East Lansing Public Schools

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
(September 21, 2026) and (5:30pm-6:30pm)
(HUB at East Lansing High School)

1. **Opening of Meeting**
   a. Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by (Chair) Heather Findley at 5:35 pm. MHAC Committee Sign In Form

Present: Heather Findley, Brandon, Erin Crowe, Pauline, Lance, Alecia McGee, Kerry, Chloe, Catherine Vertalka, Erin Parcell

Absent: Dahlia, Annika, Janelle, Lewi

   b. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Erin Crowe and seconded by Catherine Vertalka.

   c. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the 04/13/26 was made by Erin Crowe and seconded by Kerry.

2. **Public Comment : None**

3. **Discussion Items**

- **Discussion Item 1: Welcome/Introductions**
  - **Welcome Activity** Members shared reasons they decided to join the committee. Discussion around music and how it connects us.

- **Discussion Item 2: Committee Assignments**
  Fin shared committee assignments and this year's focus areas.

  Committees are as follows:
  -Activities and Events Committee: Erin P. Janelle, Catherine, Annika, Dahlia, Erin C., Brandon, Lewi

  -District Crisis Response Committee: Alecia, Kerry, Chloe, Fin, Lance, Pauline

  Email follow up to go out the first week of October.
  Erin P. encouraged participants to attend activities and the Mental Health and Wellness Summit.

- **Activity**
- **Policy/Procedure**

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**Activities/Events**

Tuesday, December 15, 2026-Screenagers: The Next Chapter Viewing and Panel
Free Event at McDonald Middle School. Panel of local practitioners and parents to lead discussion following the film. Request for volunteers to attend and help run concessions

Wednesday, April 28, 2027-4th Annual Mental Health and Wellness Summit
Continuing search for vendors and volunteers. The summit will focus on all areas of wellness.

**Policy/Procedure**

- **District Crisis Response**

- We may discuss ways to support students, staff, and the community through policy updates, including reviewing our BTAM process and policy. Gov. Whitmer recently signed a new law taking effect October 1, 2026, and we need to ensure all required components are in place.
- Additional topics may be reviewed, with more information forthcoming in the coming weeks. Items will be finalized at our next meeting on November 16, 2026.

**Discussion Item 3**

**Review MHAC Bylaws** Bylaws were distributed to members for review. Quorum requirements were highlighted.

**New Business**

- **Sign Up to Purchase Shirt for Volunteering Purposes**
  - $8.00 Due S-2XL at Meeting November 16, 2026 by QR Code
  - $11.00 Due 3XL+ at Meeting November 16, 2016 by QR Code

- **Sign Up to Volunteer at Events** (Specifics to Discuss at Next Meeting)
- Tuesday, December 15, 2026-Screenagers: The Next Chapter
- Wednesday, April 28, 2027-4th Annual Mental Health and Wellness Summit

4. **Announcements** Feedback is encouraged, also snacks.

5. **Adjournment**

   Erin P moved to adjourn and seconded by Karry.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.