Oakland County Mental Health Authority adds new board member

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The Oakland County Board of Commissioners have appointed a Royal Oak resident to the Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors.

Mary Kucharek was selected by the county board to work with fellow mental health authority board members to provide leadership in policy development, strategic analysis of the authority’s future, budgetary oversight and service delivery offered through the public mental health system.

“It is a privilege and honor to have been given the opportunity to work alongside so many gifted people, whose meaningful purpose is to enhance and promote all individuals, especially those that are most in need and deserving of compassion, respect and dignity,” said Kucharek. “I sincerely hope my perspectives can aid in this wonderful endeavor of OCCMHA.”

The authority’s board of directors’ responsibilities are in compliance with the laws of the State of Michigan, Oakland County, and the Mental Health Code, with the goal of ensuring that every effort is made to meet the needs of county residents.

Who is Mary Kucharek?

Kucharek received her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Detroit School of law. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Detroit as well.

Kucharek is a partner at Beier Howlett Attorneys and Counselors based in Troy and is a longtime community engaged Oakland County resident.

“For more than 20 years she (Kucharek) has effectively and enthusiastically worked with clients to represent their legal needs,” said Willie Brooks, mental health authority CEO.
Kucharek is the city attorney for the City of Orchard Lake Village, The Village of Lake Orion, and holds the position of assistant city attorney for the City of Birmingham.

The Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority is the public mental health system responsible for identifying, influencing, and delivering services and supports to approximately 25,000 Oakland County residents.

This includes individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, adults with mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and persons with substance use disorders.

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