

# Southwest Michigan

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### Substance Use Disorder

### Oversight Policy Board (SUDOPB) Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

3:00 – 5:30 pm

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

**Members Absent:** Rayonte Bell (Berrien); Alex R. Ott (Berrien); Jared Hoffmaster (St. Joseph County); Jonathan Current (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; Megan O’Dea, Financial Analyst, SWMBH; Achilles Malta, Regional Prevention Services Coordinator, SWMBH; Erin Hetrick, SUD Treatment Specialist, SWMBH; Ella Philander, Executive Projects Manager, SWMBH

#### Welcome and Introductions

Randall Hazelbaker called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Introductions were made.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Agenda Review and Adoption

Motion Richard Godfrey

Second RJ Lee

Motion Carried

#### Public Act 2 Dollars

#### SWMBH Fiscal Year 2026 PA2 Budget Summary

Garyl Guidry reported as documented highlighting:

- Fiscal Year 2025 budgets
- Fiscal Year 2026 projected budgets by County
- Revenue down \$100,000
- Grants and Initiatives have changed that created lower or no funding for certain programs

Joel Smith reviewed each County's proposed program revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026. Discussion followed.

### **Public Comment**

Joel Smith thanked the providers and persons served for attending today's meeting. Many comments and testimonials from providers and persons served. Provider agencies in attendance included Community Healing Center, Urban Alliance, Recovery Institute of SW MI, Gryphon Place, Abundant Life Ministries, Prevention Works, Barry County CMH, Summit Pointe CMH, 8<sup>th</sup> District Court, Barry County Specialty Courts and Berrien County Specialty Courts.

### **Board Actions**

#### **2026 PA2 Budget Approval**

Motion Richard Godfrey moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 PA2 Budget as presented.

Second RJ Lee

Motion Carried

#### **Consent Agenda**

Motion RJ Lee moved to approve the 7/21/25 meeting minutes as presented.

Second Dominic Oo

Motion Carried

### **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 10 SWMBH financials noting deficits, and projected deficits. There is a wait list for some services, and this will be discussed further at the November SUDOPB meeting. Discussion followed.

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

Garyl Guidry reported as documented noting that Utilization has increased to 80% with this number expecting to go up next fiscal year. Discussion followed.

#### **Overdose Awareness Day**

Achilles Malta summarized the history of International Overdose Awareness Day, each year on August 31<sup>st</sup> highlighting lives lost, awareness and prevention strategies. Social media posts were created to raise awareness of services and resources which reached 15,000 unique addresses on social media. Events were hosted in Barry, Berrien and Kalamazoo Counties.

#### **Opioid Settlement Funding Update**

Joel Smith reported as documented sharing that SWMBH received \$1 million in funds from the Healing and Recovery Community Engagement and Infrastructure Allocations. Use of funding had specific and strict requirements. Any unspent funds will roll over to next year. Discussion followed.

## **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.
- Fiscal Year 2026 contract was received and is being reviewed by SWMBH legal counsel. SWMBH intends to sign contract pending legal advice from counsel.
- Discussion of ramifications if there is a government shut down

#### **Purdue/Sackler Settlement**

Joel Smith reported as documented noting a settlement has been reached and each county listed has the opportunity to sign up to receive settlement funds. Any questions regarding this settlement should be directed to Matt Walker (WalkerM30@michigan.gov)

#### **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 is getting creative on funding SUD services in their county.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Adjourn**

Randall Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm