July or in August. MSHN values the PIHP system as a public system that is accountable to the counties and individuals served within the region. Based on the initial PIHP Procurement process requirements provided by MDHHS, it is believed that current PIHPs will not be eligible bidders for the new PIHP system. MSHN is collaborating with other PIHP regional leaders and CMHSP leadership to explore possible strategies that could make MSHN eligible to bid. Members shared that advocacy resources are available through the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan website, specifically in the Advocacy Center section. ✓ Dan Dedloff [MSHN] shared an upd
	 An update on Conflict-Free Access and Planning was provided, and it was reported that no developments have happened since the last meeting. PHIPs continue to wait for MDHHS to provide guidance. Member Suggested Topics A member asked about a regional budget shortfall. As a region, MSHN has had insufficient revenue and increased demand for services over the past year. MSHN leadership has worked with MDHHS to advocate for a rate increase to address the revenue

	deficit. MDHHS has approved a rate increase across the state, and the revenue changes will help to offset the expected deficit. This is good news for our region. ✓ CMHSP Local Updates ○ Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health ■ A member shared that at their last Consumer Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, their group discussed advocacy, the Department of Education, and autism. ○ CMH for Central MI ■ A member shared that at their last CAC meeting, the group discussed policy updates, suicide prevention, assessment guidelines, program evaluations, and the proposed Medicaid work requirement. Another member shared that they had a local Walk-a-Mile in Big Rapids, with 175 individuals in attendance. ○ CMHA of C-E-I ■ Member reported that during their last CAC meeting, members discussed local updates and forming a team to coordinate the Out of the Darkness walk.
	 Gratiot Integrated Health Network Member reported that during their last CAC meeting, the group discussed the success of their local Walk-a-Mile event, and a Hope in the Park event is scheduled for September. Huron Behavioral Health
	 Member reported that their CMH terminated their contract with Community Links due to budget issues, and a new peer support and a parent support partner were hired.
	 The Right Door Member reported that their peer team has a new supervisor, another successful clothing giveaway where 165 people participated, around a dozen peer groups are happening, and a group is planning to attend a Whitecaps baseball game in July. LifeWays
	 The staff liaison reported that LifeWays is working on plans to build a location in Hillsdale County, and discussion is underway with the county to assist in the funding of the new building. Montcalm Care Network (MCN)
	 Member reported that MCN held a walk against stigma with around 100 people participating in the event. MCN has its annual community carnival coming up in August.
	 Newaygo County Mental Health Member reported their CAC has several new members. Their CAC members raised money during a recent concert in the park by selling refreshments to the concertgoers. Saginaw County CMHA None
	 Shiawassee Health and Wellness (SHW) Member reported their clubhouse program received a \$7000 donation and has a new staff liaisons. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems None
	✓ Other Business: None ✓ Adjourned
✓ ACTION/INPUT REQUIRED	• None
✓ KEY DATA POINTS/DATES	The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2025, from 12:30-3:00 pm.