



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Board Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

*(To attend virtually via Microsoft Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
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1. Call to Order – Alice Kelsey
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Alice Kelsey
4. Provision for Public Comment (agenda items only, 5” limit per speaker)
 - a. Senator Thomas Albert
5. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Presentation of Plaque to Jane LaBean
6. Consent Agenda
(All items listed are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion of each item. If discussion is desired, a board member may request the removal of any item from this list.)
 - a. **Motion** – Approval of prior minutes:
 - i. Board Meeting (02/17/2026)
 - ii. Finance Committee (02/17/2026)
 - iii. Program Committee (02/17/2026)
 - iv. Executive Committee (02/13/2026)
 - v. Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (12/16/2025)
7. Program Committee – Jane LaBean
8. Finance Committee Report – Beth Johnston
 - a. **Motion** – Approval of Voucher Disbursements
 - b. **Motion** – Approval of FY2026 Contracts
9. Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (Mar/June/Sep/Dec) – Glen Brookhouse
10. LRE Updates – Mary Dumas or alternate
11. Chairperson’s/Executive Committee Report – Alice Kelsey
 - a. Presentation of BoardWorks Certificates
 - b. Board Bylaws and Policies for approval
 - c. Nominate Officers – Glen Brookhouse
12. OnPoint Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Mark Witte
13. Provision for Public Comment (any topic, 5” limit per speaker) – Alice Kelsey
14. Board Member Comments – Alice Kelsey
15. Adjournment
16. Future Meetings:
 - a. April 17, 2026 @ 2:30 pm – Executive Committee
 - b. June 16, 2026 @ 3:30 pm – Recipient Rights Advisory Committee
 - c. April 21, 2026 @ 4:15 pm – Program Committee
 - d. April 21, 2026 @ 4:30 pm – Finance Committee
 - e. April 21, 2026 @ 5:30 pm – Full Board Meeting



OnPoint Board Finance Committee Agenda

March 17, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

Hamilton Conference Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan MI 49010

- 1) Call to Order – Beth Johnston
 - 2) Public Comment (agenda items only, 5 minute limit per speaker)
 - 3) Approval of Agenda
 - 4) Approval of Minutes
 - 5) Review of Written Reports
 - a) Administrative Services Report – Andre Pierre
 - b) Facilities, Information Technology & Human Resources – Andre Pierre
 - 6) Action Items
 - a) Motion – to Recommend Board Approval of Voucher Disbursements
 - b) Motion – to Recommend Board Approval of Contracts
 - 7) Informational Items
 - a) Financial Reports
 - 8) Finance Committee Member Comments
 - 10) Public Comment (any topic, 5 minute limit per speaker)
 - 11) Adjournment – Next Meeting April 21, 2026 at 4:30 pm, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI
- Finance Committee: Beth Johnston, Chair; Glen Brookhouse, Vice Chair; Commissioner Mark DeYoung; Krystal Diel, Commissioner Gale Dugan, Alice Kelsey

OnPoint Finance Committee Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:30 pm
Hamilton Conference Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan MI 49010

Board Members Present: Glen Brookhouse, Mark DeYoung, Krystal Diel, Gale Dugan, Beth Johnston & Alice Kelsey

Board Members Absent: none

Staff Members: Mark Witte, Andre Pierre, Nikki McLaughlin

Public Present: None

1. **Call to Order** – Beth Johnston –Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2. **Public Comment** – None

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Ms. Kelsey

Supported: Mr. Brookhouse

Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Mr. Dugan

Supported: Ms. Kelsey

Motion carried.

5. **Review of Written Reports:**

a. Administrative Report

Mr. Pierre reviewed the administrative report submitted. Revenue and Expense reports are through December 2025 and project a return of approximately \$482,333 of Medicaid funds to the PIHP with a return of General Funds to MDHHS in the amount of \$167,917.

Human Resources – Concluded initial vendor interviews for HRIS system. Of the six submitted proposals, four were selected to come back for demonstrations. Work continued around the leadership training program, partnering with Rehmann for any missing items. Senior Leadership completed an interview individually for Rehmann and was compiled into a report for review, making for a well-rounded training. Once this is complete, the board will have a chance to review. Policy work continues with the addition/update to the agency closure policy. Climate survey work continues with key elements communicated to staff. Performance evaluations will be taking place in January utilizing HR Cloud. With the new HRIS system being implemented, this will allow all “human” capital to be localized.

NOTE: Company selected for the new HRIS system was Paycor. Contract was executed today, February 17, 2026, and with a system implementation date of July 1, 2026.

Information: 2 New Hire, 3 Separations (3 Voluntary, 0 involuntary) with 9 active postings.

Information Technology – Wrapping up a few projects, Eleos implementation is in progress. Rubix is still providing ad hoc reports. This will end once the HAM position is fully trained on up to speed.

Facilities – Stable month with routine maintenance taking place.

MAT – Work is progressing well with JKB. Project was started December 10, 2025, and has seen walls up, grid in for ceiling tile, white noise in ceiling and panic button installation. Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2026, for a walk through for half-way point.

6. **Action Items:**

a. The Finance Committee recommends that the OnPoint Board approve the January 2026 disbursements totaling \$4,821,076.25

Moved: Mr. Dugan

Supported: Mr. Brookhouse

Motion carried.

- b. The Finance Committee recommends that the OnPoint Board approve the following list of provider contracts for fiscal year 2026.

Moved: Ms. Kelsey

Supported: Ms. Diel

Motion carried.

- c. The Finance Committee recommends a motion to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Moved: Ms. Kelsey

Supported: Mr. Dugan

Motion carried.

7. Informational Items

a. Financial Reports

Mr. Pierre reviewed the financial statements for November.

Projected \$482,333 to be returned to the PIHP. General Fund is currently expecting to return funds to the State in the amount of \$167,917 and CCBHC surplus of \$112,929.

Balance Sheet – No Balance sheet currently available due to the closing of Fiscal Year 2025 audit, should be available for March board meeting.

Income Statement – OnPoint is 25% into the fiscal year with revenue at 23.99% and expenses at 22.15%, managing expenses to revenue. Change in current year net position of \$47,528.

Both HMP Cap and CCBHC slightly over in revenue. HMP due to disenrollments and more CCBHC services provided.

Investments have provided \$22,000 in interest earned for the first quarter.

Depreciation line item ahead of budget due to the building close out of project.

8. Finance Committee Member Comments

None

9. Public Comment

None

10. Next Meeting – March 17, 2026, at 4:30 pm.

11. Adjournment

Moved: Mr. Dugan

Supported: Mr. Brookhouse

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Administrative Services Board Report March 2026
Submitted by Andre Pierre, Chief Administrative Officer
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FINANCE

This month's packet includes the monthly financial report for January 2026. The Summary Schedule of Revenues and Expenses by Fund Source shows the difference between the revenue received from the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) and the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the eligible expenses incurred by OnPoint. These fund sources are cost settled at the end of each year, and any unspent funds are required to be returned to the LRE or MDHHS. We are projecting to return approximately \$684,180 (Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan combined) to the LRE and \$22,241 of General Funds to MDHHS.

HUMAN RESOURCES

In Human Resources, the Human Resource Information System (HRIS) selection process was completed in January. A cross-functional team comprised of Human Resources, Finance, Service Line leadership, as well as Employee representation participated in four comprehensive vendor demos. Each of the vendors were scored against standardized criteria by the team, with Paycor rising to the top as the selected HRIS system. We have set July 1, 2026, as our "go-live" on the platform.

The Human Resources team rolled out the annual agency-wide performance evaluation process, which runs January 19th - March 4th. The Human Resources Director conducted training on the changes to the Performance Review Process at the January Leadership Team Meeting. For the first time, performance reviews included rating employees on the completion of goals from the prior review period (i.e. last year). Performance based merit increases, or lump sum payments (for employees at the top of their pay range) will be effective/paid on the April 10th pay date.

Human Resources continued to partner with our consultant at Rehmann on the Supervisors Training Program and identified video resources to use as part of the program curriculum. These videos will enhance learner engagement and improve content retention as they convey simulated examples of subject matter. We are on schedule with our timeline and expect to have the program ready as a deliverable by April 1.

Lastly, as part of our continued culture development efforts, the Folks4Fun employee activity committee selected employees from different departments across the organization to plan 2026 events. Each year, the committee opens up opportunities for employees to become involved. The Human Resources team is excited to see what is brought forward.

In the month of January, the Human Resources department did experience some activity in the areas of turnover and internal transitions. The following activity occurred:

New Hires- 2
Separations- 3 (involuntary)
Active Posting- 10

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In the area of Information Technology, we continue to work with Allegan County Information Technology (IT) on items in the 2026 project list. During January, we made a large purchase of computers to get ahead of indicated price increases due to chip and memory shortages due to AI build out with data centers. Also, in January we selected the vendor to conduct our Microsoft 365 tenant migration: from the government to the commercial. This transition will improve our ability to have all our data centralized and easily accessed by multiple applications, resulting in operational efficiency. The Eleos Health project has progressed as planned. Final testing was performed in January and all teams using the program were trained during the final week of January. Rubix IT consulting continues their active support by assisting OnPoint in the completion of ad-hoc reports that must be delivered on time.

FACILITIES

In the area of Facilities, we had a relatively stable month with only routine maintenance actions taking place.

Interactions with Schley Nelson Architects and JKB Construction for the buildout of the MAT area of the building continued. Buildout of the space intensified in January. We provided input on the installation of background noise speakers, security buttons, and wallcovering changes without any issues. HRSA funds for the project are available. We are still targeting project completion during the first quarter of 2026.

We have been encouraged by all the interactions we are having and feel optimistic about the end deliverables. OnPoint is in the active project launch and review stage and will provide periodic updates to key stakeholders as warranted.

Sincerely,

Andre Pierre
Chief Administrative Officer
March 10, 2026

Finance Committee ACTION REQUEST	Subject:	Voucher Disbursements	
	Meeting Date:	March 17, 2026	
	Requested By:	Beth Johnston, Finance Committee Chairperson	
<u>RECOMMENDED MOTION:</u>			
<u>The Finance Committee recommends that the OnPoint Board approve the February, 2026 disbursements totaling \$3,674,243.74.</u>			
<u>SUMMARY OF REQUEST/INFORMATION:</u>			
<u>Date Issued:</u>	<u>Voucher Number:</u>	<u>Type:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
February 2, 2026	N/A	Loan Payment	\$21,334.00
February 13, 2026	P1781	Payroll	\$474,307.58
February 13, 2026	V991	Vendor	\$1,624,254.96
February 18, 2026	V992	Vendor/USDA	\$29,378.00
February 27, 2026	P1782/A	Payroll	\$483,412.93
February 27, 2026	V993	Vendor	\$1,041,556.27
<u>BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These disbursements are part of the approved fiscal year 2026 operating budget for OnPoint. 			
BY: Nikki McLaughlin, Accounting Manager		DATE: March 17, 2026	

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Period Ended
January 31, 2026

Preliminary
Monthly Finance
Report

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Summary of Variances and Fluctuations

January 31, 2026

I. Assets

- Cash & cash equivalents - Increase in cash and cash equivalents is due to the current year surplus in Medicaid and Healthy Michigan capitation services. See a corresponding increase in Due to Other Governments below.
- Accounts receivable - The agency bills providers for training fees annually, most of which were still outstanding as of September 30, 2025. The majority of those payments have been received, and the agency has not yet billed the 2026 training fees, resulting in a reduction in the outstanding receivables balance.

II. Liabilities

- Accounts payable - Reduction from prior year due to some high inpatient expenses being outstanding at September 30, 2025.
- Accrued payroll and benefits - Reduction is due to the number of days accrued at month-end. In September of 2025, there were 7 out of 10 days accrued at month-end, and in January of 2026 there were only 5 out of 10 days accrued.
- Due to other governmental units - The increase in Due to Other Governmental Units is primarily due to the accumulation of the fiscal year 2025 Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan settlement due back to the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) (typically paid in August of the following fiscal year), as well as the year-to-date surplus of Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan funds (see corresponding increase in cash and cash equivalents above).

I. Operating revenue

- CCBHC quality bonus payment - This is an annual payment received in the fourth quarter of the year. The amount earned will not be known until the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, and therefore no revenue has been accrued in this report.

IV. Operating expenses

- Supplies & materials - Due to the purchase of laptops for the fiscal year, taking a cost advantage prior to an increase in electronics.
- Miscellaneous expense - The most significant variance is due to the construction being funded with grant dollars, which was delayed due to the federal government shutdown. This project began in December 2025.

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Summary Schedule of Revenues and Expenses by Fund Source

For the Period From October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026

	MDHHS Revenue	Coordination of Benefits	Grant Revenue	Expense	Redirects	Lapse or (Deficit)
Medicaid						
Medicaid - Mental Health	\$ 7,913,967	201	\$ -	\$ (8,670,387)	\$ -	\$ (756,219)
Medicaid - Autism	2,074,498	-	-	(608,208)	-	1,466,290
Medicaid - SUD	227,176	-	-	(94,878)	-	132,298
Healthy Michigan Plan - Mental Health	598,326	-	-	(889,694)	-	(291,368)
Healthy Michigan Plan - SUD	362,303	-	-	(229,124)	-	133,179
Medicaid subtotal	<u>\$ 11,176,270</u>	<u>\$ 201</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (10,492,291)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 684,180</u>
CCBHC Demonstration						
CCBHC - Medicaid	2,492,391	22,469	\$ -	\$ (2,753,530)	238,670	\$ -
CCBHC - Healthy MI Plan	837,861	2,773	-	(881,762)	41,128	-
CCBHC - NonMedicaid	-	22,402	274,800	(314,021)	16,819	-
CCBHC Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,330,252</u>	<u>\$ 47,644</u>	<u>\$ 274,800</u>	<u>\$ (3,949,313)</u>	<u>\$ 296,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
General Fund	<u>\$ 569,245</u>	<u>\$ 343</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (250,730)</u>	<u>\$ (296,617)</u>	<u>\$ 22,241</u>
SOR/SUD Treatment Block Grants	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 90,991</u>	<u>\$ (90,991)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Statement of Net Position

January 31, 2026

	September 30, 2025	January 31, 2026
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,705,186	\$ 3,325,624
Investments	3,053,914	2,777,431
Accounts receivable	102,482	47,759
Due from other governmental units	2,759,885	2,884,152
Prepaid items	216,271	242,047
Total current assets	<u>8,837,738</u>	<u>9,277,013</u>
Non-current assets:		
Capital assets not being depreciated	324,219	324,219
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,046,065	7,902,013
Total non-current assets	<u>8,370,284</u>	<u>8,226,232</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,208,022</u>	<u>\$ 17,503,245</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,350,923	\$ 1,906,924
Accrued payroll and benefits	430,991	374,855
Due to other governmental units	1,705,675	2,373,373
Unearned revenue	310,146	328,870
Compensated absences - current portion	113,975	113,975
Notes payable - current portion	256,008	256,008
Total current liabilities	<u>5,167,718</u>	<u>5,354,005</u>
Long-term liabilities:		
Compensated absences	719,615	719,615
Notes payable	4,708,315	4,657,840
Total long-term liabilities	<u>5,427,930</u>	<u>5,377,455</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,595,648</u>	<u>10,731,460</u>
Net position		
Invested in capital assets	3,405,961	3,312,384
Restricted for USDA loan	37,027	40,501
Unrestricted	<u>3,169,386</u>	<u>3,418,900</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 6,612,374</u>	<u>\$ 6,771,785</u>

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in Net Position

October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026

Percent of Year is 33.33%

	Total FY 2026 Budget	YTD Totals 1/31/26	Under/(Over) Budget	Percent of Budget - YTD
Operating revenue				
Medicaid capitation	\$ 30,530,129	\$ 10,215,641	\$ 20,314,488	33.46%
Medicaid settlement	(945,851)	(842,369)	(103,482)	
Healthy Michigan capitation	2,539,271	960,629	1,578,642	37.83%
Healthy Michigan settlement	479,683	158,189	321,494	
CCBHC capitation and supplemental	9,929,384	3,330,252	6,599,132	33.54%
CCBHC quality bonus payment	267,629	-	267,629	0.00%
State General Fund formula funding	1,707,737	569,245	1,138,492	33.33%
State General Fund settlement	-	(22,241)	22,241	
Grants and earned contracts	4,981,627	1,415,356	3,566,271	28.41%
Local funding	346,095	115,365	230,730	33.33%
Other reimbursements and revenue	608,680	228,934	379,746	37.61%
Total operating revenue	\$ 50,444,385	\$ 16,129,001	\$ 34,315,384	31.97%
Operating expenses				
Salaries and wages	\$ 12,123,863	\$ 3,933,891	\$ 8,189,972	32.45%
Fringe benefits	4,343,434	1,466,567	2,876,867	33.77%
Supplies and materials	278,347	162,595	115,752	58.41%
Provider Network services	27,690,851	8,682,054	19,008,797	31.35%
Contractual services	4,179,355	1,292,995	2,886,360	30.94%
Professional development	185,641	34,665	150,976	18.67%
Occupancy	397,566	117,199	280,367	29.48%
Miscellaneous expenses	601,435	100,713	500,722	16.75%
Depreciation	286,121	144,052	142,069	50.35%
Total operating expenses	\$ 50,086,614	\$ 15,934,731	\$ 34,151,883	31.81%
Nonoperating expenses				
Interest expense	118,450	34,861	83,589	29.43%
Change in net position	\$ 239,320	\$ 159,409	\$ 79,911	
Beginning net position	6,612,376	6,612,376		
Ending net position	\$ 6,851,696	\$ 6,771,785		

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Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (RRAC) Agenda
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 3:30 pm
Hopkins Conference Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

1. Call to Order – Glen Brookhouse, Chairperson
2. Public Comment – Agenda Items Only, Subject to 5-Minute Limit Per Person
3. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – December 2025
5. Review ORR Status Report – Kelsey Newsome
6. Review Updated Status Report Template
7. Other Business
8. Public Comment – Any Topic, Subject to 5-Minute Limit Per Person
9. Adjournment, Next Meeting

RRAC members are:
Glen Brookhouse, Chair; Craig VanBeek, Vice Chair;
Gale Dugan, Richard Wiley, Pam Brenner, Kim Bartnick, Jessica Castañeda

2026 Meeting Months: March, June, September, December

Recipient Rights Advisory Committee (RRAC) Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 3:30 PM
Hopkins Conference Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

Committee Members Present:
Present:

Glen Brookhouse, RRAC Chairperson
Craig VanBeek, Committee Member
Alice Kelsey, Board Chairperson
Gale Dugan, Board Member

Committee Members Not

Richard Wiley, Committee Member
Jessica Castañeda, Board Member
Kim Bartnick, Board Member
Pam Brenner, Committee Member

Staff Present:

Kelsey Newsome, Recipient Rights Director
Allison Kridler, Recipient Rights Investigator
Samantha Dereski, Recipient Rights Investigator

Staff Not Present:

Melisse Hughes, ORR Specialist

Other Individuals Present: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** ~ RRAC Chairperson Glen Brookhouse meeting called to order at 3:34pm.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** ~ RRAC Chairperson Glen Brookhouse opened an opportunity for public comment. No public comment. Chairperson Glen Brookhouse closed the opportunity for public comment.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** ~ A motion by Board Member Gale Dugan to approve the agenda. Committee Member Craig VanBeek seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** ~ A motion to approve was made by Committee Member Craig VanBeek as presented. Board Member Gale Dugan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.
5. **REVIEW OF ORR STATUS REPORT** ~ Recipient Rights Director Kelsey Newsome reviewed the ORR Status Report.

6. **REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT** ~ Recipient Rights Director Kelsey Newsome reviewed the ORR Annual Report. A motion was made by Board Member Gale Dugan to ratify and submit the report. The motion was supported by Craig VanBeek with no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice approval.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS** ~ RRAC Chairperson Glen Brookhouse opened the floor for Other Business. No other business was discussed.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** ~ No public comment.

9. **ADJOURNMENT, NEXT MEETING** ~ Motion to adjourn made by Committee Member Craig VanBeek. The motion was supported by Board Chairperson Alice Kelsey. Unanimously approved by a voice vote. Adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Kridler
Recipient Rights Investigator

RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RRAC)

March 2026 STATUS REPORT

Reporting Period: December 2025 – February 2026

Submitted by Kelsey Newsome, LMSW, Director of Recipient Rights and Customer Services

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December 2025 – February 2026 Allegations

Abuse II – Exploitation	1
Abuse II – Nonaccidental Act	1
Abuse II- Unreasonable Force	1
Abuse III	2
Dignity & Respect	7
Disclosure of Confidential Information	4
Family Rights	1
Freedom of Movement	1
Mental Health Services Suited to Condition	12
Neglect I	2
Neglect I – Failure to Report	1
Neglect II	1
Neglect III	6
Outside ORR Jurisdiction	2
Safe, Sanitary & Humane Treatment Environment	2
Total Allegations	44

Definitions:

Abuse: An action done or said to a recipient by an employee that results in some form of harm to the recipient.

Abuse I: An action that results in serious physical harm, death, or sexual abuse.

Abuse II: An action that results in non-serious physical harm, emotional harm, or exploitation. This also includes the use of unreasonable force even without injury.

Abuse III: An action or communication that is threatening or degrading to the recipient. This includes sexual harassment.

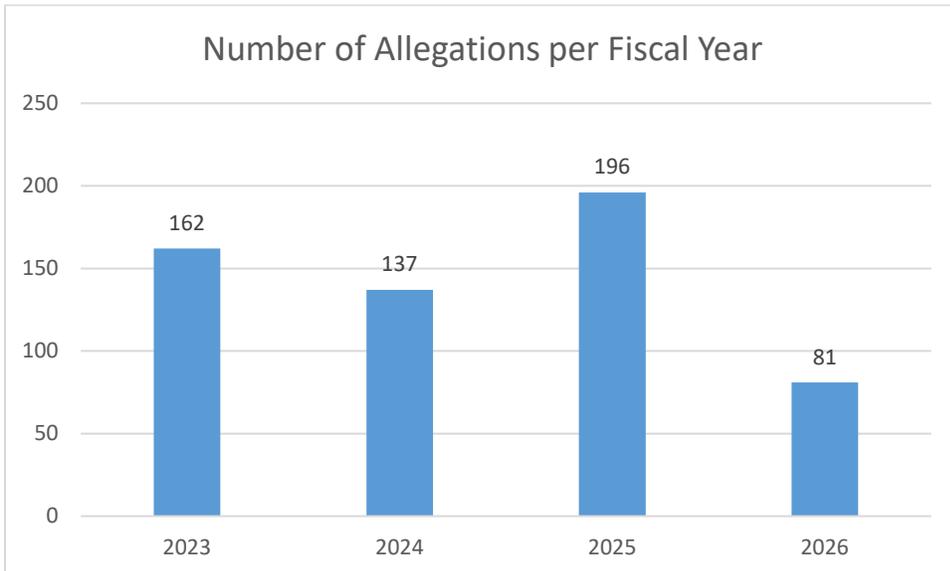
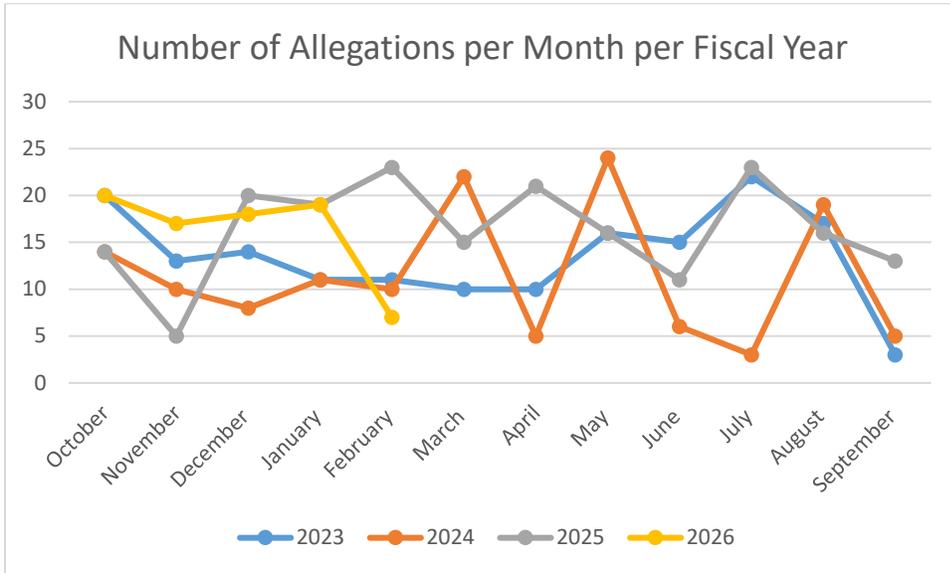
Neglect: An action, or a failure to act, by an employee that is not compliant with a written standard of care and results in some form of harm (or risk of harm) to the recipient. This also includes the failure to report apparent or suspected abuse or neglect of a recipient.

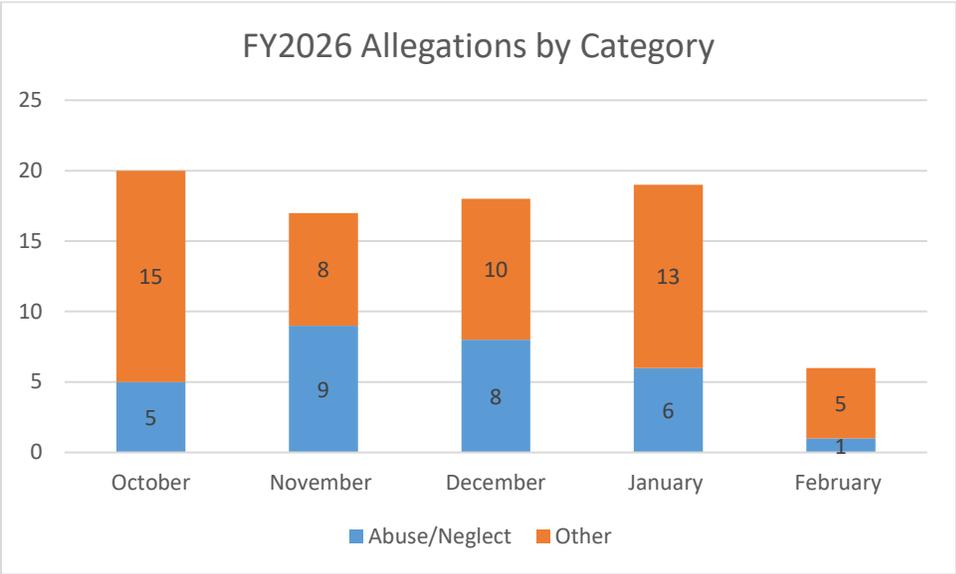
Abuse I: An action, or a failure to act, that results in serious physical harm, death, or sexual abuse.

Abuse II: An action, or failure to act, that results in non-serious physical harm, or emotional harm.

Abuse III: An action, or failure to act, which placed, or could have place, a recipient at risk of physical harm or sexual abuse.

Mental Health Services Suited to Condition: Recipients are entitled to receive services in accordance with their treatment plan, which is to be written in accordance with their assessed needs.





FY 26 Timeliness Report:

	No Right Involved/ Out of Jurisdiction (Acknowledgement Letter Only)	< 30 days	<60 days	<90 days	>90 days	Total
Previously Closed Allegations	3	4	1	N/A	0	8
Allegations Closed During Reporting Period	2	2	2	28	0	34
Open Allegations	0	6	18	15	0	39
Total						81

2026 Annual Report Goals:

Goal:	Status Update:
Maintain an in person/face-to-face consultative presence - with an aim of preventing rights violations (check ins with teams)	Ongoing – no changes this quarter.
Review status report format and data categories with RRAC. Implement suggested changes.	Proposed template for March RRAC meeting – will review and implement any changes for next meeting.
RRAC is recommending that ORR assess current policies and any gaps in them, and makes recommendations to strengthen standards of care.	Planned for FY26



**OnPoint Board of Directors – Program Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 4:15 pm**

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- 1) Call to Order – Jane LaBean, Chairperson
- 2) Public Comment (agenda items only; 5” limit per speaker)
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes
- 5) Program Presentation:
 - a) Evidence Based Practices – Geniene Gersh
- 6) Review of Written Reports
 - a) Chief Operating Officer – Jeana Koerber
- 7) Program Committee Member Comments
- 8) Public Comment (any topic; 5” limit per speaker)
- 9) Adjournment – Next Meeting April 21, 2026 at 4:15 pm, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI

Program Committee: Jane LaBean, Chairperson; Kim Bartnick, Vice-Chairperson;
Jessica Castañeda; Marcia Kerber; Debra Morse; Karen Stratton

Program Committee Board Report March 2026
Submitted by Jeana Koerber, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer
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Committee Workgroups

Policy Oversight Committee. The policy oversight committee continues to meet monthly and review agency policies. Most recently we have reviewed policies related to clinical service supervision and documentation as well as confidentiality. With changes to CFR42, we had to make significant changes to our release of information form and processes related to substance use disorder services. This also resulted in additional policies that need to be created and/or updated.

Health and Safety Committee. The health and safety committee is working to update relevant policies and practices for staff. We have been onboarded to the county alert system, RAVE, but continue to await training to set up agency specific notifications that can go to all staff on their agency phones and email. We are also working on ensuring our drill schedule is up-to-date and includes all the necessary drills required for CARF. We continue to work on the facilities emergency response plan (FERP) as well with a draft expected to be reviewed this month. Program teams completed active shooter tabletop drills, and the committee reviewed learnings from the staff feedback. Additional panic buttons were placed in areas around the building as a result.

Program Updates

Organizational/Clinical Workflow Updates. We continue to backfill vacant roles and new roles from the previous fiscal year. We are still looking for two adult outpatient therapists, but our staffing contract with Arbor Circle is helping to ensure clients have access to outpatient services in a timely manner. We are also working to start up our dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) groups in the next few months.

As mentioned in last month's report, Eleos has been implemented for the clinical teams on a select number of documents. We are working with Eleos on when the remainder of the documents (assessments and longer form documents) will be ready to deploy. We also continue to work to implement our documentation quality module. Currently, we are asking all clinical teams to try Eleos to determine its effectiveness for each team. The medication clinic is not using Eleos currently as the providers have Dragon for dictation.

MAT/HRSA updates. We are in the final six months of our HRSA grant. We plan to fill for an extension to continuing spending down our funds, but it is not guaranteed that it will be awarded. Impact grants are available through HRSA though the RFPs have not yet been released. Ashlynn, our MAT Navigator, and I attended the reserve site visit March 3-March 5 in Washington, DC. I had an opportunity to speak to Tom Engels, Administrator of HRSA, about the incredible impact this funding has had on the community. In other exciting news, we have filled our MAT nurse and MAT/Medication clinic supervisor role, so the team is now fully staffed! We are also looking to increase services in the jail.

Clinical Space updates. With the HRSA funding we are also on track to finish the clinical renovations in April. This expanded space will allow us to meet the demand for clinical and

medication services for individuals with SUD and co-occurring conditions. We have ordered the main furniture and are examining existing space to determine if we need more children specific rooms.

Housing services. We still have not received final word on what we need to submit for HUD. Per the latest ruling, funding must be authorized at previous level if an updated RFP is not released. We are quickly approaching the April 1st deadline when this would kick-in for our HUD funding. The housing team completed its point in time count on a particularly cold and snowy day in January. This count is used in conjunction with other data to determine the number of unhoused people in Allegan. This month we will start planning for our emergency solutions grants (ESG). The team continues to work with the agency to provide housing assistance to people receiving housing services and other clients of OnPoint. Being able to bill Medicaid through the CCBHC allows the team to assist a broader array of individuals. And finally, we have hired for our peer role on the housing team and he started last week!

Provider Network updates. The attached quality report highlights the audit results from our providers for FY2025.

Quality Innovations Team updates. The quality innovations team includes our healthcare analytics manager, medical records, quality team, provider network team and our utilization management team. Matt Plaska, our director of that team, submitted his resignation and it was effective on February 24, 2026. Lynne Doyle and Deb Fiedler will be contracting with OnPoint while we hire for the role.

The Annual CMHSP submission, including a community survey, was completed at the end of February. We continue to prepare for our LRE audit in April as well as CARF in the fall.

Sincerely,

Jeana Koerber, Ph.D.
Chief Operating Officer
March 9, 2026

FY25 Provider Network Quality Monitoring Report

Date of Report January 28th, 2026

Reporting Period October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

FY2025 Quality Monitoring Summary

Ten service locations were included within the Six Providers that were reviewed. Domains included in the review were Health & Safety, Quality Improvement, Corporate Compliance/Finance, Documentation & Record Keeping, Staff Training, and Staff Credentialing. Providers must score 100% in all domains to achieve full compliance. Three providers met compliance expectations. Three providers were issued Corrective Action Plans due to identified deficiencies primarily related to documentation and staff training. No immediate health or safety risks requiring emergency intervention were identified.

