

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH AUTHORITY

July 27, 2026
St. Ignace, MI

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call was taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Ecclesine, Fred Feleppa, Ivan Gable, Jennifer Hinde, Heidi Janz, Ron Meister, Diane Patrick, Michael Patrick, and Craig Reiter.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Martin, Zara Masood, and Jaime Ziemba.

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: M. Patrick SECOND: G. Ecclesine	Approve the agenda as presented.
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4. Minutes: It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: M. Patrick SECOND: J. Hinde	Approve the June 2026 minutes as presented.
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5. Public Comment: None.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Personnel: Did not meet.

B. Finance: The Finance Committee met on 7/22/2026 and George Ecclesine reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reported that the Committee reviewed payments for June 2026. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Approval of the June 2026 paid invoices, checks 2511-2524, 120860-120930 EFT 001746-1779 in the amount of \$1,136,256.75 and ACH transactions in the amount of \$682,883.83 (reviewed credit card detail and board expenses).
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They reviewed financial statements for June 2026. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval to place June 2026 financial statements on file.
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The Committee reviewed the revised contract amendments and recommended approval of changes in the ALS and Bay Human Services contract. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Approval of contract amendments as presented.
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The Committee reviewed and discussed bids for vehicle disposals. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of disposal of the Ford Explorer to Rodenroth for \$7,500, disposal of Ford Escape to Fernelius Hyundai for \$4,000 and disposal of Grand Caravan to Johnson's Auto Body for \$683.
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The Committee reviewed bids and felt the Hyundai Tuscan best fits agency needs. Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Approval to purchase 2 Hyundai Tuscan from Fernelius Hyundai totaling \$65,024.
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The Committee reviewed bids for seal coating for the SSM parking lot. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Approval of Superior Seal Coating for the SSM parking lot for \$12,396.
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Richard Gomes presented C1 Coverageone quote with reason for the need for upgrade as it relates to maintaining our ability to run customized reports from our Electronic Health Record. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of upgrade from C1 (Coverageone) in the amount of \$13,900.59.
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The Committee discussed current general fund position and sending out a letter to local law enforcement noting the shortfall we are currently facing and that, if funds become available, we will allow for reimbursement. If not, we may come up with a formula to prorate reimbursements. Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of letters to local law enforcement to collect information.
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The Committee reviewed Policies 4.01 – Purchasing, 4.15 – Contract for Services, and 4.16 – Contract Appeal with no suggested changes. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Accept the 7/22/2026 Financial Committee report as presented.
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C. Program/Planning Committee: Did not meet.

D. Building & Grounds Committee: The Building & Grounds Committee met on 7/14/2025 and Jen Hinde reviewed the minutes of their meeting. She reports that the Committee reviewed HBH Facilities in Schoolcraft County, including sheet metal replacement in the Transit Building and monitoring guard rail by employee entrance. They reviewed Policies 1.15 – Use of Agency Facilities, 4.17 – Fleet Management Policy, and 5.1 – Safety Policy with no suggested major changes. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: J. Hinde SECOND: C. Reiter	Accept the 7/14/2026 Building & Grounds Committee report as presented.
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E. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on 7/23/2026 and George Ecclesine reviewed the minutes of their meeting. He reports that the Committee reviewed Policies 1.35 – CEO Succession Plan, 7.5 – Appeal Process for Compliance, and 7.6 – Compliance Monitoring & Auditing with no suggested changes. They reviewed Policy 7.4 – Anti-kickback and Stark Law. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval of additional verbiage added to Stark Law and definition of remuneration and entity is clarified to maintain consistency with Northcare Network Policy.
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They reviewed Policy 7.7 – Compliance Review & Investigation. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: J. Hinde	Approval to add timeline showing initial review must be completed within 30 days to match Northcare Network Policy and update process to show that investigations are completed by HBH Compliance officer but Northcare is notified at the beginning of the investigation and will receive a final copy once completed.
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They reviewed Policy 7.8 – Conflict of Interest. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: C. Reiter	Approval to provide clarification on the term covered person.
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The Committee reviewed an application for a new member of the Consumer/Family Advocacy Panel. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Accept the addition of applicant Nicole Chambers to the CFAP.
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Courney Grant provided an update on Michigan Department of Civil Rights complaint with interviews scheduled in the next month for four staff members. She also provided an update regarding Bridge Health. Discussion. It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: M. Patrick	Approval to obtain opinion from legal counsel regarding Bridge Health.
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It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to :

MOTION: G. Ecclesine SECOND: J. Hinde	Accept the 7/23/2026 Executive Committee report with change in attendance to note F. Feleppa did not attend.
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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:

- Introduces Annual Report, new website, and Everwell on lobby televisions.
- Emails to local Sheriffs, Judges, Law Enforcement, and other key planners regarding HB 6022. Phone call with Judge Eric Blubaugh regarding the same and other general coordination.
- Coordination with Chief Kevin James, St. Ignace PD.
- Emails to County Board Commissioners expressing concern about McBroom's proposal.

It was moved and carried by unanimous vote to:

MOTION: M. Patrick SECOND: G. Ecclesine	Accept the CEO report as presented.
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8. Unfinished Business:

None.

9. New Business:

None.

10. Board Member Comments:

None this meeting.

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

MOTION: C. Reiter SECOND: M. Patrick	Adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
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Fred Feleppa, Secretary

Jenni Sweet, Recording Secretary
Board Approved: