

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Approved Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Dr. Christopher Sonnenday called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

A. Members present:

Dr. Christopher Sonnenday – Chairperson
Dr. Damanpreet Bedi – Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Joel Stracke
Dr. Ammar Hassan
Dr. Heather Stamat
Dr. Brian Fedoronko
Dr. Hugh Lindsey
Dr. Ahmed Nassar
Dr. Deepak Venkat (*Arrived 9:41 am*)
Dr. John Serini
Dr. Srinivas Janardan
Jeff Muller
Kelly Summers
Makenzie Buchert

B. Member Absent:

Jenna Beckman

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

Tiffani Stanton
Marcus Connolly
Tulika Bhattacharya
Cliffaney Wilkinson
Katherine Tucker

II. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

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

III. Review of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Stamat, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the final agenda with modifications including slides to be presented from Dr. Stamat. All in favor.

Motion carried.

IV. Review of Minutes of February 5, 2026

Motion Dr. Janardan, seconded by Dr. Stracke to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2026. All in favor.

Motion carried.

V. Review and Discussion of Liver Transplant Program Open and Closures

Dr. Sonnenday presented visual data from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) on liver transplant volumes, including programs that opened and closed during the reviewed time period.

Discussion followed.

VI. BCBS Insurance Premium Cost Drivers

Dr. Stamat presented high-level slides relating to costs that impact insurance premium rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield's (BCBS) perspective.

Discussion followed.

VII. Review and Discussion of Review Standards

Dr. Sonnenday discussed a draft of the review standards that included recommended edits he incorporated based on prior SAC meeting discussions.

Discussion followed.

VIII. Next Steps

Dr. Sonnenday requested the draft discussed during the meeting along with the slides presented by Dr. Stamat, be circulated to the SAC members to solicit feedback and suggest edits.

IX. Public Comment

None.

X. Future Meeting Dates

April 2, 2026; May 7, 2026

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Fedoronko, seconded by Dr. Janardan to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM. All in favor.

Motion carried.