Houghton County DHHS Board Meeting Minutes (MCF Portion)
June 18, 2026

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, Hancock, MI on June 18, 2026 beginning at 09:45 a.m.

Present: Ed Jenich, Chairman
Christy Hilgers, Vice Chair
James Tervo, Board Member
Gretchen Janssen, County Commissioner
Debbie Talvensari, Keweenaw County Board Member
Frank Ozinich, Keweenaw County Board Member
Adam Laplander, CEO/Administrator - Secretary
Ashley Kuru, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: Roy Britz, County Commissioner

The agenda was adopted and the minutes from the May 2026 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 May 2026 MCF Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board on:

- The Facility's current occupancy status and average occupancy rates for May 2026 and the current inquiry list numbers.
- The TPOAM negotiations were cancelled on Monday and Tuesday. Waiting for a time to re-schedule with the union, possibly the last week in July.
- The Financial Audit Presentation by Plante Moran will be on July 8th, 2026 at 9:00am at Canal View ~ Houghton County.

The CFO updated the Board on:

- The May financial statements. A Motion was made by Jim Tervo and supported by Christy Hilgers to accept the financial reports. Motion passed.
- The current A/R aging.
- The ongoing Medicaid Audit and the CMS PBJ Audit.

The CEO/Administrator updated the Board on:

- The Ahern Sprinkler System Deficiency Corrections Proposal. The cost of the project is $9,120.00. Motion made by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo to contract with Ahern to correct the sprinkler deficiencies. Motion passed.

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- The current private pay rate of $475 to be increased to the rate of $490 from the recommendation of Plante Moran. Motion made by Jim Tervo and supported by Christy Hilgers to increase the Private Pay Rate to $490 Motion passed.
- The CDW Firewall Renewal for two years at a cost of $6,370.00. Utilizing the 2-year renewal will save the facility $1,318.16. Motion made by Jim Tervo and supported by Christy Hilgers to renew the firewall with CDW for two years. Motion passed.
- Cost savings initiative found by Karhu to renew the Firewall for two years versus one for a savings of $1,318.16.

At 10:30 a.m. motion was made by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo to move into executive session. Those in attendance were Ed Jenich, Christy Hilgers, Jim Tervo, Gretchen Janssen, and Adam Laplander. Motion passed.

Motion made by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo to resume the board meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion passed. Those in attendance were Ed Jenich, Christy Hilgers, Jim Tervo, Gretchen Janssen, and Adam Laplander. Motion passed.

There being no further business, motion made to adjourn by Christy Hilgers and supported by Jim Tervo at 10:50 a.m. Motion passed.

Edward Jenich

Ed Jenich, Chairman

Adam R. Laplander

Adam R. Laplander, Secretary