MONROE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2026

Present: Rebecca Pasko, Chairperson; Becca Curley, Vice Chairperson; Reda Biniecki, Secretary; Rob Calhoon; John Cullen; Henry Werner; Nanette McCloud; Juanita Roscoe; Doug Stevens; and John Burkardt

Excused: Dave Swartout and LaMar Frederick

Absent: N/A

Staff: Lisa Graham

Guests: 7 guests were present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair, Rebecca Pasko, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call confirmed a quorum existed.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rebecca Pasko.

IV. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

The items in the Board Packet were as presented on the agenda. Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any objections to the agenda. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

V. CONSIDERATION TO APPOVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 26, 2026 BOARD MEETING AND WAIVE THE READING THEREOF

The August 26, 2026 Board Meeting minutes were as presented in the Board Packet. Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing no changes, the August 26, 2026 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephan Pietszak, River Raisin Clubhouse Supervisor, addressed the Board on the upcoming events at the River Raisin Clubhouse and passed out flyers for the events; at the Michigan Clubhouse Conference we received a recommendation, not a suggestion, to have a CMH board member join the Clubhouse Advisory Board and asked if anyone would be interested; provided detailed information on the upcoming Philanthropy Playoffs; we received a CIP Grant where any member has private insurance or non-Medicaid can attend the Clubhouse and we will receive $50.00 per day. Last year we brought in over $170,000 that goes to Monroe CMH; and the Clubhouse Accreditation is coming up in September 2027 and have begun preparing for that.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

a. **Executive Committee**
   i. The Executive Committee reviewed the draft agenda for tonight's meeting. There were no questions for the Executive Committee from the Board.

b. **Correspondence**
   i. There was no correspondence during September.

c. **Board Workshop**
   i. Sue Radwan will be talking about how governance plays into our board meetings and how we use governance to evaluate the Chief Executive Officer. It is new information, please attend. The workshop is from 9:00am to 12:00pm and from 12:00pm to 1:00pm we will have a financial discussion and set up another workshop to review.

d. **Governance Policy Bootcamp**
   i. If anyone is available and interested in attending the Governance Policy Bootcamp we now have a member that cannot attend.

e. **River Raisin Clubhouse Advisory Board**
   i. Nanette McCloud showed interest in the River Raisin Clubhouse Advisory Board.
   ii. If the Board is interested in starting a team for the Philanthropy Playoffs to let Rebecca Pasko know.

f. **Presentations**
   i. Board members that ask questions during presentations should be relevant and not jump ahead.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

a. Lisa Graham presented the CEO Report highlighting: State/RFP Update; SAMHSA Grant; FY2027 Rates; Professional Development Day; NAMI Walk; Peer Supports Supervisor; Community events CMH participated in; and upcoming events.

MCMHA participated in the following community events in September:
- 9/8: Annual Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Vigil
- 9/16: Men on a Mission Job & Resource Fair
- 9/23: State Walk-a-Mile

Upcoming Events:
- 9/24: MCMHA CEO Coffee Hour, 3168 Lewis Ave, Ida, MI, 10-11am
- 10/16: Ghosts, Goblins and Grief, Trunk or Treat, Mall of Monroe, 5-6:30pm
- 10/17: NAMI Walk, 3000 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, 12-3:30pm (2-mile walk)
- 10/22: Mental Health Summit, MCCC, La-Z-Boy Center, 9-1pm
- 10/28: Town Hall, ISD, 3-5pm

If you are interested in attending the Mental Health Summit you will need to register. It is free of cost. Lisa Graham expects this to be a special event with keynote speaker Joe Reed.

IX. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REGION, COUNTY, AND OTHERS

a. **Regional PIHP Board Meeting Minutes** – Rebecca Pasko commented that we reviewed the budget, contract renewals, and got information similar to what Lisa Graham has already shared about the RFP. There is not a whole lot of new information.

b. **CMHAM Policy and Legislation Committee Report** – Rebecca Pasko commented that the committee met this month however there is not a lot happening as they are not meeting in Lansing. They are running for office now. They also commented on the RFP.

X. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any questions for the following Board Committees:

a. Business & Finance
b. Bylaws & Policy
c. Community Relations
d. Performance Evaluation – Rebecca Pasko commented that the committee met for Lisa Grahams 3rd quarter evaluation. Our evaluation process may be changing after we talk more with Sue Radwan. The evaluation of Lisa was very positive. Lisa's contract is written so that if she receives a satisfactory her contract automatically renews.

There were no questions from the Board on committee minutes..

XI. PRESENTATIONS

a. **Years of Service Awards** – Lisa Graham commented that three times a year we have an All Staff Meeting and we recognize staff that have been with Monroe CMH for five years or longer. Lisa likes to bring this to the Board for recognition and show longevity.

i.	Carissa Lautzenheiser and Brianna Yoder	5 Years
ii.	Tim O'Neil	10 Years
iii.	Amy Lewis and Adam Anastasoff	15 years
iv.	Katie DiCarlo	20 Years

The Board thanked staff for their dedication and congratulated them on their years of service.

b. **FY2026 3rd Quarter Human Resources Report** – Jim Brown presented the 3rd quarter Human Resources Report against the Strategic Plan highlighting information on new hires, resignations/ terminations, current vacancies, grievances, exit interviews, corporate training, and compliance. Overall, 3rd quarter reflects a strong training performance and the ability to respond to compliance demands. Next quarter, Jim will provide an annual overview for exit interviews.

c. **FY2027 Proposed Budget** – Amy Rottman presented the proposed FY2027 Budget at the August Board Meeting in detail. We brought the proposed budget in August in case the Board wanted something changed or if the public had comments. Given the conversation last month and where we sit now, the Medicaid capitation rates are still in draft form. We are proposing that the Board approve the budget and if we need to amend based on the final capitation rates we expect to bring that forward to the Board during 1st quarter of FY2027.

