MEETING MINUTES: CBH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Purpose:	Community Behavioral Health (CBH) Board of Directors Meeting
Date:	Thursday, August 13, 2026
Time:	3:03 p.m.
Location:	Hybrid: Zoom and Conf Room 1154C
Board Members Present:	Kehinde Solanke/President; Dr. Marquita Williams/VP; Amanda David/Secretary and Treasurer; Crystal Yates-Gale/Member; Kimberly Ali/Member
Other Attendees:	CBH: Donna Bailey, Katie Dunphy, Abigail Concino, Alexander Gauthier, Rhashidah Perry-Jones, Andrew Kunka, Andrew DeVos, Long Kim, Dr. Samuel Williams, Dr. Mitali Patnaik Mitchell Titus: Venkanna Alkunta, Steve Baloga

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order.	*The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Kehinde Solanke*
Minutes Review	The meeting minutes from May 14, 2026, were reviewed and approved.	*The meeting minutes were approved.*
Mitchell Titus Audit Results	➡ Mitchell Titus audited the financial statements of the City of Philadelphia HealthChoices Behavioral Health Program (HealthChoices Program) and Com munity Behavioral Health (CBH) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025. ➡ Mitchell Titus did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting or instances of noncompliance or other matters required	*Approval of Audit.*

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	to be reported under Government Auditing Standards based on the audits of the financial statements of the HealthChoices Program and CBH, as reported in the Independent Auditor's Reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters, dated May 15, 2026, and June 30, 2026.	
Finance Updates	➡ CY 2026 Projections included a review of Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Fund Assets through December 31, 2026 ➡ Membership trend ▪ A continued decline in membership is observed following the unwinding of the public health emergency. ➡ CY 2027 Rate Setting ▪ Rate Packages are expected to be sent to Contractors by early October 2026. ▪ Contractors accept or reject rates within two weeks. ➡ CY 2026 Provider Rate Increases ▪ CBH increased rates for all standard levels and in-network, non-standard levels of care because they have not been increased for a considerable period. These increases will replace CBH's provider-initiated rate increase process for CY26. ▪ Effective **July 1, 2026, all standard** levels of care received a **5% increase** to their current rate. Standard levels of care have established rates for all providers of that service. These rates are not negotiated. ▪ Effective **October 1, 2026, in-network, non-standard** levels of care will receive a **3% increase** to their current rate. Non-standard levels of care have rates that are negotiated due to program variations, such as population served, services offered, specialty, modality, etc. ▪ The following levels of care will **not** receive an increase: Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Regionalized, Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Integrated Community Wellness	*No board action required.*

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	Centers (ICWC), Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS), and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Centers of Excellence (COE).	
Office of Inspector General (OIG) & Denial Reports Organizational Updates	➡ OIG published a report on CBH's compliance with requirements when denying prior authorization requests. ➡ As the largest and most densely populated county—CBH processed 96,130 prior authorization requests during calendar year 2023. Of those requests, 1,102 were denied, representing a denial rate of 1.15%. ➡ Conversely, 98.85% of prior authorization requests were approved. ➡ The OIG also noted that the number of CBH service denials requiring prior authorization has substantially declined since 2018. ➡ According to the report, this decline was largely attributable to changes in prior authorization requirements at both the state and CBH levels, as well as changes to prior authorization procedures and documentation requirements for Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS). ➡ Trends in denials requiring a prior authorization as well as 2025- Q2 2026 authorizations, denials and denials per authorization data were presented.	*No board action required.*
Organizational Updates	➡ Staff Updates ▪ Welcome Dr. Mitali Patnaik, CBH Deputy Chief Medical Officer ➡ IT Transition and Interim Plans ▪ The CBH IT department will report to the CBH CEO. ▪ The focus for this department will be on interoperability and modernizing the infrastructure. ➡ 801 Market Updates ▪ CBH leadership in process of negotiating lease for current space. Ongoing updates will be shared with the Board. ➡ Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 ▪ CBH entered a strategic reset and will move from launching initiatives to managing ongoing operations.	*No board action required.*

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	➡ CY 2027 Priorities ▪ Initiatives will be added for emerging 2027 priorities. ▪ 2027 will focus on the following strategic pillars: • Advance Whole Person Care • Drive Organizational Excellence • Foster People-First Culture ➡ CY 2027 Sustainability & Continency Planning ▪ As noted above, CBH will soon receive 2027 rates and will share when received. Sustainability of programs will be explored once rates are final. ▪ CBH will continue to monitor spending and membership enrollment.	
Network News	➡ ASAM 2.1 service expansion was initiated through a 2025 clinical procurement. 3 providers were awarded and are implementing ASAM 2.1. o The awarded providers include Asociación Puertorriqueños En Marcha (APM), The Behavioral Wellness Center at Girard and Thomas Jefferson University Center for Community Substance Abuse Programs (TJU CSAP). ➡ ABA Early Childhood Programs service expansion was initiated through a 2025 clinical procurement. 6 additional providers were awarded and are currently in the contracting phase for this service. o The awarded providers are Behavior Analysis and Therapy, Bluebird ABA, Kutamani Development Services, Kutest Kids Early, North City Congress and Thrive Therapy.	*No board action required.*
Medicaid Updates	➡ PA DHS HR 1 July 2026 Preliminary Documents* *Released in May & June of 2026 for public review, subject to change* o The updated HR 1 Medicaid policy decision documents have been released along with member notices, and eligibility pathways.	*No board action required.*

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	○ CBH HR 1 Response Strategy Activities were reviewed. At this time, CBH will continue member, provider & other stakeholder engagement and coordinate public messaging across stakeholders as more PA DHS guidance is released. ➡ One Philly Medicaid Access Project ○ The City of Philadelphia officially launched this project in June to prepare for Medicaid eligibility changes taking effect on January 1, 2027. ○ Riverstone Health Advisors have been contracted by the City to support project implementation. Riverstone will lead workgroups to support planning, coordination and implementation readiness. CBH representatives have joined the workgroups. The workgroups will focus on the following domains: ▪ Eligibility and Enrollment Workgroup ▪ Community Engagement Workgroup ▪ Information Technology and Data ▪ Finance ➡ CBH HR 1 Activities: Next Steps ○ CBH will complete member data analysis, collaborate with providers on information sharing and increase awareness through social media posts. Additionally, CBH will outreach members with Q1 2027 renewals to support enrollment education. ○ There will be a CBH and SEPTA partnership to support awareness of changes and CBH will tentatively join a Q3 2026 member event in partnership with Jefferson.	
Board updates	No further board updates.	*No board action required.*
Adjournment	The session ended at 4:15 p.m.	*No board action required.*

Respectfully submitted,



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