

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2024**

**Members Present for In-Person Quorum:** Judy Ackley, Rebecca Curley, LaMar Frederick, Bob King, Rebecca Pasko, Alfreda Rooks, Mary Serio, Holly Terrill

**Members Not Present For In-Person Quorum:** Patrick Bridge, Molly Welch Marahar, Mary Pizzimenti, Annie Somerville, Ralph Tillotson

**Staff Present:** Stephannie Weary, James Colaianne, Matt Berg, Nicole Adelman, Lisa Graham, Trish Cortes, CJ Witherow, Michelle Sucharski, Connie Conklin, Kathryn Szewczuk

**Guests Present:** Attorneys Greg Moore (phone) and Chris Ryan from Taft Law

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order a 6:02 p.m. by Board Chair Bob King.
- II. Roll Call
  - Quorum confirmed.
- III. Consideration to Adopt the Agenda as Presented  
**Motion by R. Curley, supported by A. Rooks, to approve the agenda**  
**Motion passed unanimously**
  - Agenda addition: new item VII – Closed Session Action Request
- IV. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2024 Meeting and Waive the Reading Thereof  
**Motion by J. Ackley, supported by R. Pasko, to approve the minutes of the 10/9/2024 meeting and waive the reading thereof**  
**Motion passed unanimously**
- V. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2024 Meeting and Waive the Reading Thereof  
**Motion by M. Serio, supported by H. Terrill, to approve the minutes of the 10/30/2024 meeting and waive the reading thereof**  
**Motion passed unanimously**
- VI. Audience Participation  
None
- VII. Revised: Closed Session  
**Motion by R. Pasko, supported by H. Terrill, to move the CMHPSM Board meet in closed session under section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with our attorneys related to the following legal actions:**
  - The Northcare Network Mental Health Care Entity, Northern Michigan Regional Entity and Region 10 PIHP v. State of Michigan, 24- -MZ, Michigan Court of Claims
  - The Waskul et al v. Washtenaw County Community Mental Health et al, Case Number 2:16-cv-10936-PDB-EAS, Eastern District of Michigan**Motion passed unanimously**

**CMHPSM Mission Statement**

*Through effective partnerships, the CMHPSM shall ensure and support the provision of quality integrated care that focuses on improving the health and wellness of people living in our region.*

Roll Call Vote

Yes: J. Ackley, R. Curley, L. Frederick, B. King, R. Pasko, A. Rooks, M. Serio, H. Terrill

No:

Not present for in-person vote: P. Bridge, M. Welch Marahar, M. Pizzimenti, A. Somerville, R. Tillotson

- The meeting entered into closed session at 6:06 p.m.
- After returning to open session at 6:53 p.m.:

**Motion by M. Serio, supported by A. Rooks, for the CMHPSM to join the Northcare Network Mental Health Care Entity, Northern Michigan Regional Entity and Region 10 PIHP lawsuit v. State of Michigan, 24- -MZ, Michigan Court of Claims**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Roll Call Vote

Yes: J. Ackley, R. Curley, L. Frederick, B. King, R. Pasko, A. Rooks, M. Serio, H. Terrill

No:

Not present for in-person vote: P. Bridge, M. Welch Marahar, M. Pizzimenti, A. Somerville, R. Tillotson

VIII. Old Business

a. Information: FY2024 Finance Report September 2024  
M. Berg presented.

b. Information: CEO Contract Committee Update

- The committee met this evening and would like the board to treat the CEO with the same consideration as the rest of the staff regarding the cost of living adjustment (COLA).
- The committee recommended a 3% COLA increase effective 1/1/25, and a 3% COLA effective 1/1/26, to be amended in the CEO contract.

**Motion by J. Ackley, supported by A. Rooks, to authorize Board Chair B. King to sign an amended CEO contract to include a 3% COLA effective 1/1/25 and another 3% COLA effective 1/1/26, with legal review prior to signing**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Roll Call Vote

Yes: J. Ackley, R. Curley, L. Frederick, B. King, R. Pasko, A. Rooks, M. Serio, H. Terrill

No:

Not present for in-person vote: P. Bridge, M. Welch Marahar, M. Pizzimenti, A. Somerville, R. Tillotson

IX. New Business

a. Board Action: FY2025 QAPIP Plan

**Motion by R. Curley, supported by H. Terrill, to approve the annual plan for quality assessment and improvement plan activities during FY2025**

**Motion passed unanimously**

b. Board Action: Proclamations for Joelen Kersten (10-yr) and James Colaianne

**Motion by L. Frederick, supported by R. Curley, to approve the Issuance of the formal proclamation acknowledging the 10 years of service by Joelen Kersten to the PIHP region as a CMHPSM employee, signed by all CMHPSM Board members.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion by L. Frederick, supported by R. Curley, to approve the Issuance of the formal proclamation acknowledging the 10 years of service by James Colaianne to the PIHP region as a CMHPSM employee, signed by all CMHPSM Board members.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

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- c. Board Action: Contracts  
**Motion by L. Frederick, supported by H. Terrill, to authorize the CEO to execute the contracts/amendments as presented**  
**Motion passed unanimously**

X. Reports to the CMHPSM Board

a. Information: CEO Report to the Board

For FY18-19, all payments between the PIHP and the CMHs are complete. FY18-22 are now closed.

FY25 contract: Region 6 will join the other 3 PIHPs in the lawsuit versus the state.

The 2025 benefits enrollment period for staff is this week.

The PIHP Directors met with the state this month. There was no update on conflict free access and planning; the state says a plan is coming.

J. Colaianne will continue to send out the lame duck notifications to the board.

XI. Adjournment

**Motion by A. Rooks, supported by J. Ackley, to adjourn the meeting**

**Motion carried**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Rebecca Pasko, CMHPSM Board Secretary

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