

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness  
(Ionia County Community Mental Health)

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 28, 2024, 4 p.m.**  
**375 Apple Tree Drive**  
**Ionia, Michigan**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chairperson Nancy Patera called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.; Secretary Mary Barker took roll call.

**Member(s) Present:**

Mary Barker, Nancy Haga, David Hodges, Melissa McKinstry, Deborah McPeek-McFadden, Linda Purcey

**Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:** ~~CEO~~ CEO Kerry Possehn, Chairperson Nancy Patera

**Members Absent:** Andrew Dinehart, Clinton Galloway (excused), Mariah Lab, Ron Thomas

**Staff Present:**

Chris Barnett, Brenda Charles, Nathan Derusha, Megan Dillingham, Julie Dowling, Amanda Eveleth, Teresa Kiser, Madison Koresh, Lisa Lubenow, Jenny Lumley, Teresa Martin, Jodi Mohr, Jennie Morgan, Maureen Perkins, Susan Richards, Jenny Scheurer, Liz Thelen

2. Determination of Quorum

A quorum was determined to be present.

3. Public Comment

Jenny Lumley introduced Madison Koresh as a new employee in the position of Behavior Analyst. Teresa Kiser introduced new Case Manager Megan Dillingham.

Board Member Nancy Haga commented about the recent CMHA fall conference she and other members attended recently. Board Chairperson Nancy Patera discussed the workshops she attended as well.

4. September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

**MOVED by David Hodges and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.** ~~OBJ~~

5. September 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

**MOVED by David Hodges and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the September 23, 2024 Board meeting minutes as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

6. Acceptance of Agenda

**MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Melissa McKinstry to accept the agenda as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

7. Financial Statements – September 2024

CFO Nathan Derusha presented and reviewed the September 2024 financial statements.

8. Pending Contracts – October 2024

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Nancy Haga to approve the October 2024 contracts as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

9. Approval of United Bank CD Renewal

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by David Hodges to allow CFO Derusha to renew the CD at United Bank at the best rates and terms for the agency benefit at the time of renewal.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

10. FY 25 CMHA Dues

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden to approve the payment of the FY 25 CMHA dues.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

11. Policy Review

**MOVED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden and SUPPORTED by Melissa McKinstry to approve Policies C-392 Sentinel Events, F-236 Agency Vehicles, F-254 Allowability, F-256 Advance Payments, G-201 Board Governance , HR-501 Employment At Will, HR-510**

**General Environment, HR-524 Supervision, ITIS-409 Incident Response, RR-119 Services Suited to Condition, RR-120 Research, and RR-122 Communication and Visits as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

12. 2025 Benefits Package

**MOVED by Melissa McKinstry and SUPPORTED by Deborah McPeek-McFadden to approve the 2025 employee benefits package as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

13. Approval of Revised Mid-State Health Network Bylaws

Agenda item tabled until next month.

14. Quality Improvement

QI/Compliance Officer Susan Richards reviewed the Strategic Plan 2023-2026: Partnerships, Results Oriented Outcomes, Workforce Development, IT. She also reviewed the FY 24 Accessibility Plan report.

15. Mid-State Health Network Affiliation Report

No report – next meeting is November 12.

16. CMHA Report

Board Member McKinstry distributed a report of recent CMHA activity.

17. CEO Report

CEO Possehn informed the Board that the potential board member will be completing the application for The Ionia County Board of Commission approval and new member will start soon. She updated on the status of the agency receiving CCBHC full certification. She also updated the Board about CFAP. CEO Possehn informed the Board that the action alert sent to the Governor and Legislature was successful regarding a portion of the \$93 million in appropriated funding being released from MDHHS and sent to the CMHSPs. She also informed them that the sale of the residential homes on Pearl Street and Water Street should be completed by mid-November. CEO Possehn shared that Ionia Dial-A-Ride has been awarded a portion of a \$15 million grant along with five other agencies within Michigan. She distributed the Greenville Daily News Regional Medical Guide that includes an action alert collaboration article from our agency and Montcalm Care Network. CEO Possehn notified the Board of a long-term employee on FMLA who may need an extension of their leave benefit.

18. Other

Board Chairperson Patera told of a fundraiser for Ionia Ministerial Association “Friends of Jesus” fund being held at El Mariachi on Tuesday, October 29. This fund helps local people with emergency shelter, rent assistance, utilities, etc. Board Chair Patera also mentioned the need to start discussion of a Board Retreat. Board Member McKinstry informed of the agency’s Drab to Fab event scheduled for Thursday, November 7.

19. Board Meeting Wrap-Up September 2024 Review

Board meeting wrap-up questionnaire responses from September 2024 were included in the packet.

20. Board Meeting Wrap-Up Questionnaire

Board Chairperson Patera encouraged members to complete the form.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Jenny Scheurer*