

## Mid-State Health Network Board Officer Briefing by Executive Leadership Notes

Friday, April 17, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

**Purpose:** *The purpose of this meeting is for MSHN Executive Leaders to brief the MSHN Board Officers on recent events, current operations, and future plans.*

**Officers Present:** Ed Woods, Chairperson; Irene O'Boyle, Vice-Chairperson, Deb McPeek-McFadden, Secretary; David Griesing, Member at Large; Kurt Peasley, Member at Large

**Others Present:** Ken DeLaat, Board Member; Colette Scrimger, Catholic Charities

**Staff Present:** Amanda Ittner, Deputy Director

**Staff Absent:** Joseph Sedlock, Chief Executive Officer

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chairperson Woods welcomed everyone to this Executive Leadership briefing, which began at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **MSHN Executive Leadership Briefing Topics:**
  - 3.1. **Planned Order of Business, May 5, 2026, Board Meeting:** A. Ittner reviewed the draft board meeting agenda noting two new board members appointed by Huron Behavioral Health, presentations on the FY 25 Financial Audit and Network Adequacy Assessment, 10-year service recognition and review of board member comments from the self-assessment. Chairperson Woods requested feedback related to any other accommodation for board members wishing to attend in person. D. McPeek-McFadden indicated she received positive feedback related to the board member orientation provided to new board members.
  - 3.2. **Board Member Attendance Report Review:** A. Ittner reviewed the board member attendance report noting Chairperson Woods will contact members with low attendance.
  - 3.3. **Committee Structure and Operations:** A. Ittner updated members on the new structure for Policy Committee (meeting in-person at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Board of Directors Meeting), Nominating Committee (to be held in-person, date to be determined by the committee members appointed) and the change with the previous Executive Committee relabeled as Board Officer Briefing, noting the removal of voting, updates by administration only and posting publicly.
  - 3.4. **MDHHS Competitive Procurement of PIHPs:** MSHN has not heard any updates directly from MDHHS related to the procurement. At the April 13, 2026 hearing on the dismissal due to mootness, MDHHS' attorney general confirmed the state is working on a new RFP. J. Sedlock and A. Ittner are meeting with the CMH CEOs on Wednesday to discuss the outcome of the hearing and readiness for a new RFP. Internally, MSHN leadership is reviewing projects placed on hold last year to ensure compliance with the PIHP/MDHHS contract standards (e.g. provider quality and compliance site reviews) through FY27. Of note, MSHN received an additional resignation this week, which now totals three staffing vacancies due to procurement, one due to FMLA and one resignation for other reasons. K. Peasley discussed efforts related to education with the candidates for Governor which is being planned by the Community Mental Health Association.

- 3.5. **Litigation Update(s):** A. Ittner referenced the communication distributed by J. Sedlock providing an update from the hearing on April 13, 2026. Nothing new to report outside of the Attorneys for both the plaintiff and defendants are reviewing and prepping for the briefing on “without prejudice” that is due on April 20<sup>th</sup>. MSHN’s attorney along with the other plaintiff’s attorneys are reviewing options for appeal which was apparent that Judge Yates was ensuring his ruling would allow for that option. The attorneys are also ready to review the upcoming RFP.
  - 3.6. **Other:** Chairperson Woods requested an update on rebasing. A. Ittner indicated MSHN is expecting MDHHS rebasing in May, with an update to the board in July. While MSHN’s financial position is positive for FY26 rebasing for the changes in CCBHC, minimum wage and earned sick time could have a negative effect on the financial status. Chairperson Woods mentioned the implications for FY27 and beyond related to HR1. A. Ittner reviewed that MSHN will be working closely with the CMHSP CEOs to review FY27 budget implications, including HR1 and reduced enrollment trends.
4. **Public Comments:** Ken DaLaat mentioned the challenges with Gubernatorial candidates that receive significant private sector contributions supporting their campaign. CMHA will be reviewing candidate contributions, expecting to provide updates to the members.
  5. **Concluding Comments:** Chairperson Woods reminded officers that the next scheduled Board Officer Briefing Meeting will be 06/12/2026, 9:00 a.m. and thanked MSHN Leadership and Board Officers for attending this briefing meeting, which ended at 9:32 a.m.