



**Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services Commission
Indiana Disability Rights
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**Mental Health Advisory Council – MHAC
Public Meeting Date: August 20, 2025 –
12:30pm (ET)
Meeting Minutes**

MHAC Attendees: J. Albiez-Dobranksy, J. Loop-Miller, T. Oakerson, M. McGuire, L. Rhody, R. Wilson, A. Westerfield (prospective member);
Absent: S. Moore, C. Thomas, A. Musters, R. Vilensky

IDR Attendees: M. Keyes, E. Munson, S. Adams, T. Frayer, M. Wickham, A. Jarrett, C. Ewoldt, D. Morris

- I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 12:34pm by R. Wilson as R. Vilensky was unavailable.
- II. Introductions – Council members, guests, and IDR staff introduced themselves.
- III. Changes to Agenda, if any – No changes noted.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2025 – M. McGuire motioned that the minutes be approved from the 5/14/2025 meeting; L. Rhody seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve minutes by unanimous voice vote.
- V. Reports:
 - A. Membership*
 - a. Vacancy – M. Keyes shared that there are two vacancies on the MHAC.
 - b. L. Rhody motioned that A. Westerfield be appointed to the MHAC; J. Loop-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried to appoint A. Westerfield to the MHAC, effective immediately, by unanimous voice vote. Council agreed to table the appointment consideration of Maya Bhagwat until the November meeting when they'll have an opportunity to speak with her.
 - B. ED Report/Quarterly Report (M. Keyes) – M. Keyes reported there is no additional budget info to report. She asked if anyone has questions on the Quarterly Report, to contact her.
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Officer Elections: Chair/ Vice Chair (M. Keyes)* – R. Wilson and M. Keyes asked for nominations for MHAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. T. Oakerson nominated Ryan Wilson for MHAC Chair and Jennifer Loop-Miller for MHAC Vice Chair. T. Oakerson motioned to elect Ryan as MHAC Chair; J. Loop-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried electing Ryan Wilson as MHAC Chair through May 2026 by unanimous voice vote. T. Oakerson motioned to elect Jennifer as MHAC Vice Chair; M. McGuire

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seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote electing Jennifer Loop-Miller as MHAC Vice Chair through May 2026.

VII. New Business:

- A. 2026 P&O Updates (M. Keyes)* – M. Keyes stated she hopes to have more information regarding funding and how it will affect P&Os at the meeting in November.

VIII. Comments, other business, announcements:

- A. T. Oakerson commented on his experience of serving on the MHAC as his term is ending, effective August 2025.

IX. Next Meeting Date: **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

- X. Meeting Adjournment: T. Oakerson motioned that the meeting be adjourned; J. Loop-Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 1:05pm (ET) to adjourn the meeting.

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*Voting Items
