ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
3111 Electric Avenue
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

GROUP MEETING:	SCC Community Mental Health Board
SUBJECT:	Regular Meeting
PLACE:	St. Clair County Community Mental Health 3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron
DATE:	July 14, 2026
TIME:	5:00 p.m.
PRESIDING:	Nancy Thomson, Chairman

IN PERSON:	K. Albrecht, S. Fair, A. Ferriell (out 6:04p.m.), M. Partipilo, E. Pierce, K. Schieweck (out at 6:03p.m.), M. Shortt, J. Totty, N. Thomson
ABSENT:	D. Davey, R. Mirabelli, E. Priemer
ALSO PRESENT:	Guest Register: Renae Kiehler
	Staff : T. Delor, H. Fogarty, K. Gallagher, D. Hazlewood, D. Hayes, D. Johnson, M. Measel-Morris, S. Shank, T. Wells (recording secretary)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Thomson.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

III. PROGRAM PRESENTATION – FINANCE AUDIT – ROSLUND, PRESTAGE, & COMPANY

Ms. Christina Schaub, CPA from Roslund, Prestage & Company P.C. (RPC) joined today's meeting to present the annual St. Clair County Community Mental Health Finance Audit Report and Compliance Report the Board.

Ms. Schaub presented that RPC examined St. Clair County CMH's compliance with the compliance requirements described in the Compliance Examination Guidelines issued by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that are applicable to the Medicaid and/or General Fund Contract for fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

In RPC's opinion, St. Clair County CMH complied, in all material respects, with the specified compliance requirements referred to that are applicable to the Medicaid Contract and/or GF Contract for fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Thomson that an action item needed to be added to the agenda regarding proposed Board Resolution 2026-01Urging Action to Ensure St. Clair County Takes the Needed Steps to Qualify and Apply for any Grant Funding Opportunities as Part of the Rural Health Transformation Initiative.

A motion was made to add Action Item V.C. Board Resolution 2026-01Urging Action to Ensure St. Clair County Takes the Needed Steps to Qualify and Apply for any Grant Funding Opportunities as Part of the Rural Health Transformation Initiative to the agenda by Ms. Totty. The motion was seconded by Ms. Partipilo. **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. St. Clair County CMH Previous Meeting Minutes
B. Finance
   1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation
   2. Monthly Payment Report
   3. Funding Bucket Report

Mr. Schieweck made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda stating: "I move to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the June 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the Monthly Bank Reconciliation Totaling: eight million, two hundred seven thousand, nine hundred ninety seven dollars and twenty-eight cents, the June Monthly Payment Report totaling seven million, three hundred eight thousand, four hundred seventy four dollars and fifty cents, and the funding bucket report for May 2026 as presented." The motion was seconded by Ms. Pierce to approve the items within the consent agenda. **MOTION CARRIED**.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Hope Network S.E. – New Hope Fenton Hills – Contract

The Contract for Hope Network S.E. – New Hope Fenton Hills was presented by Ms. Delor. Hope Network S.E. will be a new specialized provider. Currently, one individual is residing at that location through a single case agreement.

It was moved by Ms. Totty, seconded by Ms. Shortt to approve the Contract for Hope Network S.E. – New Hope Fenton Hills, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Construction Manager At-Risk Services Contract

Ms. Delor presented the Executive Summary of the three proposals received by the request for proposals (RFP) submission deadline for Construction Manager At-Risk Services. The RFP was posted on June 3, 2026 to include pre-construction and construction management services for the development of a 4,500 square foot Children's Therapeutic Group Home. Ms. Delor reviewed the Proposal Analysis and the Comparative Assessment – Evaluation Criteria for each bid.

Ms. Delor reviewed the Administrative Recommendation of awarding the pre-construction contract to O'Brien Construction Company in the amount of $7,147.

It was moved by Mr. Schieweck, seconded by Ms. Shortt, to award the pre-contrition contract for the Children's Therapeutic Group Home to O'Brien Construction Company in the amount of $7,147. **MOTION CARRIED**.

C. Children's Therapeutic Group Home Budget

The Budget Recommendation for the Children's Therapeutic Group Home was presented by Ms. Delor. The Administrative Recommendation reviewed states that the evaluation completed supports approving a budget of $1,6000,000 (approximately $355 per square foot) with 15% contingency to build the 4,500 square foot Children's Therapeutic Group Home per the specifications outlined in the RFP with a project completion date of August 31, 2027.

It was moved by Ms. Totty, seconded by Ms. Partipilo to approve the budget for the Children's Therapeutic Group home in the amount of $1,600,000 with 15% contingency. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Community Services Coordinating Body Fiduciary Agreement

Chairman Thomson presented the proposed Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) Fiduciary Agreement. Ms. Johnson, President of the CSCB, noted that the agreement had been presented at the previous CSCB Steering Committee meeting. She further reported that, during the last full CSCB meeting, members were asked whether any organization was interested in assuming the fiduciary role for the CSCB. No organizations expressed interest, and no alternative fiduciary was identified.

