

## **Houghton County DHHS Board Meeting Minutes (MCF Portion)**

### **August 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Houghton County Department of Health and Human Services Board (Medical Care Facility Portion) was held at Canal View ~ Houghton County in Hancock, MI on August 20, 2025 beginning at 09:00 a.m.

**Present:** Ed Jenich, Chairman  
Christy Hilgers, Vice Chair  
James Tervo, Board Member  
Adam Laplander, CEO/Administrator - Secretary  
Ashley Kuru, Chief Financial Officer  
Kara Destrampe, Director of Operations  
Jodi Nuttall, Director of Nursing  
Jeff Lehtola, Director of Facilities

**Absent:** Tom Tikkanen, County Commissioner Liaison  
Roy Britz, County Commissioner

The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the July 2025 meeting of the Houghton County Department of Health and Human Services Board (Medical Care Facility portion) were reviewed and approved as written.

**Public comment:** None

The July 2025 MCF Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board as to the Facility's current occupancy status and average occupancy rates for July 2025. The CEO/Administrator updated the Board on the current inquiry list numbers.

The CEO/Administrator presented the Education Agreement between Canal View ~ Houghton County and Social Services Technician. Motion made by James Tervo and supported by Christy Hilgers. Motion passed.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board that mediation continues with the Independent Nurses Union. No future date has been set. The TPOAM wage reopener is scheduled for August 25, 2025 at 10am.

The CEO/Administrator had the Director of Facilities update the Board on the Water Main, Boiler, and Elevator projects.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board that he will meet with Ben Larson from Moyle on September 3, 2025 to discuss the property lease.

The CFO distributed the July financial statements to the Board and they were reviewed. A motion was made by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo to accept the financial reports. Motion passed. The CFO also updated the Board on the current A/R aging as well as FY23 Cost Report Settlement. The

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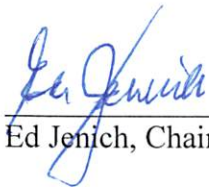
CFO updated the Board on the Private Pay Rate and the Board approved increasing the rate from \$460 to \$475 based on Plante Moran recommendations. Motion made by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo. Motion passed.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board on the restructuring recommendations from Plante Moran. The Board decided to review in six months with a target goal of seventy-five to eighty percent progress based on Plante Moran's staffing recommendations.

The Board was updated that we have not heard anything back on the reference check for Visa Healthcare Solutions to provide international nurses. The CEO/Administrator will update the Board once reference check is received.

The Board approved sending staff to attend the Fall Financial Conference in November with attendance based on the Agenda for the Conference. persons to attend the Fall Financial Conference. Motion made by Jim Tervo and supported by Christy Hilgers.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 10:22 a.m.



Ed Jenich, Chairman



Adam R. Laplander, Secretary