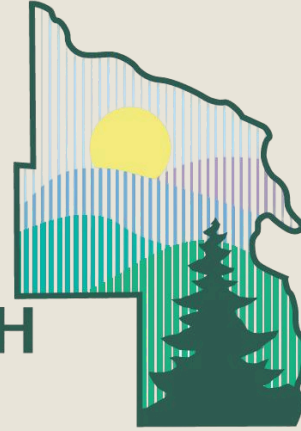


NORTHEAST
MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH
AUTHORITY



MARCH BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2026
3:00 p.m.

400 Johnson St.
Alpena, MI 49707

(989) 356-2161



(800) 968-1964

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD

Meeting Agenda | Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide comprehensive services and supports
that enable people to live and work
independently.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll call & Determination of a Quorum**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Appointment of Evaluator**
- V. **Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest**
- VI. **Information and/or Comments from the Public**

- VII. **Approval of Minutes** (Pages 1 – 3)

- VIII. **Educational Session: Court Orders with Brooke Paczkowski**(Verbal)

- IX. **March Monitoring Reports**
 - 1. Budgeting 01-004.....(Page 4)

- X. **Board Policies Review and Self-Evaluation**
 - 1. Budgeting 01-004 [Review](Page 5)
 - 2. Board Members’ Ethical Code of Conduct 02-008 [Review & Self-Evaluate] (Pages 6 – 7)
 - 3. Asset Protection 01-007 [Review Revisions] (Pages 8 – 9)

- XI. **Board Member Recognition**(Page 10)

- XII. **Recess and Refreshments**

- XIII. **Linkage Reports**
 - 1. NMRE Board(Verbal)

- XIV. **Operations Report**(Page 11)

- XV. **Report of the Nominations Committee**(Verbal)

- XVI. **Board Chair’s Report**
 - 1. Executive Director’s Contract (Handout)
 - 2. PAC Reminder (Pages 12 – 13)

- XVII. **Executive Director’s Report**(Verbal)

- XVIII. **Information and/or Comments from the Public**

- XIX. **Information and/or Comments for the Good of the Organization**
 - 1. Bay View Center Donation(Verbal)

- XX. **Next NeMCMHA Board Meeting – Thursday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m.**
 - 1. Proposed April Agenda Items(Page 14)

- XXI. **Meeting Evaluation**(Verbal)

- XXII. **Adjournment**

**Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board
Board Meeting – February 12, 2026**

- I. **Call to Order**
Chair Eric Lawson called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 3:00 p.m.
- II. **Seating of New Board Member**
Eric officially sat Anne Ryan, representing Presque Isle County, as a Board member.
- III. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**
Present: Bob Adrian, Bonnie Cornelius, Jennifer Graham, Lynnette Grzeskowiak, Charlotte Helman, Dana Labar, Eric Lawson, Lloyd Peltier, Anne Ryan, Terry Small
Absent: Kara Bauer LeMonds (Excused)
Staff & Guests: Carolyn Bruning, Connie Cadarette, Rebekah Duhaime, Erin Fletcher, John Galarza, Jared Kendziorski, Liz Kowalski, Jason Lepper, Mikki Manion, Kerry Rastigue, Pam Shannon, Nena Sork, Kara Steinke, Kay Wagner, Jen Walburn, Kayla Wikaryasz, Deanna Yates
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance as a group.
- V. **Appointment of Evaluator**
Bonnie Cornelius was appointed as evaluator of the meeting.
- VI. **Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest**
No conflicts of interest were acknowledged.
- VII. **Information and/or Comments from the Public**
None were presented.
- VIII. **Approval of Minutes**
Moved by Charlotte Helman, supported by Lloyd Peltier, to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Motion carried.
- IX. **February Monitoring Reports**
 1. **Budgeting 01-004**
Connie Cadarette reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expense and Change in Net Position for the month ending December 31, 2025, with 25% of the year elapsed. Medicaid is underspent by \$849,902, Healthy Michigan is underspent by \$96,426, General Funds are underspent by \$8,535, and BHH is underspent by \$16,918. She reviewed the PA423 Board regulations regarding money collected from insurance, which must flow through General Funds and then into Local Match. The auditors are wrapping up the FY25 audit, and they will present to the Board soon. The unofficial closing number was \$4,745 underspent of the \$42 million budget. She does expect FY26 rates to lower and possibly be recouped for the first few months of the fiscal year, resulting in about \$1 million less in the budget. She does not feel it will severely impact the budget, as she had budgeted conservatively. Connie introduced Jared Kendziorski as the new Accounting Manager.
 2. **Staff Treatment 01-003**
Mikki Manion, the Agency's HR Manager from Rehmann, reviewed the new Turnover Report. Direct care workers have the highest turnover rate, which is in line with numbers reported by the State. HR will be doing a deep dive to learn how these numbers can be improved. Focus groups with the RTWs and a new supervisor training series start next week.

3. Treatment of Individuals Served 01-002

Liz Kowalski reported the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee met on January 28, and Connie and Jared attended to discuss finances. There were 24 complaints received, resulting in 12 investigations, and 10 substantiated complaints. Liz introduced Pam Shannon as the new Recipient Rights Advisor. She was previously the Recipient Rights Officer at Wellvance.

Moved by Lynnette Grzeskowiak, supported by Terry Small, to accept the February Monitoring Reports.
Motion carried.

X. Board Policies Review

1. Asset Protection 01-007

The Board reviewed the policy and sought clarification on how many bonded employees the Agency has. They requested a revision to the third bullet under item number one. This will be brought back to the Board for approval in March.

2. Board Committee Principles 02-005

The Board reviewed the policy and there was a consensus that they are following it appropriately.

3. Delegation to the Executive Director 03-002

The Board reviewed the policy and did not find any necessary revisions.

XI. Linkage Reports

1. NMRE Board

Eric reported the largest topic of discussion concerned the RFP, which was pulled on January 29, and possible new challenges down the road. Board members praised Nena and the other rural CMH directors who stood up for the individuals the Agency serves.

2. Advisory Council

Lloyd reported they met on Monday at their new start time of 4:30 p.m., and they had good discussion. They reviewed input received from the stakeholder survey required for the MDHHS Annual Submission.

XII. Continued Discussion of Executive Director's Contract

Board members continued discussion of Nena's contract, reiterating that they should have had more time to review her proposed salary, as they felt rushed to approve it due to already being at the 90-day extension point past the contract expiration. The two raises included in her new contract will only bring her salary up by 8%, when she is already in a deficit of 17%. There are worries that if they had to replace her, they would have to greatly increase the salary to remain competitive. Nena reiterated that she had to increase staff salaries in increments to raise them up to the average, and she feels she must do the same for herself. The Board discussed whether it is appropriate to reopen a signed contract and ultimately decided that Nena and Eric should discuss options and bring it back to the Board.

XIII. Operations Report

Erin Fletcher reported on operations for the month of January. Access completed 56 routine screens, which is above average. The Outpatient Counseling department is onboarding a new clinician, helping their numbers to increase to 98 individuals served (24 children and 74 adults). The total of unduplicated individuals served in January was 965.

XIV. Board Chair's Report

1. CMHA PAC

Eric shared information about the CMHA PAC, which is seeking donations from Board members.

2. Schedule Nominations Committee Meeting

The Nomination Committee will meet to discuss the upcoming election of Board officers in April. The committee will consist of Anne Ryan, Jennifer Graham, Terry Small, and Lynnette Grzeskowiak, and they will meet at 2:30 p.m. prior to the March 12 Board meeting.

XV. Executive Director's Report

Nena reported she and Kara Steinke met with Judge Green, and they plan to meet with the probate judges in all four counties. Nena also attended her regular meetings, including the CMHA Member Services Committee, NMRE Finance, NMRE Board, and NMRE Ops. She met with Cam Cavitt to discuss the Rural and Frontier Caucus, which he would like to partner with. She discussed her desire to lead the way on creating evidence-based mental health practices for rural communities.

XVI. Information and/or Comments from the Public

None were presented.

XVII. Information and/or Comments for the Good of the Organization

None were presented.

XVIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NeMCMHA Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., with the Nominations Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. beforehand.

1. March Agenda Items

The proposed March agenda items were provided.

XIX. Meeting Evaluation

Bonnie reported she feels the Board members came prepared to govern and everyone is allowed the opportunity to contribute to conversation. She was satisfied with what the Board accomplished, and the provided materials were sufficient.

XX. Adjournment

Moved by Terry Small, supported by Lynnette Grzeskowiak, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Bonnie Cornelius, Secretary

Eric Lawson, Chair

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority
Statement of Revenue and Expense and Change in Net Position (by line item)
For the Fourth Month Ending January 31, 2026
33.33% of year elapsed

	Actual January Year to Date	Budget January Year to Date	Variance January Year to Date	Budget FY26	% of Budget Earned or Used
Revenue					
1 State Grants	54,737.00	73,409.01	(18,672.01)	293,636.00	18.6%
2 Grants from Local Units	133,319.00	66,659.50	66,660	266,638.00	50.0%
3 NMRE Incentive Revenue	-	65,000.01	(65,000)	260,000.00	0.0%
4 Interest Income	6,150.79	1,749.99	4,401	7,000.00	87.9%
5 Medicaid Revenue	11,076,685.70	9,160,034.04	1,916,652	36,640,136.00	30.2%
6 General Fund Revenue	400,928.00	300,696.00	100,232	1,202,787.00	33.3%
7 Healthy Michigan Revenue	604,374.07	508,438.23	95,936	2,033,753.00	29.7%
8 3rd Party Revenue	128,440.91	99,999.99	28,441	400,000.00	32.1%
9 Behavior Health Home Revenue	166,710.75	100,000.00	66,711	400,000.00	41.7%
10 Food Stamp Revenue	38,145.75	23,892.48	14,253	95,570.00	39.9%
11 SSI/SSA Revenue	198,973.50	155,805.00	43,169	623,220.00	31.9%
12 Revenue Fiduciary	86,316.34	0.00	-	0.00	0.0%
13 Other Revenue	9,296.31	9,277.23	19	37,109.00	25.1%
14 Total Revenue	12,904,078	10,564,961	2,252,800	42,259,849	30.5%
Expense					
15 Salaries	5,191,591.70	4,194,941.54	(996,650)	16,779,770.00	30.9%
16 Social Security Tax	166,934.98	180,689.79	13,755	722,759.00	23.1%
17 Self Insured Benefits	745,890.37	696,946.86	(48,944)	2,801,916.00	26.6%
18 Life and Disability Insurances	74,967.06	71,087.31	(3,880)	284,349.00	26.4%
19 Pension	476,170.47	368,888.73	(107,282)	1,475,555.00	32.3%
20 Unemployment & Workers Comp.	37,426.89	36,413.31	(1,014)	131,524.00	28.5%
21 Office Supplies & Postage	13,974.17	15,196.26	1,222	60,785.00	23.0%
22 Staff Recruiting & Development	840.84	1,837.50	997	7,350.00	11.4%
23 Community Relations/Education	19,246.70	28,576.26	9,330	66,900.00	28.8%
24 Employee Relations/Wellness	15,946.24	30,084.48	14,138	110,838.00	14.4%
25 Program Supplies	137,243.53	199,005.96	61,762	796,024.00	17.2%
26 Contract Inpatient	525,045.15	518,750.01	(6,295)	1,950,000.00	26.9%
27 Contract Transportation	0.00	3,506.25	3,506	14,025.00	0.0%
28 Contract Residential	2,119,598.75	1,519,774.50	(599,824)	6,079,098.00	34.9%
29 Local Match Drawdown NMRE	24,642.00	24,642.00	-	98,568.00	25.0%
30 Contract Employees & Services	2,136,446.79	2,017,776.00	(118,671)	8,196,104.00	26.1%
31 Telephone & Connectivity	75,928.92	67,500.00	(8,429)	270,000.00	28.1%
32 Staff Meals & Lodging	6,379.33	7,128.75	749	85,420.00	7.5%
33 Mileage and Gasoline	123,188.16	116,047.47	(7,141)	464,190.00	26.5%
34 Board Travel/Education	1,419.54	3,425.01	2,005	13,700.00	10.4%
35 Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	-	130.00	0.0%
36 Property & Liability Insurance	79,219.30	24,624.66	(54,595)	98,500.00	80.4%
37 Utilities	75,138.29	58,837.50	(16,301)	235,350.00	31.9%
38 Maintenance	75,927.04	50,325.00	(25,602)	201,300.00	37.7%
39 Interest Expense Leased Assets	12,481.14	9,118.53	(3,363)	36,474.00	34.2%
40 Rent	1,935.00	1,449.99	(485)	5,800.00	33.4%
41 Food	49,249.15	35,000.04	(14,249)	140,000.00	35.2%
42 Capital Equipment	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.0%
43 Client Equipment	4,776.88	9,999.99	5,223	40,000.00	11.9%
44 Fiduciary Expense	79,013.12	0.00	-	0.00	0.0%
45 Miscellaneous Expense	46,401.86	31,069.98	(15,332)	124,150.00	37.4%
46 Depreciation & Amortization Expense	296,700.02	239,317.50	(57,383)	957,270.00	31.0%
47 MI Loan Repayment Program	0.00	3,000.00	3,000	12,000.00	0.0%
48 Total Expense	12,613,723	10,564,961	(1,969,749)	42,259,849	29.8%
49 Change in Net Position	\$ 290,355	\$ 0	\$ 290,354	\$ -	0.7%
50 Contract settlement items included above:					
51 Medicaid Funds (Over) / Under Spent	\$ 1,242,215				
52 Healthy Michigan Funds (Over) / Under Spent	115,251				
53 Total NMRE (Over) / Under Spent	\$ 1,357,466				
54 General Funds to Carry Forward to FY26	\$ -		PA423 Charged to General Funds		
55 General Funds Lapsing to MDHHS	23,261		46,981		
56 General Funds (Over) / Under Spent	\$ 23,261	70,242	Actual GF		
57 Behavior Health Home Revenues	166,711				
58 Behavior Health Home Expenses	(121,029)				
59 BHH Funds (Over) / Under Spent	45,682				
60 Total BHH (Over) / Under Spent	\$ 45,682				

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EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

(Manual Section)

BUDGETING – POLICY 01-004

Board Approval of Policy

April 8, 2004

Policy Last Reviewed:

March 13, 2025

Last Revision to Policy Approved by Board:

March 14, 2024

●1 POLICY:

Budgeting any fiscal year or the remaining part of any fiscal year shall not deviate materially from Board *Ends* priorities, risk fiscal jeopardy, or fail to be derived from a multi-year plan.

Accordingly, the Executive Director may not cause or allow budgeting which:

1. Contains too little information to enable credible projection of revenues and expenses, separation of capital and operational items, cash flow, and disclosure of planning assumptions.
2. Plans the expenditure in any fiscal year of more funds than are conservatively projected to be received in that period.
3. Provides less than is sufficient for Board prerogatives, such as costs of fiscal audit, Board development, Board and committee meetings, and Board legal fees.
4. Reduce the current assets at any time to less than twice current liabilities (or allow cash and cash equivalents to drop below a safety reserve of less than \$2,500,000 at any time).
5. Endangers the fiscal soundness of future years or ignores the building of organizational capability sufficient to achieve ends in future years.

●2 APPLICATION:

The Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

●3 DEFINITIONS:

●4 REFERENCES:

●5 FORMS AND EXHIBITS:

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GOVERNANCE PROCESS

(Manual Section)

BOARD MEMBERS ETHICAL CODE OF CONDUCT – POLICY 02-008

Board Approval of Policy

August 8, 2002

Policy Last Reviewed:

March 13, 2025

Last Revision to Policy Approved by Board:

March 9, 2023

●1 POLICY:

The Board commits itself and its members to ethical and businesslike conduct. This includes proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as Board members.

1. Members must represent unconflicted loyalty to the interests of the people of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle counties. This accountability supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership on other boards or staffs. It also supersedes the personal interest of any Board member acting as an individual served by the organization’s services.
2. Members must avoid conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility.
 - A. There must be no self-dealing or any conduct of private business or personal services between any Board member and the organization except as procedurally controlled to assure openness, competitive opportunity, and equal access to “inside” information.
 - B. When the Board is to decide upon an issue, about which a member has an unavoidable conflict of interest, that member shall absent herself or himself without comment from not only the vote, but also from the deliberation.
 - C. Board members must not use their positions to obtain employment in the organization for themselves, family members, or close associates. Should a member desire employment, he or she must first resign.
 - D. Members will disclose their involvements with other organizations, with vendors, or any other associations which might produce a conflict.
3. Board members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over the organization except as explicitly set forth in Board policies.

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POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL**

- A. Members' interaction with the Executive Director or with staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in individuals except when explicitly Board-authorized.
 - B. Members' interaction with public, press, or other entities must recognize the same limitation and the inability of any Board member to speak for the Board.
 - C. Members will give no consequence or voice to individual judgments of Executive Director or staff performance.
- 4. Members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature.
 - 5. Members will be properly prepared for Board deliberation.
 - 6. All special gifts, donations, and bequests to the Board and its members shall be reported to the Board. Board members shall not accept gifts, gratuities, entertainment, or other favors from any party under contract with, seeking to do business with, or receiving services from Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority.
 - A. If fixed property or equipment is donated to the Board, the Board shall determine the fair market value of that property at the time of transfer. If only the use of the property is donated and such usage shall be for matching any other funds, the amount allowed to be matching shall be determined by the fair market value upon the evaluation of an independent appraiser.

●2 APPLICATION:

The Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

●3 DEFINITIONS:

●4 REFERENCES:

●5 FORMS AND EXHIBITS:

Signature

Date

Printed Name

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

(Manual Section)

ASSET PROTECTION – POLICY 01-007

Board Approval of Policy

August 8, 2002

Policy Last Reviewed:

February 13, 2025

Last Revision to Policy Approved by Board:

March 14, 2024

●1 **POLICY:**

The Executive Director may not allow assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, nor unnecessarily risked.

Accordingly, he or she may not:

1. Fail to insure against theft and casualty losses at:
 - Actual cash value, less any reasonable deductible for vehicles;
 - Replacement value, less any reasonable deductible for personal and real property; and,
 - ~~An amount greater than the average for comparable organizations for~~ ~~Against~~ liability losses to Board members, staff, or the organization itself ~~in an amount greater than the average for comparable organizations.~~
2. Allow unbonded personnel access to material amounts of funds.
3. Unnecessarily expose the organization, its Board or staff to claims of liability. The Executive Director's annual monitoring report shall include a risk analysis summary.
4. Make any purchase wherein normally prudent protection has not been given against conflict of interest. Make any purchase of over \$2,000 without having obtained comparative prices and quality. Make any purchase over \$10,000 without a stringent method of assuring the balance of long term quality and cost; further, such purchases over \$10,000, not included in the Board's capital equipment budget, shall require Board approval. Orders shall not be split to avoid these criteria.
5. Fail to protect intellectual property, information, and files from loss or significant damage.
6. Receive, process, or disburse funds under controls which are insufficient to meet the Board-appointed auditor's standards.

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7. Invest or hold operating capital in insecure instruments, including uninsured checking accounts and bonds of less than AA rating, or in non-interest bearing accounts except where necessary to facilitate ease in operational transactions.
8. Endanger the organization's public image or credibility, particularly in ways that would hinder its accomplishment of mission, including changing the name of the organization or substantially altering its identity in the community.
9. Subject facilities and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance.

•2 APPLICATION:

The Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Board

•3 DEFINITIONS:

•4 REFERENCES:

•5 FORMS AND EXHIBITS:

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members
FROM: Eric Lawson
SUBJECT: 2026 Board Member Recognition
DATE: March 4, 2026

We recognize all our Board members and their combined 50 years of service to the people of Northeast Michigan. The following Board members have reached milestone years of service to NeMCMHA:

Lynnette Grzeskowiak – 5 Years
Certificate of Appreciation

Terry Small – 5 Years
Certificate of Appreciation

Board Members' Years of Service

Eric Lawson – 11 Years
Bonnie Cornelius – 11 Years
Bob Adrian – 6 Years
Charlotte Helman – 3 Years
Lloyd Peltier – 3 Years
Dana Labar – 2 Years
Kara Bauer LeMonds – 2 Years
Jennifer Graham – 1 Year

	Program	Consumers served February 2026 (2/1/26 - 2/28/26)	Consumers served in the Past Year (3/1/25 - 2/28/26)	Running Monthly Average(year) (3/1/25 - 2/28/26)
1	Access Routine	42	503	41
	Emergent	0	1	0
	Urgent	0	2	0
	Crisis	28	431	39
	Prescreens	39	576	40
2	Doctors' Services	356	1129	377
3	Case Management			
	Older Adult (OAS)	66	117	76
	MI Adult	63	221	62
	MI ACT	16	28	15
	Home Based Children	28	71	23
	MI Children's Services	45	132	43
	IDD	131	305	153
4	Outpatient Counseling	105(26/79)	269	69
5	Hospital Prescreens	39	576	40
6	Private Hospital Admissions	19	221	15
7	State Hospital Admissions	0	2	0
8	Employment Services			
	IDD	44	69	47
	MI	38	95	41
	Touchstone Clubhouse	69	91	66
9	Peer Support	40(4/36)	81	50
10	Community Living Support Services			
	IDD	82	95	82
	MI	53	96	62
11	CMH Operated Residential Services			
	IDD Only	45	48	46
12	Other Contracted Resid. Services			
	IDD	37	40	37
	MI	37	40	29
13	Total Unduplicated Served	963	2120	965

County	Unduplicated Consumers Served Since March 2025
Alcona	209
Alpena	1268
Montmorency	267
Presque Isle	282
Other	78
No County Listed	16



January 26, 2026

To: CMH Board Members/Executive Directors (CMH & PIHP)/Management Staff (CMH & PIHP)/Provider Alliance Members

From: PAC Committee

Re: 2026 Annual PAC Campaign

This memorandum is being sent to all CMH boards, PIHPs and Provider Alliance members to announce and solicit participation in this year's CMH-PAC campaign. The CMH-PAC is a political action committee that helps support representatives and senators in leadership positions and those who champion the funding, legislation, and policy initiatives that help support and improve the provision of community-based mental health and substance use disorder services.

Your donations to the CMH PAC help support candidates who are supportive of our efforts at CMHA. The money that is raised for the CMH PAC helps raise awareness of our issues. While we are not able to match dollar for dollar the contributions of the larger interest groups your efforts go a long way and give CMHA a "seat at the table".

The 2026 is an election is going to be historic in Michigan – everything will be up for grabs: Governor, US Senate, US House, Attorney General, Secretary of State and control of the Michigan Legislature. The demand for PAC dollars has never been higher, we receive fundraising requests almost daily.

The threat of privatization remains under the current administration in Lansing and may continue in future administrations. Efforts to downsize government and reprioritize spending are being advanced at both the state and federal levels. We must remain vigilant and prepared to defend against potential threats. Equally important, we must be ready to advance our own priorities with the new Legislature elected this November.

Behavioral health continues to be part of the legislative dialogue, but maintaining that visibility requires consistent engagement. To do so, we must build the CMH-PAC to a new level and support the key leaders who are willing to work with us.

A recent analysis of PAC contributions to legislators, legislative caucus funds, and the Governor over the past eight years shows that the insurance industry and for-profit health plan executives have contributed nearly **\$8.5 million**. By comparison, the CMH-PAC has contributed approximately **\$50,000**.

Contributions can now be made securely online via credit card using the link below. Your participation is critical to protecting and advancing Michigan's community mental health system. Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

<https://cmham.org/public-policy/cmh-pac/>

**2026 CMH PAC CAMPAIGN
Details and Timeline**

As always, our PAC goal is to have as many boards and members participate as possible. Typically, in past years we only had about 1/3 of our membership participate in the PAC campaign – **our goal is 100% member participation, we MUST increase our contributions.**

****PAC FUNDRAISING GOAL****

Our new annual fundraising goal is \$20,000 / year! We believe we can reach that goal if all of our membership participates – **we need 40 organizations (CMHs, PIHPs, and Provider Alliance members) to each contribute \$500.** If you are a CMH and all of your board members donated 1 meeting per diem and the CEO contributed the same amount the \$500 goal would be reached.

In past years as an incentive to increase participation we have been able to provide Tiger game suite tickets (12 tickets) donated by Muchmore Harrington Smalley and Associates that went into a drawing of all the eligible members – we will send out the date and time once it becomes available. **In order to qualify for the Tiger ticket drawing members must meet the new \$500 goal contributions, which can come from the board members and/or staff.**

The campaign is being announced early with the hope that more boards will have time to discuss its merits locally and increase the participation rate. The PAC Committee requests that CMH directors and board chairpersons announce and discuss the campaign over the next three months at their regular monthly meetings.

Again, we will have the details on the Tiger game later this year if it becomes available. In order to qualify for the special drawing members should expect to forward their campaign and donations to CMHA by late June / early July.

In addition to the Tiger drawing CMHA staff will be looking into special recognition for those CMH boards who have 100% participation in the PAC by contributing at least a ½ day per diem.

Again, you can pay online at the link below to use our secure online checkout function or make checks payable to: CMH PAC ~ 507 S. Grand Ave ~ Lansing, MI 48933 (no corporate checks, please).

<https://cmham.org/public-policy/cmh-pac/>

If you have any questions regarding this year's campaign, please contact Robert Sheehan or Alan Bolter at CMHAM. Thank you for your participation.

APRIL AGENDA ITEMS

Policy Review

Financial Condition 01-005

Communication and Counsel to the Board 01-009

Policy Review & Self-Evaluation

Governing Style 02-002

Cost of Governance 02-013

Monitoring Reports

Budgeting 01-004

Financial Condition 01-005 (CPA Audit Report)

Asset Protection 01-007 (CPA Audit Report)

Communication & Counsel 01-009

Activity

Election of Officers

Set Calendar and Committee Appointments

Educational Session

TBD