



# PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLAN

Our Mission: Promoting opportunities for Recovery, Discovery, Health and Independence for individuals receiving services through ease of access, high quality of care and best value.

## Region 10 PIHP Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Region 10, 2186 Water Street, Port Huron, MI

**Board Members Present:** Lori Curtiss, Bobbie Cutcher, Dr. Niketa Dani, John Groustra, Ted Hammon, Joyce Johnson, Ed Priemer, Nancy Thomson, Rex Ziebarth

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Kozfkay, Ken Lemons, Chad Polmanteer, Jerry Webb

**Staff Present:** *Region 10 PIHP Staff:* Jim Johnson, Chief Executive Officer; Richard Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer; Carrie Benacquisto, Finance Director; Robin Kalbfleisch, Recording Secretary

**CMH Staff:** Deb Johnson, Telly Delor, St. Clair CMH; Wil Morris, Sanilac CMH; Dan Russell, GHS; Brooke Sankiewicz, Lapeer CMH

**Guests:** Greg Moore, Attorney, Taft Law; Chris Ryan, Attorney, Taft Law (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

**1. Call to Order**

Called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chairperson Curtiss and roll call was conducted.

**2. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

None

**3. Agenda Changes (Action Item)**

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the revised agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Action Item)**

- A. Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2024 (Action Item)
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2024 (Action Item)

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Dani, to approve the regular meeting and closed session meeting minutes from October 18, 2024, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Finance**

**A. Monthly Finance Report – September 2024 (Action Item)**

Mr. Carpenter presented the report for September. He noted that the eligibles for TANF and Healthy Michigan have flattened out in July - September. He noted the



increase in revenue to Healthy Michigan which was due to the second mid-year rate increase. Traditional Medicaid had a surplus of approximately \$16.4 million. Healthy Michigan had a deficit of about \$1.9 million. CCBHC Medicaid had a deficit of about \$13 million. CCBHC Healthy Michigan had a surplus of about \$4 million, for a total net receivable from the state of approximately \$9 million. He noted the CCBHCs are financially benefiting the region, as there would be about a \$33 million deficit to the base Medicaid program and about a \$9 million deficit to the base Healthy Michigan without the CCBHC programs.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Hammon, to approve the Monthly Finance report for September 2024 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Monthly Payment Report – September 2024** (Action Item)

Mr. Carpenter presented the report for September and noted this report includes HRA payments. There was further discussion about the HRA rates increases. There has been an indication from the Department that they may increase the HRA payments again for FY2025. Mr. Carpenter reminded the group that we pay approximately \$630 more per day than the CMHs pay per day for hospital visits. It was noted that this topic will be discussed at the upcoming Director's Forum. There was discussion about the Hospital Association lobbying for rate increases. Mr. Carpenter noted that MDHHS proposes the rates to CMS, and CMS approves the rates. He stated there is a zero-dollar budgetary impact to the PIHPs because the revenue always equals the expenses, but the intent of the HRA was to increase the number of beds available for consumers and we have not seen the benefit of the increases.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Dani, to approve the Monthly Payment report for September 2024 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Region 10 FY2025 Salary Analysis** (Action Item)

Mr. Carpenter presented a memo detailing a recommendation for a one-time staff increase due to increased health insurance rates and the minimal increase to the hard cap under PA152. The health insurance rate increases are exceeding the hard cap increase and the impact to staff could be as much as \$85 per paycheck. The recommended increase is 2% to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, which is in addition to the normal 2% increase, plus an up to 3% discretionary increase based on performance that staff receive on their anniversary date. This would be an increase to the Region 10 PIHP budget of approximately \$55,000 to \$60,000, which is available in the budget per Mr. Carpenter. There was discussion regarding a potential increase to the hard cap being discussed in the Michigan Legislature. A comment and discussion took place regarding the potential of CMHs and providers not being able to offer increases like this to their staff.

There was discussion about the possibility of opting out of the hard cap. Mr. Carpenter stated not operating under the hard cap would be even more detrimental to the CMHs who have General Fund budgetary issues, as well as Region 10, and he recommends against it.

There was discussion about other options, including doing a 1% instead of 2% percentage increase or doing a one-time payment to staff instead of an increase to base to help cover the increased premiums. Chairperson Curtiss asked for an additional



salary analysis to be brought to the December Board meeting to show what it would cost for the increases or a one-time payment.

It was moved by Mr. Groustra, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to defer action on a salary increase for Region 10 Staff until the December Board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Genesee County Prevention Coalition (GCPC) September Payment** (Action Item)

Mr. Johnson reported that GCPC is the only one of Region 10's prevention providers who does only coalition services. Our contracting transition to ensure that our providers would be classified as vendors as opposed to sub-recipients has led to GCPC operating under a unit-based contract. GCPC has submitted about 96% of their expected units for September. The recommendation is to provide the full September payment as it is necessary for them to pay their staff. Their contract includes about 2400-2500 units and they did not utilize all of those units. There was additional discussion about providing this one-time exception which would equate to just over \$10,000.

It was moved by Mr. Hammon, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve paying the full September payment to Genesee County Prevention Coalition as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Contract Management**

**A. MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 3** (Action Item)

Mr. Johnson presented the memo showing the details of contract amendment number three for FY2024 regarding the increase to the rates.

It was moved by Dr. Dani, seconded by Ms. Thomson, to approve the FY2024 MDHHS-PIHP Contract Amendment No. 3 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Director's Report**

Mr. Johnson reported that an SUD Director has been hired. Ken Heuvelman started on Tuesday and brings an extensive history of working with people recovering from Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in this region.

An RFP was recently done by Region 10 to bring SUD services into the St. Clair County area but the RFP was not fruitful. Region 10 has been invited to participate on the St. Clair County Opioid Settlement Committee. This committee is recommending that the county issue an RFI for SUD treatment providers to relocate to the Port Huron area. St Clair County Opioid settlement money would be used to help with startup costs. Region 10 will assist with developing the RFI and assist with evaluating potential providers.

Mr. Johnson provided a brief update on the recent legislative changes in Michigan, with the Michigan House switching over to a Republican majority as of January. He noted House Bill 6058 was introduced to amend PA152 by increasing the hard cap. There are a number of co-sponsors for this bill (none from within our region) but it is reportedly unlikely to move during the lame duck session.

Mr. Johnson provided a brief update on federal legislative changes.



**9. Substance Use Disorder**

**A. Meeting Minutes (11.5.24)**

Presented by Mr. Johnson, who provided a summary of the meeting.

**B. PA2 Request – Genesee County** (Action Item)

A PA2 request for Genesee County Health Center for peer recovery coach services in the amount of \$5,017.94 was endorsed by the Genesee County members of the SUD Policy Oversight Board.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to approve the PA2 request for Genesee County Health Center in the amount of \$5,017.94 presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. PA2 Request – St. Clair County** (Action Item)

A PA2 request for St. Clair County to support IMPACT to pay for classroom materials for prevention programming in the amount of \$11,171.70 was endorsed by the St. Clair County members of the SUD Policy Oversight Board.

It was moved by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Dani, to approve the PA2 request for IMPACT in St. Clair County in the amount of \$11,171.70 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**10. Closed Session**

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson, seconded by Mr. Priemer, to go into closed session to discuss the strategies regarding the FY2025 MDHHS-PIHP contract. Roll call was conducted: Ayes: Lori Curtiss, Bobbie Cutcher, Dr. Niketa Dani, John Groustra, Ted Hammon, Joyce Johnson, Ed Priemer, Nancy Thomson, Rex Ziebarth. Nays: None. **MOTION CARRIED.** Closed session started at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened from closed session at 10:33 a.m.

It was moved by Mr. Ziebarth, seconded by Mr. Groustra, to provide the attorneys at Taft Law the authority to take appropriate legal action in the matter of the FY2025 MDHHS-PIHP contract. **MOTION CARRIED**

**11. Any Other Business to Properly Come Before the Board**

**A. CEO Performance Form**

Chairperson Curtiss asked the Board members to complete and return the form to Ms. Kalbfleisch by December 1, 2024.

**12. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board**

None



**13. Adjournment** (Action Item)

It was moved by Ms. Joyce Johnson to adjourn the meeting. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curtiss adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Robin Kalbfleisch,  
Recording Secretary

Region 10 PIHP Board  
Secretary / Designee