

**MACOMB COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2026
MISD, ROOM 206**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Buyle, Mark Koroj, Dr. Benjamin Jones, Michael Barrett, Krista Willette, Barb Caskey, Lisa Montalto, Mark Widzinski, Ryan Zemke, Katie Donovan, Lisa Childers, Scott Steenbergh

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Traci Smith, Nicole Gabriel, Adam McHenry, Heather Gilbert, Lisa Carrizales

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Buyle at 8:30 a.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ZEMKE AND SUPPORTED BY MS. WILLETTE TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED.

Approval of the Minutes, Actions, And Recommendations of August 5, 2026, Meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MONTALTO AND SUPPORTED BY MR. BARRETT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, ACTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUGUST 5, 2026, MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED.

Request to Approve FY27 PA2 Budget

Ms. Gabriel and Ms. Gilbert discussed the previously distributed FY27 PA2 Budget document. A discussion ensued.

AFTER DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DONOVAN AND SUPPORTED BY MS. CASKEY, TO APPROVE THE FY27 PA2 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. MR. ZEMKE, MR. STEENBERGH AND MR. JONES ABSTAINED. THE MOTION PASSED.

Request to Approve FY27-29 Strategic Plan

Ms. Gabriel indicated that MDHHS sent communication requesting a three-year strategic plan. There was limited time to complete the plan due to the need for Board approval. However, state and local data was used to determine the needs of Macomb County. The requirements for this strategic plan were similar to previous years, and several of the

prevention initiatives remain the same. The goals for SUD Treatment focus on reducing opioid use and opioid overdose deaths, increasing SUDHH and WSS services, and conducting outreach to the older adult population. Mr. Zemke indicated that one of the goals needed correction under the prevention section on page 10. Ms. Gabriel indicated that this will be corrected prior to presenting it to the MCCMH Board. A lengthy discussion ensued.

AFTER DISCUSSION AND CHANGES, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. DONOVAN AND SUPPORTED BY MR. KOROI TO APPROVE THE PLAN WITH THE NOTED CORRECTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED.

Updates from SUD Director

Ms. Gabriel talked about the FY27 contract in Egrams. SOR will be the same as last year; funds will be used toward additional prevention programming as well as OEND and Narcan distribution. The Engagement Center and Recovery Centers will remain the same. All other grants will be the same, including the Recovery Incentives Pilot and the Alcohol Use Funds grant. The Healing and Recovery grant will be discontinued as of September 30, 2026.

Ms. Gabriel mentioned CARE will be having their RecoveryCon in September.

Ms. Gabriel stated that we received some feedback about the Engagement Center and there appear to be some misconceptions in the community that referrals can only be made by law enforcement or hospitals. She also said that we are working on updating the flier to clarify that anyone can make a referral or self-refer. SUD has done a lot of community outreach regarding the SUD Engagement Center. MCCMH SUD staff recently provided education on the SUD Engagement Center to all roll calls for Warren Police Department. There has been an increase in admissions and outreach will continue.

Ms. Gabriel shared that we have a new outpatient provider, Samaritas. We have seen some delays in outpatient intake appointments, so we have been working to expand our outpatient provider network. We will start referrals once their staff is approved.

Ms. Gabriel said that there is potential for a new RFP from MDHHS. There is currently a placeholder in the DTMB system for the PIHP RFP, and we anticipate that one could be issued in the next month or two. Parts of the Mental Health Framework are on hold. The previous plan referred to the utilization of specific assessments to determine if an individual's symptoms were mild to moderate or if they were severe. Based on that determination, either the PIHP or the Health Plan could be financially responsible for treatment. There is concern about a single assessment being used to make that determination, and that, often, symptoms and treatment needs may change over time. House Bill 6022 came out in response to the Framework. CMHAM put together information to oppose that Bill. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ms. Gabriel mentioned that the SUD Conference information was sent to members. If you are interested in attending, please let Ms. Carrizales know by Friday.

Other Business

Mr. Steenbergh asked about recovery home funds. Is there more information on what funds can be used. Mr. McHenry shared a Press Release from MDHHS. That is all the information we have right now. Ms. Gabriel said she will bring it up at their state-wide meeting if MDHHS attends.

Ms. Buyle talked about the Health Fair coming up on September 12th at the MISD. Ms. Smith distributed fliers.

Ms. Smith mentioned that MCCMH is applying for a grant as a CCBHC that would give us up to \$1 million annually for four years. MCCMH wants to fund an Addictionologist to provide direct services. She also said that they are partnering with the Macomb County Sheriff's Office to develop a co-responder unit. CMH will provide a therapist who will be paired with a deputy for calls. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Koroι stated that there are members up for renewal. Ms. Carrizales will send them the application and meeting information.

Mr. Jones said that Celebrate Recovery is on September 11th on Belle Isle.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.