At the previous St. Clair County CMH Board meeting, the Board agreed that Chairman Thomson would meet with St. Clair County Medical Director Dr. Remington Nevin to discuss Dr. Nevin's letter to the SCCCMH Board regarding the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB).

Pastor Ferriell inquired whether the meeting had taken place. Chairman Thomson reported that the meeting had not yet been scheduled, as she is awaiting a legal opinion from Mr. Fletcher regarding the proposed fiduciary agreement. Specifically, she is seeking clarification on whether it is legally permissible to use SCCCMH funds to support the CSCB. Once that opinion is received, Chairman Thomson intends to schedule the meeting with Dr. Nevin.

Discussion followed regarding proposed revisions to the fiduciary agreement, including language requiring the CSCB to provide the SCCCMH Board with a year-end audit report. Additional language was discussed stating that financial support to the CSCB would be provided only when funds are available and such support would not create a financial hardship for SCCCMH.

It was moved by Mr. Schieweck to approve the Community Services Coordinating Body Fiduciary Agreement contingent upon receipt of a favorable legal opinion from legal counsel, and after the addition of language requiring the CSCB to provide the SCCCMH Board with a year-end audit report and that financial support to the CSCB would be provided only when funds are available and such support would not create a financial hardship for SCCCMH. A roll call vote was requested: Dr. Albrecht – Nay; Mr. Fair – Yea; Pastor Ferriell – Nay; Ms. Partipillo – Yea; Ms. Pierce - Yea; Mr. Schieweck – Yea; Reverand Shortt – Yea; Chairman Thomson – Yea; Ms. Totty – Yea; **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Resolution 2026-01

Ms. Thomson presented SCCCMH Board Resolution 2026-01 regarding the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP).

The Board was informed that the State of Michigan was awarded more than $173 million in Fiscal Year 2026 through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services Rural Health Transformation Program. Funding will be distributed statewide through a competitive grant process.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), through its Policy, Planning & Operational Support Administration, utilized the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's classification system to designate Michigan counties as rural, partially rural, or metropolitan. Under this classification system, 75 of Michigan's 83 counties are designated as rural or partially rural. St. Clair County, however, is classified as metropolitan, making it ineligible to apply directly for Rural Health Transformation Program grant funding.

Through communication with MDHHS, the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) obtained written correspondence outlining grant prioritization criteria and available exceptions despite a county's metropolitan designation. The resolution states that St. Clair County should be considered partially rural, if not fully rural, and that the county meets several of the program's prioritization criteria, including high chronic disease prevalence, limited access to hospitals and healthcare providers, Medicaid dependency, socioeconomic vulnerability, child poverty, and aging populations. The resolution also notes that Critical Access Hospitals, Sole Community Hospitals, and Rural Health Clinics are considered part of the rural health safety net and may be eligible regardless of county designation.

The resolution further states that the St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority is willing to coordinate and partner with the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners and other community stakeholders to advance this initiative on behalf of St. Clair County residents. Additionally, SCCCMH will support organizations applying for Rural Health Transformation Program grant funding opportunities that serve St. Clair County residents through letters of support, partnerships, referrals, and other appropriate means.

Copies of the resolution will be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; the leadership of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; Senator Dan Lauwers; Senator Kevin Hertel; Representative Joe Pavlov; Representative Jay DeBoyer; and Representative Jaime Greene.

It was moved by Dr. Albrecht, seconded by Rev. Shortt to approve Resolution 2026-01, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VII. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. Chief Executive Officer Report

The Chief Executive Officer Report was provided to the board.

B. Employee and Community Relations / Training Report

The Employee and Community Relations Training Report was provided to the board.

VIII. Informational Items

A. Leadership Team Report

The Leadership Team Report was provided to the board for their review.

B. Recording or Live Streaming Regular Board Meetings

Mr. Hayes presented options for recording or live streaming Regular Board Meetings. Following discussion, the Board agreed to test recording the next Board meeting through Microsoft Teams in the Summit Room at the August meeting. After the meeting is recorded, the video will be shared with Board Members for review so they may evaluate the format. Policy and procedures related to recording Board meetings will need to be developed prior to full implementation.

C. Region 10 Board Meeting

The draft of the Region 10 Board Meeting Minutes was not yet available, and Chairman Thomson was not in attendance at that meeting. No update provided.

IX. BOARD EDUCATION / FORUM / GOVERNANCE

A. Draft – Board Operating Procedures – First Reading / Review

The Draft Board Operating Procedures were presented for Board Member review at the June Board Meeting. Board Members read through the Board Operating Procedures with edits being noted along the way. Feedback was provided prior to tonight's meeting by Mr. Fair and Pastor Ferriell, and board members agreed to adding those suggestions. The Board Operating Procedures will be updated and brought back for action to the August board meeting.

X. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Totty, seconded by Dr. Albrecht, to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED**.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Wells
Tracy Wells, Recording Secretary