Rob Calhoon expressed concern with cost of the Rehmann Contract and asked if CMH could hire directly. Lisa Graham responded that the amount for the Rehmann Contract represents many functions across finance. CFO, CFO Deputy, accounting, to name a few. It is almost every financial service that the agency requires. We have 1 direct hire. Three years ago, the Board engaged in a 5-year contract with Rehmann. We are now entering year 4 of that contract. Part of our Strategic Plan we will talk about what is available and at least look and bring every option to the Board as the Rehmann Contract winds down. Rehmann does financial services for a number of CMHs across the state of Michigan. Some have had their own CFOs for a long time and others have found themselves in the same position we are in and contracted with Rehmann.

i. **Consideration to Approve the FY2027 Proposed Budget as Presented**

John Cullen moved; Henry Werner supported. No debate followed. Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any objections to approve the FY2027 Proposed Budget. Hearing no objections, the Board approved the FY2027 Proposed Budget as Presented by a unanimous vote.

d. July Financial Report

i. Amy Rottman presented the July Financial Report and provided monthly highlights:
   1. Statement of Position: Cash in the bank is $21,752,615.
   2. Estimated surplus (due back to the PIHP) is $2,809,503.
   3. Estimated surplus from CCBHC Medicaid Operations is $2,166,010.
   4. Estimated deficit from CCBHC non-Medicaid operations $2,264,254.
   5. Estimated deficit from other General Fund spend is $95,160.
   6. Total estimated fund balance addition is $688,045.

ii. There are 2 payments for CCBCH that were not received for July. The quality performance bonus and the amount for the CCBHC allocation. Those were learned about in August but not reflected in these financial statements. The quality performance bonus is $850,000 and the non-Medicaid relief is $87,000. These two numbers are a one-time adjustment to the net position.

iii. We do expect that Healthy Michigan is going to continue to be an area that we see some losses in FY2027 as fewer people are eligible with legislative changes to Healthy Michigan.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. No unfinished business from August.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Service Contracts – Alicia Riggs presented the service contracts.

i. Consideration to Approve the Service Contracts as Presented

Reda Biniecki moved; Juanita Roscoe supported. No debate followed. Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any objections to approve the Service Contracts. Hearing no objections, the Board approved the Service Contracts as presented by a unanimous vote.

b. Administrative Contracts – Alicia Riggs presented the administrative contracts.

Nanette McCloud commented on the rates for a Nurse Practitioner and asked if the contract information included whether they were contracted or a direct hire.

Nanette McCloud moved to pull the Nurse Practitioner contracts; Henry Werner supported. Debate followed.

After much Board discussion, Rebecca Pasko asked if Nanette McCloud would like to rescind her motion. Nanette McCloud declined.

Lisa Graham explained that voting yes to pull the Nurse Practitioner contracts would affectively end the contracts at the end of next week and would leave approximately 500 consumers without a Nurse Practitioner and interrupt their services. Lisa requested the Board not to vote yes as it would put us at risk for consumer care. A no vote would allow CMH to continue consumer care.

Rebecca Pasko recommended that the Nurse Practitioner contracts be approved tonight and to request Lisa Graham to bring back a cost analysis for contracting versus direct hire to the Board next month. This will protect the consumers we are serving. By pulling these contracts tonight it would put around 500 consumers with an interruption to their services.

After much Board discussion, Rebecca Pasko asked if Nanette McCloud would like to rescind her motion. Nanette McCloud withdrew her motion.

Rebecca Pasko requested Lisa Graham to present a cost analysis for contracting versus direct hire for Nurse Practitioners at the October Board Meeting.

i. Consideration to Approve the Administrative Contracts as Presented

Doug Stevens moved; John Burkardt supported. No debate followed. Rebecca Pasko asked if there were any objections to approve the Administrative Contracts. Hearing no objections, the Board approved the Administrative Contracts as presented by a unanimous vote.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

XV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reda Biniecki commented on the thought of someone having to change their provider pulled at her heart strings.

Henry Werner commented on the good discussion this evening and agreed with Reda Biniecki. Henry hopes the providers have the same sensitivity and keep that in mind and not take advantage of us for those reasons.

Doug Stevens appreciated the comments and clarity on the issues. Don't be afraid to speak up.

Rebecca Pasko reminded board members of Lisa Graham's coffee hour tomorrow from 10-11am in Ida. Also, please let us know if you can attend the Governance Policy Bootcamp.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Rebecca Pasko adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

Submitted by,

Reda D Biniecki

Reda Biniecki, Secretary

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9/30/26