



Clinical Leadership Committee & Utilization Management Committee

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meeting Materials: [2025-10 | Powered by Box](#)

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7242810917>

Meeting ID: 724 281 0917

FY 2026 Meeting Calendar *(All meetings via videoconference unless otherwise noted)*

October 23	January 22	April 23	July 23
November 20	February 26	May 28	August 27
December – No Meeting	March 26	June 25	September 24

Upcoming Deliverables:

- 10/30/2025- ICSS Data Due
- 10/31/2025- Annual Performance Bonus Narrative Report Due
- 11/1/2025- Service Authorization Denial Report Due

Attendees:
MSHN: Todd Lewicki, Skye Pletcher, Cammie Myers
Bay: Karen Amon, Joelin Hahn, Nicole Sweet
CEI: Gwenda Summers, Elise Magen, Tim Teed, Shana Badgley
Central: Angela Zywicki, Renee Raushi, Jennifer McNally
Gratiot: Taylor Hirschman, Sarah Bowman
Huron: Agnes Bissett, Levi Zagorski
Lifeways: Jennifer Fitch, Cassandra Watson, Dave Lowe
Montcalm: Julianna Kozara, Sally Culey
Newaygo: Denise Russo-Starback, Annette Binnendyk, Heather Derwin, Meshelle Burrows
Saginaw: Vurlia Wheeler, Erin Nostrandt, Kristie Wolbert
Shiawassee: Crystal Cranmer (excused), Vickey Hoffman
Right Door: Amanda Eveleth, Kris Hamilton
Tuscola: Sheila Canady, Josie Grannell

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS
<p><u>JOINT TOPICS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome, Roll Call, & Announcements: 2. Approval of September Minutes; Additions to October Agenda 3. Holiday Meeting Schedule 4. Mental Health Framework 5. Procurement 6. CCI and HCBS Memo (L-Letter 25-16) 7. Texting Consumers and New Technology (Dave L.) 8. Adolescent IOP 9. MDHHS Memo - Peer Recertification Database 10. 2545-BH-P_Assessments_MHF 11. Guidance on H2014 and H2023 12. LLMSW <p><u>CLC Topics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLC Charter FY26 and CLC Annual Report FY25 <p><u>UMC Topics</u></p> <p><u>Parking Lot</u></p>

Agenda Item	Action Required
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<u>JOINT – Approval of September Meeting</u>	September minutes approved
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Minutes; Additions to October Agenda	Additions to October meeting noted above.				
		By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Holiday Meeting Schedule	November meeting is 1 week earlier (11/20) due to Thanksgiving. And no December meeting due to holidays.				
	Skye sent updated November meeting invite to the group.	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Mental Health Framework	Referrals system (CareConnect 360)- regional process discussion. Discussion of the following options- MSHN can manage for the region or CMHSPs can have staff request access and be the primary. Most recent guidance document about the Mental Health Framework is available on MDHHS website for reference: Mental Health Framework FAQ . The committee discussed advantages/disadvantages to MSHN centrally managing referrals for the region vs CMHSPs having primary responsibility for managing referrals with support and oversight from MSHN. An informal poll was taken during the Zoom meeting with 2/3 of respondents in favor of MSHN centrally managing the process.				
	Referral system decision- MSHN will take primary responsibility, and this group will review mid-year to determine if anything needs to be changed. MSHN will send a draft written process to the CMHSPs for review/feedback once final policy guidance from MDHHS is released to the field.	By Who	Skye/Liz	By When	As available
JOINT – Procurement	Provided basic information regarding the most recent court decision and upcoming hearing scheduled for 12/8/2025.				
	Connect with respective CMH CEOs with questions or for additional info	By Who	All	By When	As needed.
JOINT – CCI and HCBS Memo	L Letter issued on April 1, 2025 clarifying that Medicaid funds cannot be used to provide any HCBS services in Child Caring Institutional (CCI) settings, including but not limited to Community Living Supports (CLS). This has been a challenge for several CMHs in the region who currently have children/youth placed at Great Lakes Autism Center and Heartland as the providers are pushing back and requesting to still have CLS funded. CMHs can use General Fund however this is not a sustainable solution.				
	Informational	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
JOINT – Texting Consumers and New Technology	Texting when communicating with consumers for things such as personalized reminders, touch base, or follow ups. Specifically looking for things outside of the usually automated appointment reminders. Things that may help are process flows, or policies where staff are permitted to text consumers, including crisis services.				
	Nothing further discussed	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A

JOINT – Adolescent IOP	How is each CMHSP authorizing this service? Trying to balance the authorization process and the person-centered plan documentation.				
	Proposal to take this discussion into a separate meeting to determine next steps.	By Who	Any	By When	TBD
JOINT- MDHHS Memo - Peer Recertification Database					
	Document is in the meeting folder for all to review.	By Who	All	By When	As needed
JOINT-2545-BH-P_Assessments_MHF	Review and discussion of this policy draft. Frustrations expressed for many areas of this draft and concerns about network adequacy on the MHP side of the system as well due to providers no longer contracting with MHPs as a result of new standardized assessment requirements. Additionally, the Mental Health Framework FAQ identifies LOCUS score of 17 as being the threshold for eligibility for CMHSP/PIHP specialized services and supports. A single assessment score/tool should never dictate eligibility for services or level of care; it should be taken into consideration along with many other factors. There are concerns that this policy guidance is oversimplified.				
	Comments are due to the state 11/21- comments due to Todd by 11/14	By Who	All	By When	11/14/2025
Guidance on H2014 and H2023	Lyndia Deromedi from MDHHS is proposing to split the coverage section on the code chart to identify Medicaid authority separate from funding source. If an individual is receiving iSPA services, they must be enrolled in iSPA through WSA even if HMP funded.				
	Document available in meeting folder. Will continue to develop from the state and EDIT.	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
CLC-CLC Charter FY26 and CLC Annual Report FY25	No changes made to the charter. Annual report completed and in the meeting folder				
	Todd- will send the links to both documents out to CLC members for review and comment.	By Who	Todd	By When	10/31/2025
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