

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: August 6, 2026
TIME: 12:00 pm
PRESIDING: Nancy Thomson, Chairman

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

ABSENT: Pastor A. Ferriell, J. Marocco

GUEST:

I. Call to Order/Agenda Changes:

The meeting was called to order by N. Thomson at 12:03pm.

II. CCBHC Focus Group:

The Advisory Council committee welcomed Sheritha Rayford and Leonymae Aumentado from the University of Michigan Research and Evaluation department. They led the CCBHC evaluation questionnaire and gathered information based on discussions held. This CCBHC focus group consumed most of the hour blocked for the committee meeting.

III. Review / Accept Minutes:

June's meeting minutes were sent and reviewed prior to August scheduled meeting.

IV. Chief Executive Officer Report:

D. Johnson shared Recipient Rights Training available for individuals served, guardians, friends, or family members. Training is provided by Sandy O'Neill, SCCCMH Recipient Rights Director on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 4:00 pm – 5:00pm virtually. A flyer was provided in today's packets with information needed to register, but please reach out to the Recipient Rights office with any questions.

V. Program Operations Update:

K. Gallagher re-shared the Special Committee/Advisory Council Member Voucher for those who are new to the committee and as well as a refresher for those who have been

on the committee for some time. Please reach out to K. Gallagher or J. Trembath if needing a voucher to complete for per-diem.

VI. Old Business:

H. Fogarty shared Talia Brown, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) will attend the scheduled October 1 Advisory Council meeting to speak about recent Ukeru training.

J. Parker notified members she has resolved the YMCA membership hardship for her son. She met with Josh Chapman, and they have agreed upon a way individuals living in group homes are able to have memberships and participate in at the YMCA.

VII. Reviewed & Renewed Policies:

K. Gallagher informed the four (4) policies up for review and renewed had some minor language changes or no substantial changes. The Clozaril policy changes are regarded as following the Federal Medicaid Bureau changes. If there are any notable changes you would like to address, please reach out with those changes and/or questions.

VIII. Council Roundtable:

V. Scheffler shared Life & Christ Fellowship Church has a “Spark” class for those with physical or developmental disabilities during church services. SPARK stands for Seen, Protected, Accepted, Rejoiced, Known. SPARK meets during the 11:00am service at the North Campus location on Lapeer Rd in Kimball.

R. Mirabelli asked for discussion at the next Advisory Council meeting regarding SCCCMH having a contract with providers, i.e., Group Homes, and provider is not doing what is promised, what action can SCCCMH take?

K. Gallagher informed K. Thompson leads a Residential Improvement Committee at SCCCMH. The committee consists of K. Gallagher, K. Thompson, clinicians, and case managers to discuss recent areas of concern in SCCCMH contracted providers brought to attention.

IX. Next Meeting :

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Members asked for follow-up discussions regarding the following topics:

- What action does SCCCMH take with contracted providers not doing what is promised.
 - When it's appropriate to involve Recipient Rights with Group Home complaints and unanswered concerns.
- For K. Gallagher to touch base on food in an HCBS setting for individuals in Group Homes.
- The communication process for SCCCMH Access when an individual is returning to services after a time lapsed discharge.

X. Adjournment:

With no further business to address, **MOTION** "To adjourn the meeting at 1:19pm" was made by R. Mirabelli and seconded by J. Totty. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Trembath

Recording Secretary