

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan 48060

GROUP MEETING: Advisory Council Meeting
PLACE: St. Clair County CMH – Summit
DATE: June 4, 2026
TIME: 12:00 pm
PRESIDING: Nancy Thomson, Chairman

PRESENT: Dr. K. Albrecht (Virtual), N. Condland, Pastor A. Ferriell, H. Fogarty, K. Gallagher, D. Johnson, R. Mirabelli, J. Parker, M. Partipilo, C. Raymo (Virtual), V. Scheffler, N. Thomson, J. Totty, J. Trembath (Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: S. Chase, S. Herrle, J. Marocco, T. Pierce, C. Randall, K. Thompson

GUEST: Brendan, Associate Pastor at Crossroads Community Church

I. Call to Order/Agenda Changes:

The meeting was called to order by N. Thomson at 12:03pm. D. Johnson announced an addition to III.d. CCBHC Focus Group under. J. Totty moved to approve the agenda presented with changes and R. Mirabelli seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

II. Review / Accept Minutes:

J. Parker moved to approve April 2, 2026, meeting minutes, and J. Totty seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

III. Chief Executive Officer Report:

a. CSCB Overview:

D. Johnson provided handouts for members containing information on the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body. The packets gave objectives, background/history, community resources, community help cards, and core functions of the CSCB. D. Johnson asked any further questions regarding the CSCB, to please reach out.

b. Faith Resources:

D. Johnson shared with members a flyer with local Blue Water Area Churches that connect, serve, and collaborate in the name of Christ.

c. Community Relations Update:

D. Johnson provided flyers of upcoming community events including: Marine City Maritime Parade on Sunday, June 21st, Port Huron Rotary Parade on Wednesday, July 15th, a link has been shared via email if members would like to participate; and the DAASCC 10th Annual Walk/Run on September 26th.

d. CCBHC Focus Group:

D. Johnson shared with members about receiving communication to participate in a state CCBHC evaluation focus group. The purpose of the CCBHC evaluation focus group is to better understand the experiences and perspectives of individuals served by the CCHBC's in Michigan. D. Johnson asked members if they would like to participate in a CCBHC evaluation/focus group at the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2026. All members agreed and extended the scheduled Advisory Council meeting by 30 minutes for regular agenda discussions after the focus group concluded.

IV. Program Operations Update:

- a. H. Fogarty announced the Autism Summer Support group will host a picnic on Thursday, June 18th at Marysville Park. Families with children diagnosed with Autism are welcomed, food and drinks will be provided. H. Fogarty informed members the Autism Support Group in Marine City will no longer be available. There has been no participation from community members in the Marine City location.

V. Old Business:

There was no old business to address.

VI. Reviewed & Renewed Policies:

H. Fogarty informed the three (3) policies up for review and renewed had no substantial changes. If there are any notable changes you would like to address, please reach out with those changes and/or questions.

J. Totty had questions regarding policy 05-003-0040; Freedom of Movement where it states, "All community mental health (CMH) recipients have the right to the least restrictive conditions necessary to achieve the purposes of treatment and habilitation with due safeguards for safety of persons and property." K. Gallagher explained that no physical or chemical restraints occur to subdue an individual, rather staff are trained in CPI classes and alternative measures are taken into consideration by the Behavior Treatment Plan Review Committee for situations of endangerment to either the individual or staff.

Members asked if training was available to offer parents, family members, and/or guardians on physical restraint-free de-escalation. K. Gallagher explained due to copyright infringement, SCCCMH is not permitted to offer said training to the public. H.

Fogarty said she would ask Talia Brown or Robert Shafran, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) to attend the scheduled October 2026 Advisory Council Committee meeting and speak on their recent training with Ukeru. Ukeru training teaches staff trauma-informed care, verbal and nonverbal communication, and utilizing Ukeru protective blocking equipment (such as padded blocking shields).

VII. Council Roundtable:

V. Scheffler shared information on guardian and conservator workshop sessions, which assist and help understand legal responsibilities of a guardian and/or conservator. The sessions are available in St. Clair County and held at the St. Clair County Administration Building Auditorium. If interested, please contact Joseph Schulte (810) 985-2066.

J. Parker mentioned concerns with IDD individuals being able to access community entities without discrimination. She shared a recent issue with accessing a YMCA membership for her adult son and the difficulties she had with staff to retain said membership as his guardian. Members held a discussion to advocate for J. Parker's son, along with others IDD individuals in the community and contacts for the YMCA Leadership staff she could speak with to eradicate the difficulty of obtaining membership for her adult son as his guardian.

M. Partipilo shared the Group Home where her son resides has finally been able to set up & receive electronic payment from families. It comes with technical difficulties but are being worked through. M. Partipilo had also shared she had purchased a cell phone for her son. The Group Home does not have allowance within their budget to carry a facility cell phone, making it difficult to speak with her son if the Group Home is out on a day outing.

C. Raymo stated the RESA building is under construction, and no staff are inside the building, but all are set up working remotely.

VIII. Next Meeting :

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026.

IX. Adjournment:

With no further business to address, N. Thomson adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Trembath

Recording Secretary