

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY MDHHS BOARD MINUTES

Date: 1-9-2025 in lieu of 1-2-2025 due to the holidays, notice posted.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: MDHHS – Conference Room

## Board Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Christy Curtis

## Roll Call

Present: Christy Curtis, Terri Bush, Tom Boger, Director Rose, Justin Jarvi, Leann Thompson

Member of the Public: Abby LaPlaunt, Business Office Coordinator of Arfstrom-Faunt Teen Home

## Approval of Agenda:

Tom Boger motioned to approve, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

## Reorganization of the Board:

Tom Boger nominated Christy Curtis as Chairperson of the Board, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Tom Boger nominated Terri Bush as Vice-Chairperson of the Board, supported by Christy Curtis. Motion carried.

Chippewa County MDHHS Board Members 2025:	Chairperson:	Christy Curtis
	Vice-Chairperson:	Terri Bush
	Member:	Tom Boger

## Approval of Minutes

Terri Bush motioned to approve minutes from December supported by Christy Curtis. Motion carried.

## Public Comment:

Abby LaPlaunt, Business Office Coordinator, Arfstrom-Faunt Teen Home, introduced herself to the board, stating she was there to observe our board and would like to attend future meetings.

## Contracts:

None

## MDHHS Presentation:

None

## County Budget:

December 2024

Board allocation from Chippewa County for 2025 - \$20,110.00; no change from 2024.

A request from Holly Bishop, NAOW for funds up to \$300 was submitted for board review. The funds to go towards snacks and activity materials for a new program Understanding the Purpose of Life, 12 Teachings for Native Youth. Holly is conducting these classes for the Sault Tribe Youth Facility in St. Ignace, that houses

youth from Mackinac and Chippewa Counties. Holly also requested funds from Mackinac County MDHHS Board, in which they approved up to \$100.00.

It was motioned by Terri Bush to approve up to \$200 towards the request, Christy Curtis supported. Motion carried.

There were also questions from the board about other funding resources that could be available for this program. Another question on the program is how many youths from each county will be attending this program.

Director Rose suggested having Holly Bishop do a presentation for the board in March and report on how the program is doing and attendance and be able to answer the board questions on the program.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Tom Boger has been reappointed by the Chippewa County Commissioners as board member for Chippewa MDHHS, his term expires October 31,2028.

**Board Comments:**

Tom Boger gave praise to Road for Recovery Program at MyMichigan Hospital that provides transportation to cancer patients to receive treatment in Petoskey. States it is a wonderful program and encourages donations to help fund.

**Director Update:**

Discussion on the following:

- ESA Memo 2025-01 1-2-2025 – effective 2-1-2025, the interview waiver for certain Senior, disabled, and disabled veteran groups within the food assistance groups will end. SDV FAP groups will be required to complete an interview at redetermination.
  - Potentially a new waiver will be put in place, but until then redetermination interviews for SDV will be required starting 2-1-2025.
- ESA Memo 2025-02 – 1-3-2025 – Bridge Card Cloning Fraud replacement benefits ended 12/20/2024, however, cash and state disability assistance Bridge Card Cloning Fraud replacements benefits will continue.
- Monthly stats
- David Knezek, Chief Operating Officer is making a visit to the UP in February. He will be visiting the Chippewa office and meeting with staff, making a trip to the Bay Mills CAC, and travel with a staff member to one of the islands.

**Next Meeting Scheduled:**

Next meeting is scheduled for 2/6/2025, 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Tom Boger to adjourn, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Christy M. Curtis 2/6/25  
Christy Curtis – Chairperson Date

Leann Thompson 2.6.2025  
Prepared by: Leann Thompson Date