Methodology

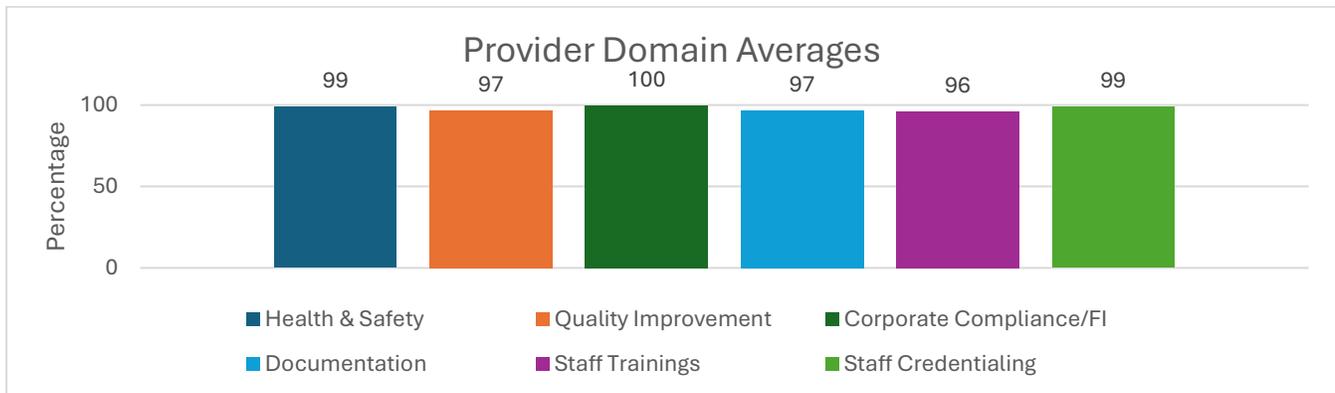
Reviews were conducted through a combination of site visits and desk audits, including review of policies, staff files, training records, documentation, and quality improvement plans in accordance with applicable regulatory and contractual requirements.

Provider Overview Table

Providers must achieve 100% in all six domains to achieve full compliance.

Provider Overview Table	
Overall Status	Provider Percentage
Fully Compliant	50%
Partially Compliant	50%
Non-Compliant	0%

Average Provider Scores by Domain



Health & Safety

Four out of six providers demonstrated compliance with Health & Safety requirements. Two providers showed minor deficiencies related to emergency procedure documentation; corrective actions were included in the CAP.

Quality Improvement

All providers maintained Quality Improvement plans. One provider required updates to measurable outcomes and tracking documentation.

Corporate Compliance & Finance

Corporate compliance and financial oversight were adequate. No indicators of fraud, waste, or abuse were identified.

Documentation & Record Keeping

Documentation deficiencies were the most common finding. Three providers lacked consistent record updates, triggering Corrective Action Plans.

Staff Training

A random sample including twenty percent of active staff training records were reviewed for each provider's location. Three providers met training requirements. Three providers had incomplete or expired training records and were issued Corrective Action Plans.

Staff Credentialing

A random sample including twenty percent of active staff credentialing records were reviewed for each provider's location. Five out of six providers maintained current staff credentials. One provider required improved tracking to prevent future expirations.

Corrective Action Plans

Corrective action plans were provided for three out of six providers that were partially compliant in overall scoring. All three corrective action plans were approved and completed.

Areas of Focus and Improvement Opportunities

Based on the FY25 QMR findings, the Provider Network Team is focusing on quality improvement efforts on the areas of staff training, staff credentialing, documentation, and quality improvements.

Conclusion

Overall, providers demonstrated strong compliance with core requirements. Corrective actions have been implemented where needed, and ongoing monitoring will support continuous improvement.

**OnPoint Board of Directors
DRAFT Program Committee Minutes
February 17, 2026**

Board Members Present: Jessica Castañeda; Alice Kelsey; Marcia Kerber; Jane LaBean, Chairperson; Deb Morse

Board Members Absent: Kim Bartnick, Vice-Chairperson; Karen Stratton

OnPoint Staff Present: Janice August (virtual); Eve Cole; Rob Griffith (virtual); Meagan Hamilton; Emma Higgs; Amy Ketting (virtual); Jeana Koerber; Tracy Monroe; Matt Plaska; Tara Poore; Cathy Potter; Michell Truax (virtual)

Public Present: Stephanie VanDerKooi (virtual)

- 1) **Call to Order** – Ms. LaBean called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.
- 2) **Public Comment** – No comments received.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Jessica Castañeda moved to approve the agenda. Deb Morse supported the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** – Deb Morse moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 20, 2026. Jessica Castañeda supported the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
- 5) **Program Committee Reports** – Tara Poore, Manager of Children’s Services; Eve Cole, Children’s Outpatient Therapy Supervisor; Tracy Monroe, Wraparound and Peer Services Supervisor; and Emma Higgs, Homebased and Infant Mental Health Supervisor presented on Children’s Outpatient, Wraparound, Homebased and Infant Mental Health Services. Ms. Cole shared information on Outpatient Therapy including who is on the team, the service provision, touched on Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and the groups offered. Next, Ms. Monroe touched on Wraparound/Intensive Care Coordination with Wraparound (ICCW) including the team members, who qualifies for the service, wraparound expectations, current service provision, and Wraparound successes. Finally, Ms. Higgs presented Homebased Therapy and Infant Mental Health including providing an overview of the services, who qualifies for the services, the team members, current service provision, Parent Management Training Oregon (PMTO) and Parenting Through Change (PTC), and HB/IMH successes.

Jeana Koerber, Chief Operating Officer, stated her report contains updates from the various departments she supervises that are not directly clinical, highlighting the roll out of Eleos for progress notes, new staff have started in the Access department, there has been an increase in walk-ins, and there are a few open roles within the organization.

Cathy Potter, Customer Services Specialist, shared she met with 4 new hires this quarter, there were 2 Medicaid grievances, and 7 CCBHC grievances with all grievances completed within the 90-day timeframe with 4 of the grievances requiring follow-up. Additionally, Customer Service created an NABD PowerPoint training for staff, the LRE conducted an NABD audit and OnPoint passed with a 96% and no plan of correction required, and the Customer Satisfaction Surveys have been completed with lots of positive feedback. Finally, a Public Safety presentation was held at OnPoint back in November, and the Consumer Advisory Panel met in December.

- 6) **Program Committee Member Comments** – No comments received.
- 7) **Public Comment** – No comments from the public.
- 8) **Adjournment** – Motion by Jessica Castañeda, supported by Marcia Kerber to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Submitted by,
Meagan Hamilton

**ONPOINT BOARD
Committee & Board Meetings 2026**

Location: All meetings are held at OnPoint, 540 Jenner Dr., Allegan, MI 49010
OnPoint website: www.onpointallegan.org

Committee	Meeting Date	Time	Board Members
Recipient Rights Advisory Committee Hopkins Conference Room	March 17 June 16 September 15 December 15	3:30 pm	Glen Brookhouse, Chair (Board Vice Chair) Pastor Craig VanBeek, Vice Chair Kim Bartnick Pam Brenner Jessica Castañeda Gale Dugan Richard Wiley
Finance Committee Hamilton Room	January 20 February 17 March 17 April 21 May 19 June 16 July 21 August 18 September 15 October 20 November 17 December 15	4:30 pm	Beth Johnston, Chair (Board Treasurer) Glen Brookhouse, Vice Chair (Board Vice Chair) Mark DeYoung (Board Secretary) Krystal Diel Gale Dugan Alice Kelsey (Board Chair)
Program Committee Board Conference Room		4:15 pm	Chair Kim Bartnick, Vice Chair Jessica Castañeda Debra Morse Karen Stratton Marcia Kerber
Full Board Meeting Board Conference Room		5:30 pm (or as soon as committee meetings have ended)	Alice Kelsey, Board Chair Glen Brookhouse, Board Vice Chair Beth Johnston, Board Treasurer Mark DeYoung, Board Secretary Gale Dugan, Immediate Past Board Chair Kim Bartnick Jessica Castañeda Krystal Diel Marcia Kerber Debra Morse Karen Stratton
Executive Committee Hamilton Room		2:30 pm	Alice Kelsey (Board Chair) Glen Brookhouse (Board Vice Chair) Beth Johnston (Board Treasurer) Mark DeYoung (Board Secretary) Gale Dugan (Immediate Past Board Chair)
Nominating Committee	Meets as needed		Glen Brookhouse, Chair (Board Vice Chair) Krystal Diel Jessica Castañeda

❖ Other ad-hoc committees meet on an as-needed basis.

OnPoint Board of Directors Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:30 PM
Board Room, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

Board Members Present: Glen Brookhouse; Jessica Castañeda; Commissioner Mark DeYoung; Krystal Diel; Commissioner Gale Dugan; Beth Johnston; Alice Kelsey; Marcia Kerber; Jane LaBean; Deb Morse

Board Members Absent: Kim Bartnick; Karen Stratton

OnPoint Staff Present: Janice August (virtual); Christine Beals; Rob Griffith (virtual); Meagan Hamilton; Amy Kettring (virtual); Jeana Koerber; Andre Pierre; Cathy Potter; Michell Truax (virtual); Mark Witte

Public Present: Royal Grewe; Nan Lawrence; Stephanie VanDerKooi (virtual)

1. **Call to Order** – Ms. Kelsey called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – All present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** – Ms. Kelsey conducted the roll call with the attendance of board members as documented above. A quorum was established.
4. **Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve** – Jodie May and Paul Ryan (ESGR) presented OnPoint with a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.
5. **Provision for Public Comment** – No comments received.

6. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Beth Johnston

Supported: Glen Brookhouse

Motion carried by common consent.

7. **Consent Agenda** – *All items listed are considered routine and thus will be enacted by one motion.*

- i. Board Meeting (01/20/2026)
- ii. Finance Committee (01/20/2026)
- iii. Program Committee (01/20/2026)
- iv. Executive Committee (01/16/2026)
- v. Nominating Committee (01/20/2026)

Motion: To approve the minutes on the consent agenda as presented.

Moved: Jane LaBean

Supported: Commissioner Gale Dugan

Motion carried by common consent.

8. **Program Committee** – Jane LaBean shared the Children’s team presented on outpatient services, intensive care coordination and wraparound, and homebased and infant mental health. Additionally, Dr. Koerber and Ms. Potter provided their reports and Ms. Potter highlighted OnPoint received a 96% on an NABD audit. Finally, the Program Committee requested pushing their start time by 15 minutes due to consistently finishing early.

- a. Motion: To approve the Program Committee starting at 4:15pm as recommended by the Program Committee.

Moved: Jane LaBean

Supported: Marcia Kerber

Motion carried by common consent.

9. **Finance Committee Report** – Beth Johnston, Treasurer, shared the Human Resource Information System has been decided and the organization is going with Paycor, supervisory training is ongoing, policies are being implemented, the employee climate survey FOCUS group action items are actively being completed, and Eleos is successfully being implemented. Ms. Johnston also reviewed the summary schedule of revenues and expenses by fund source; and the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position.

a. Motion: To approve the January 2026 disbursements totaling \$4,821,076.25 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Moved: Beth Johnston

Supported: Glen Brookhouse

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

b. Motion: To approve the list of provider contracts for fiscal year 2026 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Moved: Beth Johnston

Supported: Jane LaBean

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

c. Motion: To approve to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Moved: Beth Johnston

Supported: Commissioner Gale Dugan

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. **Recipient Rights Advisory Committee** – The committee did not meet this month.

11. **Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) Updates** – Stephanie VanDerKooi, Chief Operating Officer of the LRE, provided an update on LRE matters. Ms. VanDerKooi shared the LRE's Board meeting will be next Wednesday, the Oversight Policy Board meeting will be on March 11th, the LRE is tabulating results for the FY2025 Annual Impact Report and are working on understanding CCBHC requirements.

12. **Chairperson's/Executive Committee Report** – Alice Kelsey shared the individuals that have completed their BoardWorks courses, the conflict-of-interest disclosure form was reviewed, and updates to the bylaws were reviewed. Additionally, Glen Brookhouse provided a review of the Nominations Committee meeting, including nominating Alice Kelsey as Chair, Glen Brookhouse as Vice Chair, Elizabeth Johnston as Treasurer, and Mark DeYoung as Secretary. Furthermore, Ms. Kelsey shared the State has rescinded their bid to privatize the Medicaid funding for behavioral health services, and Mr. Witte's evaluation was briefly reviewed and discussed. Finally, the first Search Committee meeting occurred last week where they reviewed the CEO job description and will approve the changes next month after feedback is received from the full board.

a. Motion: To approve the changes to the Bylaws as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Moved: Jane LaBean

Supported: Commissioner Gale Dugan

Motion carried by common consent.

b. Motion: To approve the Chief Executive Officer's annual evaluation as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Moved: Commissioner Gale Dugan

Supported: Beth Johnston

Motion carried by common consent.

13. **OnPoint Chief Executive Officer’s Report** – Mark Witte thanked everyone for their feedback on his evaluation and will be working with the Executive Committee on creating goals for this year. Additionally, he shared the Finance Committee members walked through the MAT Room to see the progress, the board member search is still ongoing with some leads, and there is a new Beacon Allegan Administrator who will be attending the next MACC meeting. Finally, Mr. Witte provided an update on the restructuring of the Multi-Agency Collaborative Council (MACC), thanked the board members that attended the CMHA Winter Conference, the Department of Homeland Security’s partial shutdown does not impact many areas that OnPoint is connected to, and briefly touched on the program announcement for Streets Initiative for Recovery.
14. **Provision for Public Comment** – Mr. Grewe thanked OnPoint for their support and services. Dr. Koerber shared the Community Needs Survey is now live, encouraging it to be passed on to community members, and asks that it be returned by February 23rd.
15. **Board Member Comments** – Ms. Castañeda shared she will be heading to warmer weather for vacation and Commissioner Dugan stated the next board meeting will be on St. Patrick’s Day.
16. **Motion to Adjourn**
Moved: Commissioner Gale Dugan
Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.
Motion carried by common consent.
Supported: Krystal Diel

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Hamilton
Executive Assistant

