

# *Southwest Michigan*

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### **Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board (SUDOPB) Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2025  
4:00 – 5:30 pm

**Members Present:** Randall Hazelbaker (Branch County); Richard Godfrey (Van Buren County); RJ Lee (Cass County); Jonathan Current (Kalamazoo County); Dominic Oo (Calhoun County); Matt Saxton (Calhoun County); Paul Schincariol (Van Buren County); Marsha Bassett (Barry County)

**Members Absent:** Rayonte Bell (Berrien); Alex R. Ott (Berrien); Jared Hoffmaster (St. Joseph County); Allyn Witchell (Kalamazoo County)

#### **Staff and Guests Present:**

Brad Casemore, CEO, SWMBH; Mila Todd, Chief Compliance Officer, SWMBH; Joel Smith, Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Director, SWMBH; Garyl Guidry, Chief Financial Officer, SWMBH; Alena Lacey, Chief Clinical 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; Megan O'Dea, Financial Analyst, SWMBH

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Randall Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Agenda Review and Adoption**

Motion	Paul Schincariol
Second	RJ Lee
Motion Carried	

#### **Financial Interest Disclosures**

None

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion	Matt Saxton moved to approve the 3/17/25 meeting minutes as presented.
Second	Dominic Oo
Motion Carried	

## **Board Actions**

None scheduled

## **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. Garyl also covered Period 7 SWMBH financials noting deficits, projected deficits, a possible mid-year rate adjustment and CMHs that will run out of money. Discussion followed.

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

Garyl Guidry reported as documented. Discussion followed.

### **2026 Budget Proposals**

Garyl Guidry reported as documented.

Joel Smith noted the following:

- Reviewed each County's proposals
- Provided additional information regarding Calhoun County's submission
- Meeting with Providers are being scheduled
- Meetings with County Administrators and County Commissioners are being scheduled
- Loss of grants affecting Prevention Services
- Fiscal Year 2025 estimates project Block Grant overspending due to Detox, and Residential Services
- SWMBH researching details in overspending of Block Grant funds

Discussion followed.

### **Synar Report**

Joel Smith reported as documented.

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Opioid Health Homes**

Emily Flory reported as documented.

## **Communication and Counsel**

### **Legislative Updates**

Joel Smith reported as documented and discussed possible Medicaid cuts from the Federal level.

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

Brad Casemore noted the following:

- The Federal Budget Bill was passed and signed on July 4, 2025
- A Federal report is being finalized on the effects of the Federal Budget Bill
- Federal Budget 2026 is still being hashed out
- State Budget for 2026 not finalized

- MDHHS' Procurement history and bid qualifications
- The Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board is hard coded to exist by State Statue
- SWMBH Board approved Ends, Sub Ends and Interpretations
- At the July 11, 2025, SWMBH Board meeting the Board and Brad Casemore agreed an immediate separation contingent upon a mutually agreeable Separation Agreement likely to be completed in days and he will no longer be the CEO within days or weeks.

### **September 15, 2025 SUDOPB Meeting**

Joel Smith reminded the SUDOPB of the September 15, 2025 meeting which starts at 3:00pm and includes consumer and provider testimonies as well as voting on the Fiscal Year 2026 PA2 Budget.

### **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:** New Administration Building, funds for body cams, beginning to secure funds for a new jail, and Opioid Settlement funds and RFPs.

**Branch:** New jail is open

**Calhoun:** Opioid Settlement Funds, RFPs and released \$600,000 to be spent. Calhoun County Representation thanked Brad Casemore for his years of service.

**Van Buren:** Prevention and Specialty Courts spending has reduced jail recidivism rates

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjourn**

Randall Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm