

September 21, 2022

The Honorable Bronna Kahle, Chair, House Health Policy Committee  
Members, House Health Policy Committee  
Lansing, MI

RE: Testimony in support of HB 6355

Dear Honorable Representative Kahle and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on a topic that is of great importance to individuals with mental health conditions who are experiencing an exacerbation of symptoms and who find it necessary to seek emergency psychiatric care.

My name is Marianne Huff, and I am the President and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Michigan (MHAM). MHAM is the state's oldest advocacy organization that is concerned with ensuring that adults and children with mental health conditions and addictions have access to quality behavioral health services and supports. I am here today to talk to you about the importance of ensuring that individuals in need of emergency psychiatric treatment are able to obtain an assessment and evaluation in a timely manner.

The lack of access to appropriate inpatient psychiatric treatment has been an issue for a long time but it has been exacerbated by the pandemic. For many years the community mental health system has been responsible for assessment and evaluation of individuals with psychiatric emergencies who either do not have insurance or who have Medicaid. We are aware of the shortage of inpatient psychiatric beds across this state, but the wait time for an assessment for inpatient treatment can also be problematic. This is especially true when an individual is in the throes of a mental health crisis and is placed in a regular hospital emergency room where the wait times can be extraordinarily lengthy.

For individuals who have Medicaid or who do not have insurance, the community mental health system is required to provide assessments within three (3) hours of the time in accordance with the Michigan Mission-Based Performance Indicator System. MMBPIS, as it is known, is part of the contract that the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPS) and the community mental health services providers (CMHSPS) have with the state of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The CMHSPS and the PIHPS are required to track adherence to the three (3) hour requirement and are to meet the standard 95% of the time. However, there are times when the CMHSP is not able to meet the standard and that is why HB 6355 is important. Families and individuals should not have to wait for hours to get an assessment completed when there is a crisis.


HB 6355 does a few important things: 1. It would codify the three (3) hour standard that CMHSPS/PIHPS must meet when completing assessments for inpatient hospitalization; and 2. It would give the hospitals and the patients another option for an assessment to be completed by another appropriately credentialed mental health clinician that is employed by another entity, such as the hospital, if the CMHSP/PIHP cannot get it completed in three hours. This will ensure that the assessment is completed in a timely manner.

Finally, I am including parts of the Michigan Mission-Based Performance Indicator System report for FY '21 that has data for the indicators that measure the percentage of children and adults receiving a preadmission screening for psychiatric inpatient care for whom the disposition was completed within three hours. The standard is for assessments to be completed within the time frame 95% of the time. I wanted the committee to be aware that the three hours that are in the bill are required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). At the same time, the three-hour requirement should be codified in the law.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue with the members of this committee.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 313-641-1109 or via email at [mhuffmham@gmail.com](mailto:mhuffmham@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



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# **Michigan Mission-Based Performance Indicator System**

**For Persons with Mental Illness,  
Developmental Disabilities, Emotional  
Disturbances, and Substance Use Disorders**

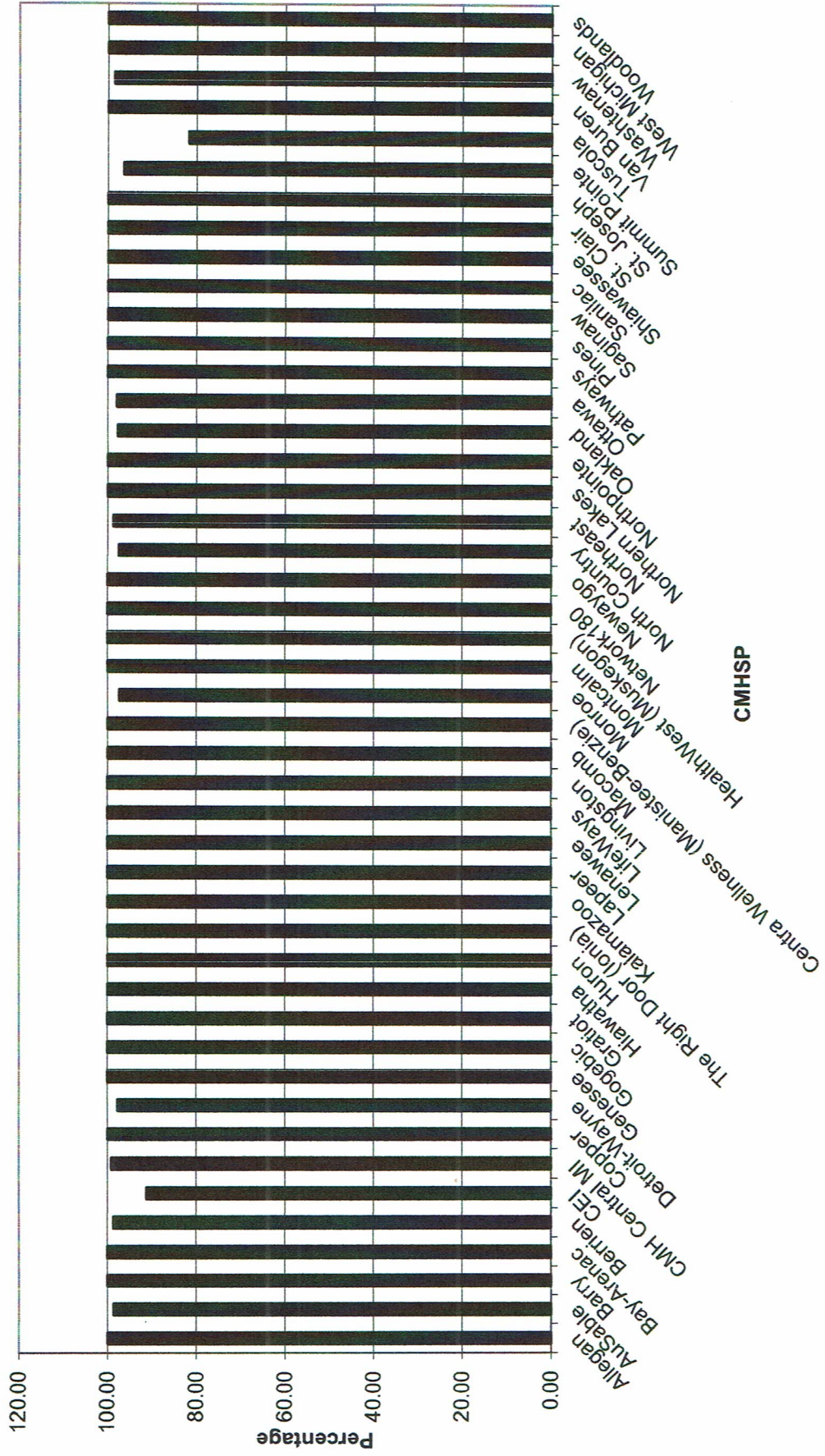
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October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

**Indicator 1a: Percentage of Children Receiving  
a Pre-Admission Screening for Psychiatric Inpatient Care for Whom the Disposition Was  
Completed Within Three Hours -- 95% Standard**

	Percentage	Number of Emergency Referrals for Children	Number Completed in Three Hours for Children
Allegan	100.00	32	32
AuSable	98.59	71	70
Barry	100.00	40	40
Bay-Arenac	100.00	63	63
Berrien	98.59	71	70
CEI	91.22	353	322
CMH Central MI	99.17	121	120
Copper	100.00	12	12
Detroit-Wayne	97.72	876	856
Genesee	100.00	201	201
Gogebic	100.00	1	1
Gratiot	100.00	26	26
Hiawatha	100.00	14	14
Huron	100.00	40	40
The Right Door (Ionia)	100.00	26	26
Kalamazoo	100.00	51	51
Lapeer	100.00	34	34
Lenawee	100.00	32	32
LifeWays	100.00	73	73
Livingston	100.00	28	28
Macomb	100.00	273	273
Centra Wellness (Manistee-Benzie)	100.00	5	5
Monroe	97.37	38	37
Montcalm	100.00	25	25
HealthWest (Muskegon)	100.00	65	65
network180	100.00	177	177
Newaygo	100.00	19	19
North Country	97.50	40	39
Northeast	98.73	79	78
Northern Lakes	100.00	71	71
Northpointe	100.00	20	20
Oakland	97.72	307	300
Ottawa	97.96	49	48
Pathways	100.00	48	48
Pines	100.00	25	25
Saginaw	100.00	115	115
Sanilac	100.00	26	26
Shiawassee	100.00	30	30
St. Clair	100.00	78	78
St. Joseph	100.00	55	55
Summit Pointe	96.43	28	27
Tuscola	81.82	11	9
Van Buren	100.00	28	28
Washtenaw	98.53	68	67
West Michigan	100.00	30	30
Woodlands	100.00	15	15
<b>Total:</b>		<b>3,890</b>	<b>3,821</b>



**Indicator 1a: Percentage of Children Receiving a Pre-Admission Screening for Psychiatric Inpatient Care for Whom the Disposition Was Completed Within Three Hours  
95% Standard**



**Indicator 1b: Percentage of Adults Receiving  
a Pre-Admission Screening for Psychiatric Inpatient Care for Whom the Disposition Was  
Completed Within Three Hours -- 95% Standard**

	Percentage	Number of Emergency Referrals for Adults	Number Completed in Three Hours for Adults
Allegan	100.00	120	120
AuSable	98.01	151	148
Barry	100.00	55	55
Bay-Arenac	100.00	237	237
Berrien	98.28	174	171
CEI	97.29	590	574
CMH Central MI	100.00	357	357
Copper	100.00	26	26
Detroit-Wayne	97.16	3,033	2,947
Genesee	100.00	438	438
Gogebic	100.00	12	12
Gratiot	98.00	100	98
Hiawatha	100.00	44	44
Huron	100.00	55	55
The Right Door (Ionia)	100.00	57	57
Kalamazoo	100.00	263	263
Lapeer	100.00	104	104
Lenawee	100.00	68	68
LifeWays	100.00	413	413
Livingston	98.96	96	95
Macomb	99.43	1,061	1,055
Centra Wellness (Manistee-Benzie)	100.00	11	11
Monroe	100.00	115	115
Montcalm	100.00	69	69
HealthWest (Muskegon)	99.18	365	362
network180	98.61	864	852
Newaygo	97.06	34	33
North Country	98.82	169	167
Northeast	98.95	95	94
Northern Lakes	99.00	300	297
Northpointe	100.00	41	41
Oakland	93.04	1,811	1,685
Ottawa	99.44	179	178
Pathways	97.98	99	97
Pines	100.00	67	67
Saginaw	100.00	527	527
Sanilac	100.00	31	31
Shiawassee	98.75	80	79
St. Clair	100.00	223	223
St. Joseph	100.00	52	52
Summit Pointe	97.87	188	184
Tuscola	95.45	22	21
Van Buren	100.00	76	76
Washtenaw	99.03	310	307
West Michigan	100.00	56	56
Woodlands	100.00	30	30



**Indicator 1b: Percentage of Adults Receiving a Pre-Admission Screening for Psychiatric Inpatient Care for Whom the Disposition Was Completed Within Three Hours  
95% Standard**