Alice Kelsey
Board Chairperson

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2026 – 2:30 pm

Location: OnPoint, 540 Jenner Drive, Allegan, MI 49010

Board Members [X] Alice Kelsey, OnPoint Board Chairperson
[X] Glen Brookhouse, OnPoint Board Vice Chairperson
[X] Elizabeth Johnston, OnPoint Board Treasurer
[X] Commissioner Mark DeYoung, OnPoint Board Secretary
[X] Commissioner Gale Dugan, OnPoint Board Immediate Past Chairperson
OnPoint Staff [X] Mark Witte, OnPoint Chief Executive Officer

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Kelsey called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.
2. **Members Present/Excused** – All present.
3. **Review/Approval of Agenda** –

<p><i>MOTION: Dugan moved, and Beth seconded, that the draft agenda be adopted as presented.</i> <i>All in favor. Motion adopted.</i></p>
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4. **Review/Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2026 Meeting** –

<p><i>MOTION: Mark moved, and Glen seconded, that the minutes of January 16, 2026 be approved as presented.</i> <i>All in favor. Motion adopted.</i></p>

5. Updates on Prior Meeting Topics

- a. LRE Update – No board meeting last month.
- b. PIHP Bid-Out – The Court of Claims decision is a moment to celebrate, but not complacency. Some believe a substitute RFP is imminent, though it would require approval by Judge Yates.
- c. MAT Room Buildout Update – On course for completion in early April. Will definitely increase our simultaneous capacity.

6. Chief Executive Officer Items

- a. Review of Board tasks due for February 2026:
 - *Conduct Executive Director Evaluation (in Executive Committee)*
 - i. To accomplish this task, Chairperson Kelsey led a review of ratings and comments from board members and staff. Mr. Witte was appreciative of the efforts and the feedback.
 - ii. Chairperson Kelsey will present the results of the evaluation to the full board next Tuesday, 2/17/2026.
 - *Receive Nominations Committee Report of Nominations*
 - i. This is in the board packet; actual elections to be held at the March meeting.
 - *Review Bylaws & Board Policies – Collect proposed changes for March approval.*
 - i. Mr. Witte has prepared a one-page document to show the proposed revisions to Bylaws Article VII, Section 1, a. (“Executive Committee) regarding the Compliance Committee functions to be held by the Executive Committee if approved in March.
 - *Receive quarterly Customer Services report (Program Committee)*
 - i. This is in the board packet.
- b. Review of Board Meeting Handouts.
- c. Mr. Witte provided a draft of some discussion points to consider for the anticipated visit of Senator Thomas Albert at the March board meeting. Discussion carried over to March Executive Committee meeting.
- d. Briefing on other agency issues as warranted or requested – None.

7. Discussion Items Requested by Members

- a. Chairperson Kelsey commented on document in her packet from the CMHA conference regarding the CMHA PAC (political action committee). She was amazed by the disparity between CMHA contributions of \$50,000 to candidate campaigns since 2017 as compared to the \$8,500,000 given by for-profit Michigan Medicaid Health Plans (Aetna Better Health of Michigan - a subsidiary of CVS Health, Meridian Health Plan of Michigan - owned by Centene Corporation, Molina Healthcare of Michigan - operated by Molina Healthcare, Inc., and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan - part of UnitedHealth Group).

8. Next Meeting Date/Time

- a. Friday, March 13, 2026 at 2:30 pm (the 2nd Friday of March)

9. Adjournment –

MOTION: Commissioner Dugan moved, and Mr. Brookhouse seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

All in favor. Motion adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Submitted by Mark Witte
February 13, 2026

Chief Executive Officer Report for March 2026
Submitted by Mark Witte, Chief Executive Officer
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AGENCY

Building – Nothing new to note on the buildout of the former “MAT Room”. We are another month closer to completion with the target timeframe for completion in early April.

BOARD

Board Member Opening – As you know, I’m working to solicit application(s) through my networks for someone from in or around the Lee Township/Pullman area. A couple of people have been recommended so far – but they have not panned out. I’m hopeful we will land someone that the Board of Commissioners can favorably consider. Continue to help with word-of-mouth efforts!

COMMUNITY

New Beacon Allegan Administrator – New administrator Greg Piper stopped in on 2/24/26 for a short visit and a tour of our facility. I was very encouraged by his description of Beacon’s commitment to local systems and community partnerships. He plans to attend the local MACC meeting with some of his staff on 3/17/26.

“The Ice Cream Man” Film – On 3/5/26, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a screening of the 2024 short film “The Ice Cream Man” and engage with student docents from area middle schools as they told the story of Anne Frank, a hero and victim of the Holocaust. The film depicts the arrest and death of ice cream store proprietor Ernst Cahn, a 1936 immigrant from Germany to the Netherland during the rise of German Socialism.

Among those in the audience were several Jewish residents of Allegan County who relayed their own personal or family stories of violence and oppression. The support of the Allegan County Community Foundation for work of AAESA is important. AAESA is working to develop curriculum that will empower students to make courageous choices against the evils and injustice in their daily lives.

REGION

Lakeshore Regional Entity – There have been a few meetings with LRE colleagues about the financial needs of the region from FY2025 and for FY2026. For FY2025, the LRE had to dip into the ISF (Internal Service Fund) to offset that year’s \$18M deficit, \$17M of it from Network180. This leaves \$16M for FY2026, and we are running a regional deficit already. We are working together to offer improved controls for Network180 to use in managing their risk needs that will otherwise cascade to the region.

STATE

MDHHS Listening Session – With two business days’ notice, MDHHS scheduled a one-hour “listening session” on 3/3/26 for CMH’s to provide input to them in the wake of the withdrawal of their legally faulty failed RFP. PIHP’s had a similar/separate session on 3/4/26. The department began our session by saying that the existence of an unresolved lawsuit would prevent them from saying anything to us about MDHHS views/thoughts. As a group, the CMH’s gave solid input as to our perspectives on how the fully public systems of the future should be developed. As the department could not comment, we did not benefit from any insight into department concerns about CMH/PIHP performance or its interests/needs going forward.

NATION

Federal Budget for FY2026 – As of the date of this report (3/6/26), the federal government (DHS) is still shutdown. On 3/5/26, the US House passed a DHS funding bill that is now awaiting Senate action that is expected on 3/9/26. The Senate has twice failed to pass a DHS funding bill due to Senate Democrats vowing to vote "no" until ICE reforms are made.

Program Announcement Update – Last month, I reported that US HHS Secretary Kennedy announced a “Safety Through Recovery, Engagement, and Evidence-based Treatment and Supports (STREETS) Initiative” and “The Great American Recovery Initiative”. To date, there is no further information about the contours of these initiatives, or any other new information beyond their initial announcements. Perhaps the initiatives will consist of grant opportunities. If so, it is likely that we will not know the details of these programs – or even if we would be affected or eligible to participate. We continue to monitor for any positive indications of opportunity.

Submitted by Mark Witte
Chief Executive Officer
March 6, 2026