HIAWATHA COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY
March 23, 2026
Via Teleconference

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Martin, George Ecclesine, Fred Feleppa, Ivan Gable, Jennifer Hinde, Zara Masood, Craig Reiter, and Jaime Ziemba.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Patrick, Michael Patrick, Ron Meister.

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Agenda: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: C. Reiter SECOND: G. Ecclesine	Approve the agenda with the addition of Blaine Yoder's presentation.

4. Minutes: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: I. Gable	Approve the February 2026 minutes as presented.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Presentation: Blaine Yoder presents on Corporate Compliance.

7. Committee Reports:

A. Personnel: Did not meet.

B. Finance: The Finance Committee met on 3/18/2026 and George Ecclesine reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reported that the Committee reviewed payments for February 2026. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Recommend approval of the February 2026 paid invoices, checks 2465-2477, 120565-120644 EFT 001591-1630 in the amount of $1,290,743.15 and ACH transactions in the amount of $653,531.84 (reviewed credit card detail and board expenses).

They reviewed financial statements for February 2026. Discussion regarding inpatient stays and General Fund. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: I. Gable	Approval to place February 2026 financial statements on file.

The Committee reviewed contract amendments for FY26. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of the contract amendments for FY26.

The Committee reviewed most recent financials from the financial institutions HBH uses. They reviewed and discussed the Local Unit Retirement Report. The Committee discussed the audit proposal from Anderson Tackman. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of the audit proposal from Anderson Tackman for FY 26, 27, and 28 for $15,000, $15,750, and $16,750 respectively.

The Committee reviewed the residential roster with current bed occupancy for each Home contracted with. They reviewed Policy 4.3 – Audits with no suggested changes. They discussed accounting software upgrades. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: I. Gable	Accept the 3/18/2026 Financial Committee report as presented.

C. Program/Planning Committee: Did not meet.

D. Building & Grounds Committee: Did not meet.

E. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on 3/17/2026 and Fred Feleppa reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reported that the Committee reviewed Policies 1.6 – Orientation and Continuing Ed for Board Members, 1.7 – Board Communication with County Board of Commissioners, 1.11 – Board Access to Confidential Information, and 1.36 – Board Member Recognition with no suggested changes. They discussed the alleyway easement. It was moved and carried by unanimous roll call vote to:

MOTION: F. Feleppa SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval to allow Attorney Stephen Wood to transfer easement by Water's Edge Clubhouse to the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Committee reviewed and discussed a letters of support for Hope Network, Ashman Creek Trail upgrades, and the Silver Mountain Trail expansion project. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: F. Feleppa	Approval to provide letters of support for

SECOND: G. Ecclesine	Hope Network so that Bay Haven AFC can obtain federal funds for needed updated infrastructure, Ashman Creek Trail upgrades including accessibility for those in wheelchairs and adaptive bicycles, and for the Silver Mountain trail expansion project.

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: F. Feleppa SECOND: I. Gable	Accept the 3/17/2026 Executive Committee report as presented.

F. Recipient Rights Committee: Did not meet.

G. Corporate Compliance Committee: Did not meet.

8. Director's Report: CEO Courtney Grant highlighted the following, per her CEO report included in the packet:

- Attended Mackinac County Sequential Intercept Model Planning Meeting and began planning for conference.
- Attended CEOs meeting expressing concern for definition of rural for the State of Michigan.
- Continued CARF preparation, pre-planning meeting with them tomorrow.

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: C. Reiter SECOND: G. Ecclesine	Accept the CEO report as presented.

9. Unfinished Business:

None.

10. New Business:

None.

11. Board Member Comments:

None at this time.

12. Adjourn: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Fred Feleppa, Secretary

Jenni Sweet, Recording Secretary
Board Approved: