

Southwest Michigan

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board (SUDOPB) Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Members Present: Randall Hazelbaker (Branch County); Richard Godfrey (Van Buren County); Michael Majerek (Berrien County); Diane Thompson (Calhoun County); RJ Lee (Cass County); Jonathan Current (Kalamazoo County); Mark Doster (Barry County); Paul Schincariol (Van Buren County)

Members Absent: Rayonte Bell (Berrien); Rochelle Hatcher (Calhoun); Jared Hoffmaster (St. Joseph County); Allyn Witchell (Kalamazoo County)

Staff and Guests Present:

Brad Casemore, CEO, SWMBH; Joel Smith, Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Director, SWMBH; Mila Todd, Chief Compliance Officer, SWMBH; Garyl Guidry, Chief Financial Officer, SWMBH; Anastasia Miliadi, SUD Treatment Specialist, SWMBH; Erin Hetrick, SUD Treatment Specialist, SWMBH; Tiffany Jackson, Financial Analyst, SWMBH; Amy St. Peter, Clinical Grants Specialist, SWMBH; Lily Smithson, Gambling Disorder Specialist, SWMBH; Michelle Jacobs, Senior Operations Specialist and Rights Advisor, SWMBH

Welcome and Introductions

Randall Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Introductions were made.

Public Comment

None

Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion Michael Majerek
Second RJ Lee
Motion Carried

Financial Interest Disclosures

None

Consent Agenda

Motion Diane Thompson moved to approve the 5/20/24 meeting minutes as presented
Second RJ Lee
Motion Carried

Board Actions

None

Board Education

Fiscal Year 2024 YTD Financials

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

PA2 Utilization Fiscal Year 2024 YTD

Garyl Guidry reported as documented.

2025 Budget Update

Joel Smith reviewed Block Grant funding changes for fiscal year 2025 which includes a 3-million-dollar reduction in funding for our region. Garyl Guidry reviewed first iteration of budget proposals for each county with projections for fiscal year 2025 and beyond. Joel Smith summarized the proposals and noted SWMBH's plans to mitigate reductions. Those plans include requesting additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, utilization analysis, and communication with the State on why our region was the highest in Block Grant reduction.

Synar Survey Report

Joel Smith reported as documented.

Fiscal Year 2024 Substance Use Disorder Review Letters – Region 4

Joel Smith reported as documented.

Communication and Counsel

Legislative Updates

Brad Casemore reviewed Community Mental Health Association of Michigan's Fiscal Year 2025 budget which includes increases in Medicaid Mental Health, Autism and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and a reduction in Healthy Michigan Plans. Brad Casemore commented that Opioid Settlement Funds could offset fiscal year 2025 funding reduction at the discretion of each county. Discussion followed.

2024 SUDOPB Attendance Report

Michelle Jacobs reported as documented.

Other

None

Public Comment

Mark Doster stated that Barry County Administrator Michael Brown is leaving for another position in Lansing and Barry County is processing applications to fill this position. Randall Hazelbaker stated that Branch County Administrator Bud Norman is retiring and Branch County is processing applications to fill this position. Joel Smith reviewed the September 16 SUDOPB meeting which includes testimonies from providers and persons served.

Adjourn

Randall Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm