

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
1040 W. Bristol Rd.
Flint, MI 48507
Board of Directors Meeting
December 18, 2025

Board Members Present: K. Alexander, L. Coney, T. Hammon, D. Howard-Coolin, G. Jones (Chair), L. Mitchell, A. Reeves, C. Winfrey, W. Winiarski

Board Members Absent: E. Ellenburg, J. Patrick-Singleton, K. Sturdivant

The meeting was called to order 4:04 p.m.

I. **Adoption of Agenda**

(Resolution 12-82-25)

Coney moved; Winiarski supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

II. **Approval of Minutes**

(Resolution 12-83-25)

Winfrey moved, Coney supported the motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Motion carried

III. **Public Participation**

None

IV. **Board of Directors Awards Presentation**

The 2025 GHS Board of Directors Awards were presented to Jennifer McCarty -GHS Administrator, Melissa Healey -GHS Staff, Marcia Robinson -GHS Staff, Austin Schmidt – GHS Staff, Hameed Assayadi – GHS Consumer, Jessica Sackman – Community Partner, and Steven Polega – Community Partner.

V. **Finance Committee Business**

Presented by Glen Chipman, Chief Financial Officer

Review of Vouchers

Chipman presented the November vouchers, totaling \$ 15,566,442.74 and covering the period of 11-1-2025 through 11-30-2025,

A brief discussion followed

(Resolution 12-84-25)

Howard-Coolin moved; Hammon supported the motion to approve the November vouchers as presented.

Motion carried

Contracts

1. New

Hope Shores Stanley

GHS will contract with Hope Shores Stanley home to provide specialized residential services under a single-case agreement for a GHS client to accommodate an emergent placement. The Contract is effective December 15, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

(Resolution 12-85-25)

Howard-Coolin moved; Hammon supported the motion to approve the Contracts as presented.

Motion carried

2. Amendment

DCW Minimum Wage Increase 2026

GHS will amend the standard rates for all OHSS providers to incorporate the \$1.25/hour (0.31/unit) DCW minimum wage increase that takes effect January 1, 2026.

Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC) – Flint Recast

GHS will extend the current Mini Grant program with GFHC Flint Recast through calendar year 2026 at same terms as 2025, encompassing many focus areas of the millage all tied to health and wellness for vulnerable populations. All viable program applications will be awarded up to \$250,000. The contract term will be 3/1/2026 through 9/30/2026.

3. RFP/Purchasing

As result of an open procurement process, six new Autism providers have been selected to provide ABA Services to serve eligible consumers. Standard ABA rates apply, and contracts will be effective 1/1/2026 through 09/30/2026.

Michigan ABA Providers Inc

Caliber Autism

Beyond Infinity ABA

Brightview Care LLC

Mansach Enterprises LLC dba Euro Therapies Family Therapy

Inspire Autism

(Resolution 12-86-25)

Winiarski moved; Howard-Coolin supported the motion to approve the Contracts as presented.

Motion carried

4. Other

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

GHS will provide one-time funding in the amount of \$220,000 to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM) to disburse to several established food pantries in Genesee County identified

by FBEM as “most in need” of food and personal care items. This millage funding award falls under the priority focus area of health and wellness for vulnerable populations.

Resolution (12-87-25)

Winfrey moved; Howard-Coolin supported the motion to approve the one-time funding to the Eastern Food Bank as discussed.

Motion carried

Warming Shelter Grants

GHS will extend contracts with the 5 warming shelters in Genesee County to award additional grant funding up to \$50,000 each under the millage priority area of health and wellness for vulnerable populations. Funding is to be used for any or all the following areas: 1) serve additional people; 2) expand the capacity of hours of operation; 3) expand services; 4) funds to sustain the current capacity to serve the community. Contracts will be extended beginning January 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026.

- Carriage Town Ministries
- Catholic Charities
- My Brother’s Keeper
- Reach Resources
- Shelter of Flint

Lastly Chipman reviewed the 2026 Millage Budget Summary report.
A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 12-88-25)

Winiarski moved; Howard-Coolin supported the motion to approve the 2026 Millage Budget Summary Report as discussed.

Motion carried

A copy of the Executive Finance Summary will be on file with the minutes.
This concluded the presentation of the Finance Committee business.

VI. Program & Evaluation Committee Business

Winfrey presented the November Crisis Supports and Hospital Admission reports for the Board’s review. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 12-89-25)

Hammon moved, Reeves supported the motion to approve the Crisis Supports and Hospital Admissions reports as presented.

Motion carried

Public Participation Follow up

None

Subcommittee Reports

R10 Report

Hammon states the minutes are in the packet for review, R10 has their next meeting scheduled tomorrow.

Facilities

Winiarski states that the Facility Board has finalized their budget for the new fiscal year. The Facility Board is now looking at stand by power options for both the Main building and CCIS and possibly a large storage facility. Winiarski states the Board meets again in January and will further discuss their options.

Recipient Rights Committee

Winfrey states the committee had a biannual meeting this month. The minutes are in the packet. Winfrey states that the Recipient Rights annual budget was reviewed, approved and should be reviewed by the full board.

(Resolution 12-90-25)

Winiarski moved; Reeves supported the motion to approve the Recipient Rights Committee minutes as presented.

Motion carried

This concluded the presentation of the Program and Evaluation Committee business.

VII. Chair Report

Jones presented the January 2025 Board meeting calendar for review and shared the CMHA Winter Conference information with the Board.

VIII. Executive Directors Report

Presented by Danis Russell, CEO

Russell starts by stating that we are still waiting on Judge Yates judgement over the PIHP Procurement that MDHHS released. At the beginning of the month Judge Yates reviewed testimonies from both sides about the procurement. Judge Yates stated he would review all the information given and release a final decision in a couple of weeks.

Next Russell shared additional information along with the press release about GHS awarding grants to several local food pantries.

Next Russell states that the House recently cut \$600 million in grants and other programs throughout the state. This has affected some community partners already, this has not affected us yet, but this is very concerning. The Senate is trying to overturn this, but our lobbyists are saying they don't think they will be able to.

Russell states we had a good year in 2025, 2026 is going to be tough. A lot of changes and cuts will be challenging.

Next Russell states when we discussed the purchase our New Main Campus buildings, one of the stipulations that were given was to have Christmas lights like Baker. Russell stated we had a Tree Lighting Ceremony 2 weeks ago. He took a photo from the ceremony and presented it to the Flint Township Board to show that we followed through on our commitment to the community's request.

Lastly, Russell invited the Board to the New Years Tea. The Tea is scheduled on Thursday January 22, 2026 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Board meeting will directly follow.

This concluded the CEO's report.

Other Business

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.
Submitted by Ginger Gorton, Board Secretary