



**Community**  
MENTAL HEALTH  
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**PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95920106137> Meeting ID: 959 2010 6137**

**US Toll-free 877-853-5257**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Joe Brehler – Lansing, Eaton County, MI**

**Al Platt – Meridian Township, Ingham County, MI**

**Kay Randolph-Back – Eaton Township, Eaton County, MI**

**Emily Stivers – Alden, Antrim County, MI**

**Tim Hanna – Watertown Township, Clinton County, MI**

**Raul Gonzales – Meridian Township, Ingham County, MI**

**Committee Members Excused:**

**None**

**Staff Present**

**Darby Vermeulen, Daniel Burns, Sharon Blizzard, Sara Lurie, Feliz Rodriguez,  
Gwenda Summers, Jennifer Stanley, Shana Badgley**

**Other Board Members Present:**

**Paul Palmer**

**Public Present:**

**None**

**Others Present**

None

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Raul Gonzales at 5:31 p.m.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

MOVED by Kay Randolph-Back and SUPPORTED by Joe Brehler to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2021, with the revision of changing “medicated assisted treatment” to “medication assisted treatment” on page 2.

MOTION PASSED with 6 votes in favor.

Members Present: Raul Gonzales, Joe Brehler, Al Platt, Kay Randolph-Back, Emily Stivers, Tim Hanna

**Adoption of Agenda:**

MOVED by Tim Hanna and SUPPORTED by Emily Stivers to adopt the agenda of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

MOTION PASSED with 6 votes in favor.

Members Present: Raul Gonzales, Joe Brehler, Al Platt, Kay Randolph-Back, Emily Stivers, Tim Hanna

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

None.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**New Expense Contract: Miranda & Kyle Cromer – Therapeutic Foster Care**

Gwenda Summers presented this item for an additional TFCO home. Kay asked if Gwenda could share a bit about the TFCO homes for the newer members of the committee, which Gwenda obliged.

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Joe Brehler and SUPPORTED by Kay Randolph-Back that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI

to enter into a new contract with Miranda & Kyle Cromer to purchase therapeutic foster care and residential room and board services and pay the rates listed below for any youth placed in their home for the period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Providers	Service Description	Code	Unit	Rate
Miranda & Kyle Cromer	Therapeutic Foster Care	S5145	Per diem	\$75.00
	Residential Room and Board	S9976	Per diem	\$17.24

**MOTION PASSED with 6 votes in favor.**

**Members Present: Raul Gonzales, Joe Brehler, Al Platt, Kay Randolph-Back, Emily Stivers, Tim Hanna**

**Expense – Membership Dues: Community Mental Health Association of Michigan FY2021**

Sara said CMHAM membership dues now require Board approval on a yearly basis. Kay asked why the payment is happening so late? Sara said this item normally would have been something Aleshia would have assisted in seeing through with Sara, but since she was on leave, this item got lost in the shuffle.

**ACTION:**

**MOVED by Joe Brehler and SUPPORTED by Al Platt that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize CMHA-CEI to provide payment of \$26,393 for FY21 membership dues to Community Mental Health Association of Michigan for the retroactive period of October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.**

**MOTION PASSED with 6 votes in favor.**

**Members Present: Raul Gonzales, Joe Brehler, Al Platt, Kay Randolph-Back, Emily Stivers, Tim Hanna**

## Unfinished Business

None

## New Business

### a. Vision/Mission Revision Discussion

Sara reminded the group of a previous initial discussion with this committee regarding a vision/mission revision. The Diversity Advisory Committee has been working making revisions to the vision and mission, and had some ideas to bring to committee. Feliz Rodriguez introduced herself and Daniel Burns, who is the LGBTQIA Mental Health Therapist at CEI. Daniel shared that he noticed he/him and she/her pronouns throughout CEI's vision and mission. He suggested changing replacing these pronouns with 'the person' to be more gender inclusive. Emily said she is very appreciative of Daniel and the DAC bringing this to the committee's attention. Al and Kay shared that they are in agreement with the changes. Dr. Stanley shared that the Directors have also been making an effort to change the language in procedures to make them gender inclusive.

Joe asked if there was any other language in the vision and mission statement that could be changed to make it more inclusive? Feliz said she is aware that the committee is going to look at making other revisions to the vision and mission, and the DAC looks forward to reading those revisions.

Emily said the Board will need to look at other documents such as the Board Bylaws as well as at the CEI public website for gender inclusivity. Joe asked what other words could be used other than "person"? Daniel said "individual" as well as "consumer" could be used. When it comes to pronouns, this becomes a bit tricky because there are 50+ pronouns, but in general, using "they" is the safest.

### ACTION:

**MOVED** by Joe Brehler and **SUPPORTED** by Emily Stivers that the Program and Planning Committee of the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors authorize the revision of language in CEI's Vision and Mission statement to remove all gender pronouns and replace all instances of 'he/him' and 'she/her' with 'the person'.

**MOTION PASSED** with 6 votes in favor.

**Members Present:** Raul Gonzales, Joe Brehler, Al Platt, Kay Randolph-Back, Emily Stivers, Tim Hanna

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Program and Planning Committee meeting is Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

**Minutes Submitted by:**

**Darby Vermeulen**

**Finance Administrative Assistant**