HIAWATHA COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY
April 27, 2026
Manistique, MI

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Martin, Ivan Gable, Jennifer Hinde, Heidi Janz, Ron Meister, Diane Patrick, and Jaime Ziemba.

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Ecclesine, Fred Feleppa, Zara Masood, Michael Patrick, and Craig Reiter.

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: D. Patrick SECOND: R. Meister	Approve the agenda as presented.

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

MOTION: J. Hinde SECOND: I. Gable	Approve the March 2026 minutes as presented.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Personnel: Did not meet.

B. Finance: The Finance Committee met on 4/22/2026 and Jay Martin reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reported that the Committee reviewed payments for March 2026. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: R. Meister SECOND: I. Gable	Approval of the March 2026 paid invoices, checks 2478-2488, 120645-120711 EFT 001631-1672 in the amount of $1,046,308.16 and ACH transactions in the amount of $617,881.67 (reviewed credit card detail and board expenses).

They reviewed financial statements for March 2026. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: D. Patrick SECOND: R. Meister	Approval to place March 2026 financial statements on file.

The Committee reviewed vehicle bids and discussed the purchase of two Chrysler Pacificas from O'Connors. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: I. Gable SECOND: J. Hinde	Approval to purchase two Chrysler Pacificas from O'Connors for $91,160.

The Committee reviewed updates rates as of 4.1.2026. They reviewed Policy 4.5 – Costing with no suggested changes. They discussed accounting software upgrades and were given an update on this. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: R. Meister SECOND: D. Patrick	Accept the 4/22/2026 Financial Committee report as presented.

C. Program/Planning Committee: Did not meet.

D. Building & Grounds Committee: The Building & Grounds Committee met on 4/14/2026 and Jennifer Hinde reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reported that the Committee reviewed HBH & ALS facilities is Chippewa County, discussing carpeting, floors at Meridian Home, and the parking lot at Water's Edge Clubhouse. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: I. Gable SECOND: D. Patrick	Accept the 4/14/2026 Building & Ground Committee report as presented.

E. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee did not meet as there was no quorum. However, they reviewed Policies 1.21 – Public Comment, 7.1 – Conflict of Interest – Board Members, 7.2 – Regulatory Standards, and 7.3 – Mission of the Compliance Program with no suggested changes. They reviewed Policies 1.26 – Picketing Policy, 1.31 – Defamation, 1.37 – Excluded Individuals, and 4.4 – Freedom of Information Requests/Photocopying with grammatical changes. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: D. Patrick SECOND: R. Meister	Approval of changes to Policies 1.26 – Picketing Policy, 1.31 – Defamation, 1.37 – Excluded Individuals, and 4.4 – Freedom of Information Requests/Photocopying with changes as presented.

F. Recipient Rights Committee: Did not meet.

G. Corporate Compliance Committee: Did not meet.

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

- Review of preliminary findings from CARF Audit; there were minimal recommendations and Auditors identified many Agency strengths, including Consumers feeling their lives are enhanced by services provided, Employees expressing their commitment to the Agency and the support they feel from Management/CEO, and the Auditor's feeling the reorganization and leadership transition has strengthened the organization by bringing renewed clarity, direction, and energy to its mission.
- Article submitted by CEO and management team to CMHAM highlighting the integrated primary care program with Dr. Freeberg-Ash.
- Meetings with Rural and Frontier Caucus to advocate for changes to boilerplate language in regard to the definition of "rural".

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: R. Meister SECOND: I. Gable	Accept the CEO report as presented.

8. Unfinished Business:

   None.

9. New Business:

   a. Reminder of next month's election of Officers, Board members are asked to let Mr. Martin know if they are interested in holding an Officer position.
   b. Discussion of Committee structure, would like to redistribute these in June, Board members are asked to let Mr. Martin know if they are interested and/or willing to change Committees.

10. Board Member Comments:

    I. Gable – Discussion regarding disseminating information from the Board Association.

    R. Meister – Discussion regarding Strategic Plan/Strategic direction of the Agency. Will include this going forward as a Board training.

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

MOTION: D. Patrick SECOND: J. Hinde	Adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Fred Feleppa, Secretary

Jenni Sweet, Recording Secretary
Board Approved: