

# Southwest Michigan

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### Substance Use Disorder

### Oversight Policy Board (SUDOPB) Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025

4:00 – 5:30 pm

**Members Present:** Randall Hazelbaker (Branch County); Richard Godfrey (Van Buren County); RJ Lee (Cass County); Matt Saxton (Calhoun County); Paul Schincariol (Van Buren County); Marsha Bassett (Barry County); Jared Hoffmaster (St. Joseph County)

**Members Absent:** Rayonte Bell (Berrien); Alex R. Ott (Berrien); Jonathan Current (Kalamazoo County) Dominic Oo (Calhoun County); Allyn Witchell (Kalamazoo County)

#### Staff and Guests Present:

Mila Todd, Interim Executive Officer, SWMBH; Joel Smith, Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Director, SWMBH; Garyl Guidry, Chief Financial Officer, SWMBH; Amy St. Peter, Clinical Grants Specialist, SWMBH; Lily Smithson, Gambling Disorder Specialist, SWMBH; Michelle Jacobs, Senior Operations Specialist and Rights Advisor, SWMBH; Anastasia Miliadi, SUD Treatment Specialist, SWMBH; Emily Flory, Strategic Initiatives Project Manager, SWMBH; Erin Hetrick, SUD Treatment Specialist, SWMBH; Alena Lacey, Chief Clinical Officer, SWMBH; Cate Pederson, Interim Quality Manager

#### Welcome and Introductions

Randall Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Introductions were made.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion Jared Hoffmaster  
Second Marsha Bassett  
Motion Carried

#### Board Actions

##### 2026 SUDOPB Meetings

Motion Richard Godfrey moved to approve the 2026 SWMBH SUDOPB meetings as presented.  
Second Marsha Bassett  
Motion Carried

#### Consent Agenda

Motion Matt Saxton moved to approve the 9/15/25 meeting minutes as presented.

Second  
Motion Carried

Jared Hoffmaster

## **Board Education**

### **Fiscal Year 2025 YTD Financials**

Garyl Guidry reported as documented, highlighting numbers for Medicaid, Healthy Michigan, MI Child, Block Grant, PA2 and PA2 carryforward. Discussion followed.

### **PA2 Utilization Fiscal Year 2025 YTD**

Garyl Guidry reported as documented noting that PA2 utilization will continue to increase due to grant funds ending. Discussion followed.

### **Recovery Self-Assessment Survey**

Cate Pederson reported as documented, summarizing history, results, participation rates, analysis and observations. Discussion followed.

### **Block Grant Update**

Joel Smith noted that a wait list started in August of 2025, and a finite number of consumers will come off that wait list by the end of November.

### **CCBHC Data Visibility**

Joel Smith stated that effective 10/1/25 SWMBH no longer has oversight over CCBHCs and therefore will not have access to CCBHC data which will change next year's report.

## **Communication and Counsel**

### **Legislative Updates**

#### **Public Policy and Legislative Updates**

Mila Todd noted the following:

- 8/4/25 RFP and Statement of work was released. RFP eliminates existing PIHPs and creates 3 new entities.
  - Geographic constraints prevent SWMBH from bidding on the RFP.
  - State responded to lawsuit (760-page response). Multiple law firms representing the plaintiffs and multiple Attorneys General named as the State's counsel.
  - 9/12/25 plaintiffs' reply brief in support of motion for preliminary injunction due.
  - 9/16/25 Case conference with Judge Yates.
  - 9/22/25 plaintiffs' response brief in opposition to the State's motion is due.
  - 9/26/25 State's reply brief is due.
  - SWMBH received legal advice to submit a bid to the RFP within SWMBH constraints. RFP bid due 10/6/25. SWMBH is developing a bid to the RFP to meet legal obligations.
  - 10/9/25 Hearing resulted in a partial loss and a partial win for SWMBH. The Judge ruled that there is a genuine issue of material fact.
  - 12/8/25 hearing scheduled to review issues of fact with the Judge set to rule after the hearing.
- Discussion followed

**2025 SUDOPB Attendance Report**

Michelle Jacobs noted the attendance report for 2025 will be included in each month's packet per County Administrator request.

**County Updates**

Barry County issued an RFP for the Opioid Settlement dollars. 5 applications were received and Barry plans to use the settlement dollars in full for the time noted.

St. Joseph issued an RFP for the Opioid Settlement dollars. 5 applications were received.

Van Buren County is using some of their Opioid Settlement dollars for specialty courts and prevention programs.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjourn**

Randall Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm