

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

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Benton County Eastgate Conference Room, St. Cloud and via Zoom

Chair: Tony Masters

Vice Chair: Jami Goodrum

Present	Name	Membership
X	Tony Masters, Chair	Sherburne County – representative
	Gary Gray	Sherburne County – alternate
	Steve Heinen	Benton County – alternate
	Sandi Shoberg	Benton County – representative
X	Julie Ellis	Stearns County – representative
	Steve Notch	Stearns County – alternate
	Jill Pooler	Wright County – alternate
	Jami Goodrum, Vice Chair	Wright County – representative
X	Deb LaCroix Kinniry	Consumer – representative
X	Julie Danda	Agency – representative
	Susan Brainard	At-Large – representative

Other attendees:

X	Bethany Oberg	Initiative Coordinator
X	Victoria Johannes	Sherburne County – ex officio
X	Nikki Knowles	Benton County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
X	Casie Behm	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Ashley Moscho	Benton County Fiscal Supervisor
	Meg Sheehan	CAMHI Housing Coordinator
	Jennifer Salsness-Tvedten	Stearns County
X	Gary Sprynczynatyk	Blue Plus MN

Call to order: Tony M. called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Introductions: All

Amend or Accept Agenda:

Julie E. made a motion to approve the agenda; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes from March:

Julie E. made a motion to accept March 2025 minutes; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report: Ashley

Ashley shared the PATH Grant and CAMHI financial report.

Julie E. made a motion to accept the Financial Reports; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Community Advocate Rep Announcement: Deb

Deb shared that she is relocating to Sherburne County and will need to resign as Wright County advocate.

Update to 2025 Budget: Nikki

Reminder we can no longer roll funds from grant year 1 to year 2.

The board discusses and approves several budget reallocations and updates. They decrease the peer support services budget by \$82,800 and redistribute those funds to other line items, including CSP/non-MA ARMHS services (increase by \$57,563) to match RFP/contract amounts, and increase Housing Flex by \$6,721. Other line-items had dollars added to them to account for invoices from 2024 that were paid out of 2025 funds, adding so 2025 contract amounts aren't impacted by late payouts from 2024, so line-items aren't shown as overspent, and to accurately show amounts being paid from each line-item/brass code for reporting from budget for the year. Those line-items include: outreach/jail programs (increase by \$10,448), ACT Flex (increase by \$4,900), ACT Rep Payee (increase by \$3,168).

Julie E. motioned to approve budget realignment above; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

AMHI Budget/Grant Update: Bethany

Bethany is asking for approval to update DHS with the reallocation of dollars approved in previous agenda item. Bethany explains that DHS now requires formal budget amendments for any changes, rather than allowing a 10% wiggle room as in the past.

Julie E. motioned to notify DHS of the budget amendments; should DHS require a revised contract, Bethany is granted permission to sign; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

ARMS non-MA Program Update: Casie

There have been considerable billing errors with Credent Care and the ex-officios are asking the Board for guidance. The issues include duplicate billing, incorrect documentation, and discrepancies in the billing process. The board agreed to monitor the situation closely and consider further action if the issues persist. Options were discussed and it was decided to communicate to them that we will pause new referrals. The April bill will be reviewed and depending upon the accuracy, the contract may be terminated.

New ACT Team, potential funding in 2026: Victoria

The ex-officios received notice from Ashley Anderson formerly with the CMMHC ACT team that she is opening her own ACT in 2025.

The CAMHI budget is contracted through 2025, however we can look into her for 2026. Traditionally we have not requested RFP for ACT since there has not been more than one option.

They would be considered a high-risk ACT Team since they are new. Additionally, they will not be serving all four counties.

PATH Program Update: Jennifer

The first review with DHS is tomorrow and they will share the summary at the next meeting.

ACT non-MA: Diane

Some issues with prior authorization form but CMMHC is receptive to working with us on fixing.

AI Notes: Marcie and Bethany

Marcie shared her thoughts on the pros/cons of using AI and what was not captured. Will continue to take AI v. Marcie notes

Julie E. motion to allow ex-officios to report back on the effectiveness of AI. If not it is determined AI will not work, there will be an email vote in June whether to extend the clerical contract; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- i. July 10 at 3:00 pm – Wright County Government Center, Room 1103 and via Zoom
- ii. September 4 at 3:00 pm – Wright County Government Center, Room 1103 and via Zoom

Adjournment: Julie E. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.