

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)  
HEART, LUNG, AND LIVER (HLL) TRANSPLANTATION SERVICES  
STANDARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEETING**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Dr. Christopher Sonnenday called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**A. Members present:**

Dr. Christopher Sonnenday – Chairperson  
Dr. Damanpreet Bedi – Vice-Chairperson  
Dr. Heather Stamat  
Dr. Brian Fedoronko  
Dr. Hugh Lindsey  
Dr. Ammar Hassan  
Dr. Ahmed Nassar  
Dr. Deepak Venkat  
Dr. Joel Stracke  
Dr. John Serini  
Dr. Srinivas Janardan  
Jenna Beckman  
Jeff Muller  
Kelly Summers  
Makenzie Buchert

**B. Member Absent:**

None

**C. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Staff Present:**

Tiffani Stanton  
Marcus Connolly  
Ninah Sasy  
Tulika Bhattacharya  
Cliffaney Wilkinson  
Katherine Tucker  
Justin Easter

## **II. Introduction of Members of Staff**

Introduction of SAC members and MDHHS staff.

## **III. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared to prevent anyone from participating in the meeting.

## **IV. Review of Agenda**

Motion by M. Buchert, seconded by Dr. Janardan to approve the final agenda as presented. All in favor.

Motion carried.

## **V. Basic CON Overview**

Tiffani Stanton, MDHHS, provided an overview of the CON Commission and the SAC process.

## **VI. Review and Discussion of Charge**

Dr. Sonnenday discussed the summative statement that was presented to the CON Commission as his final report for the 2024-2025 HLL SAC. The 2025-2026 HLL SAC discussed the statement and how access was considered.

The SAC deliberated what materials could be required to complete the work for this SAC to consider analysis's for the cost and quality of a 4<sup>th</sup> liver transplant program in the state of Michigan.

## **VII. Next Steps**

The Chair, Dr. Sonnenday, would like SAC members to bring necessary data that considers the cost and quality of a 4<sup>th</sup> liver transplant program in the State of Michigan to the next SAC meeting for member deliberations. Data can be shared with the Department to circulate to the SAC members ahead of the meeting.

## **VIII. Public Comment**

None.

## **IX. Future Meeting Dates**

January 8, 2026; February 5, 2026; March 5, 2026; April 2, 2026; May 7, 2026

**X. Adjournment**

Motion by Dr. Lindsey, seconded by M. Buchert to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 AM. All in favor.

Motion carried.