

## **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**LANSING, MICH. — November 3, 2025** — The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) Board of Directors today announced the appointment of Alan Bolter as the organization’s incoming Chief Executive Officer, effective November 1, 2025. Bolter will succeed Robert Sheehan, who has successfully led CMHA for the past decade. Sheehan will continue serving as CEO through October 31, 2026, to ensure a seamless transition in leadership.

“We feel fortunate to have selected Alan as the next CEO of CMHA, given his caliber and proven track record,” said Craig Reiter, President of the CMHA Board of Directors. “Alan has spent the last 25 years dedicated to public policy and governmental affairs—14 of those years advocating on behalf of CMHA. We are confident he will continue to strengthen our mission of informing, educating, and advocating for mental health across Michigan.”

A distinguished and highly respected lobbyist, Bolter joined the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan in 2009 and has since been recognized multiple times among Michigan’s most effective association lobbyists by the MIRS/EPIC-MRA Michigan Insider’s Survey in 2019, 2021, 2023, and again in 2025. His work has been instrumental in advancing the expansion of CCBHC sites statewide, securing increased wages for direct care workers, and championing key state appropriations that have expanded access to essential behavioral health services throughout Michigan.

Prior to joining CMHA, Bolter spent 12 years in Michigan state government, including roles in the Lieutenant Governor’s office and as Chief of Staff in both chambers of the Legislature.

“Stepping into this new role is a tremendous honor,” said Alan Bolter. “I deeply believe in the mission of the Community Mental Health Association and feel privileged to work alongside so many dedicated professionals who share our commitment to ensuring consistent, reliable, and affordable healthcare for all Michiganders.”

The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (CMHA) is a trade association representing Michigan’s public mental health system, which delivers mental health, substance use disorder, and developmental disability services in every community across the state.

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