

GENESEE HEALTH SYSTEM
1040 W. Bristol Rd
Flint, MI 48507
Board of Directors Meeting
August 27, 2026

Board Members Present: D. Howard-Coolin, *chair*, K. Alexander, G. Jones, J. Macey, L. Mitchell, A. Reeves, C. Rutherford, C. Winfrey, and B. Winiarski

Board Members Absent: E. Ellenburg and J. Patrick-Singleton

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

(Resolution 08-59-26)

Winiarski moved, Rutherford supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

II. Approval of Minutes

(Resolution 08-60-26)

Winiarski moved, Mitchell supported the motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2026, Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Motion carried

III. Public Participation

Jennifer Myers, 10 Superior Trail, Swartz Creek, MI 48473 addressed the board regarding the availability of respite care and parent support partners.

Melissa Brown, Director of Communications and Public Relations, gave a brief presentation of the 2026 Annual Report, and distributed copies to the Board.

IV. Finance Committee

Presented by Glen Chipman, Chief Financial Officer

1. Review of Vouchers

Glen Chipman, GHS CFO, presented the vouchers, totaling \$17,034,741.91 and covering the period of 07/01/26 through 07/31/26, for approval. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 08-61-26)

Winiarski moved, Jones supported the motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

Motion carried

2. FY2027 Contracted Providers Contract Renewals Part II

Chipman presented annual contract renewals for Hospital Services, Specialized Residential In-County Negotiated Rate, Specialized Residential - Out-Of-County/State or Network & High

Level Behavioral Residential Services, Specialized Programs, Extended Provider Panel (EPP) Service Provider, Vocational Services, GHS Standard Rates, and Leases.

GHS will renew its contract with the listed individuals to provide varying services based on their area of expertise at the listed rates. All contracts will begin on 10/01/26 and extend out one, two, or three fiscal years depending on the provider or landlord. Discussion followed the presentation of the annual contract renewals.

(Resolution 08-62-26)

Winiarski moved, Jones supported the motion to approve the Contracted Providers Contract Renewals, Part II, as presented.

Motion carried

Chipman next presented the executive summary of contracts to the board.

Under Item 1, New, Chipman presented two new contracts. (a.)The first is with Beacon Home at Morton Terrace (SCA). GHS will contract with Beacon Home at Morton Terrace home to provide specialized residential services under a single-case agreement for a GHS client to accommodate an emergent placement. The daily rate is \$464.00 per day. The contract is effective from August 11, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

(b.)The second new contract is with Hope Network New Passages. GHS will engage with Hope Network as a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) under our CCBHC designation for case management and peer support services. Reimbursement rate will be \$60.53 per unit for case management and \$4.21 for peer support. The DCO agreement will be effective 8/1/26 through 9/30/28.

(Resolution 08-63-26)

Rutherford moved, Jones supported the motion to approve items a. & b. under New Contracts as presented

Motion carried

Under Item 2, RFP/Purchasing, (a.) GHS will again contract with Bluebird Fiber for highspeed fiber internet connections to support multiple Agency locations. The 36-month agreement is effective 10/01/2026 through 9/30/2029 with a Contract Maximum of 420,120.00 at \$11,670.00 per month.

(b.) GHS will contract with Club Colors LLC via the Omnia Cooperative Contract for staff and corporate use in purchasing GHS & GCHC logo apparel and promotional products. The GPO will become effective 9/01/2026 through 9/30/2027. Estimated volume up to \$20,000.00 annually. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 08-64-26)

Howard-Coolin moved, Jones supported the motion to approve Contract items a. & b. under RFP/Purchasing as presented.

Motion carried

Under Other Business, Chipman presented an add-on for a Renewal/Amendment. McLaren Health Care Corporation and McLaren Physician Partners on behalf of the PHO members. McLaren Flint, Bay ,Oakland, Macomb and Port Huron will renew their contract at a rate of \$915 per day for inpatient services and \$458 per day for partial hospitalization services. The agreement will be effective 10/1/26 through 9/30/27. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 08-65-26)

Mitchell moved, Winfrey supported the motion to approve the Renewal/Amendment under Other Business as presented.

Motion carried

A copy of the Executive Finance Summary is on file with the minutes.

This concluded the presentation of the Finance Committee business.

V. Program & Evaluation Committee Business

D. Howard-Coolin presented items a. & b., the Crisis Supports and Hospital Admission reports, for the board's review. Reeves questioned why the pre-jail diversion numbers have fallen off so dramatically in the past fiscal year. J. McCarty, GHS COO, responded that the intervention of the CIT teams were very impactful in reducing the number of citizens being taken to jail. GHS will add the CIT numbers to the board report going forward.

(Resolution 08-66-26)

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

Motion carried

c. Public Participation Follow-up

D. Russell presented some slides to the board with the questions posed during public participation at the July board meeting. Russell explained the waitlist for Autism services, and the barriers that prevented people being moved off the list including preferences for specific service times or specific providers who do not have capacity, and an industry-wide shortage of credentialed staff. Russell also explained how Medicaid and state funding allocations are distributed across all programs and services at GHS.

d. Subcommittee Reports

i. R10 Report – the July minutes were included with the board packets. It was noted that, going forward, R10 will only hold meetings at their Port Huron location.

- ii. Facility Board – Winiarski gave a brief report on new members.

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

VI. Chair Report

Howard-Coolin presented the September 2026 meeting calendar and noted that a flyer was distributed about the upcoming Walk A Mile in My Shoes rally at the State Capital building.

VII. Executive Directors Report

D. Russell, CEO of GHS, gave an overview of CMH/PIHP Boards and System from the Region 10 Board Retreat that was held in July. He also presented results from an Epic-MRA poll that showed overwhelming opposition to the privatization of mental health care in Michigan, with 70% opposing.

Next Russell presented a proposed \$2,000.00 retention bonus for GHS staff and providers funded by Region 10. A brief discussion followed.

(Resolution 08-67-26)

Winiarski moved, Macey supported the motion to accept funding from Region 10 for the purpose of paying a \$2,000.00 retention bonus to GHS staff and providers.

Motion carried

This concluded the CEO's report.

VIII. Other Business

None

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.
Submitted by Lisa Polmanteer, Executive Assistant