



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Grand Tower, 235 S. Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

Present: Board Chair Jason Griffin, Bill Hardiman, Chris Hawkins, Mark McDaniel, Randy Richardville, Rev. Cindy Rudolph, Alisande Shrewsbury, Michael Keller Zehnder

Online: Angela Dudley, Aisha Farooqi, Chandra Madafferi, Robert O'Meara, Kristin Totten

Absent: Elizabeth Hertel, Parrish Underwood

Staff: Suzanne Greenberg, Executive Director; Lori Kroll, Jodi Mullett, Alan Stokes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jason Griffin at 1:05.

Board Chair Update: Jason Griffin

- a. Conflict of Interest statements were distributed to all, signed and collected. They will be collected later from those not present.
- b. Legislative update – Since we are in the heart of budget season, we are still working to get our legislation on the agenda. Jason Griffin asked the members to send a note to their state leaders asking for their support in passing the bills. Until the legislation passes, all votes for the Board must be done in person.
- c. Committee update – The following committees will begin soon – Program, Public Awareness & Stakeholder Education, and Finance. All committees will be supported by CTM staff.
- d. A motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2025, Board meeting was made by Chris Hawkins and seconded by Bill Hardiman. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. A motion to approve the minutes from January 29, 2026, Board meeting was made by Michael Keller Zehnder and seconded by Bill Hardiman. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. A motion was made to approve the removal of the requirement that at least 20% of the state award be provided solely as a cash match under the CTM program. The overall 50% cost-share requirement will remain in place; however, partners will now have full flexibility to meet this obligation through cash match, in-kind contributions, or any combination thereof. Motion made by Bill Hardiman and seconded by Mark McDaniel. The motion passed unanimously.

Remember Your Why – Videos were shown of Aisha Farooqi and Corinne Daly (Prevention Partner) sharing about the importance of prevention and how they see HOPE at work.

Executive Director's Report: Suzanne Greenberg

- a. **Financial Report:** Alan Stokes explained changes to the FY26 budget and proposed the FY27 budget.
 - a. A motion was made to pass the FY26 budget with excess reserves by Bill Hardiman and seconded by Randy Richardville. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. After discussion, a motion to approve the FY27 budget was made by Randy Richardville and seconded by Michael Keller Zehnder. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **CTM Essentials** – Suzanne went over the three essentials to understand about Children Trust Michigan.

- a. The name of the agency is Children Trust Michigan (formerly Children's Trust Fund). Please remember not to say, "Children's Trust."
- b. Our lane is primary prevention for all – providing programming in all 83 counties of Michigan BEFORE anything ever happens to a child. Secondary prevention provides support to families at risk.
- c. CTM does not receive any state funding for programming.
- c. **Auction Update:** Our biggest fundraiser of the year is May 19, 2026. Thank you to those who provided gift cards for the BOD gift card tree. Suzanne highlighted several items that will be at the auction and encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket and attend.
- d. **Public Awareness Update** – Highlights from "CTM on the Road" during April were shared with several staff attending/speaking at events put on by our Prevention Partners. Michael Keller Zehnder affirmed the impact of CTM staff coming to local events. There was also discussion of the rally and the desire to bring it back. A sub-committee of the Board may be formed to continue this discussion with interest from Randy Richardville, Angela Dudley and Michael Keller Zehnder.
- e. **Staff introductions** – Alan Stokes, Financial Analyst and Lori Kroll, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant introduced themselves and their role on the team.
- f. Program Presentation-Jodi Mullett, Training & Education Manager – After introducing herself and her role, Jodi highlighted social media reports and website analytics. She went on to teach about the infographics for ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and the impact of PCE's (Positive Childhood Experiences). Jodi is pivotal to training our Prevention Partners in HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences).

Public Comment: N/A

For the Good of the Order: Randy Richardville is eager to refresh legislative leadership for CTM. Jason Griffin spoke to educating our legislators, including new ones coming in next year. More discussion will occur in the Public Awareness committee which Jodi Mullett will be staffing.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Cindy Rudolph and seconded by Bill Hardiman. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Kroll.

Minutes to be formally approved at the next board meeting.