



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, October 27 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Beardmore resident Mike Beardmore at 6:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Alicia Abramski
Larry Hall
David White
Jarrett Barnhouse
Robert Marion
Laura Knab/Silwani

Absent

Eric Fowler
Mike Beardmore
Brett Nicholas
Larry Schwendeman

Staff

David Browne
George Goddard
Tara Plaughner
Heather Parcell
Tim Hahn

Guests

Mike Dennis - House of Hope
Joel Erb, House of Hope
Jovonnah Mayo - MHS
Lynda Sistrunk - MHS
Carla Archer - Compass
Ashley Rosenberg - Rigel Recovery

Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney
Tony Tuschner

Jennifer Simmons, FCRC

IV. Public Statements

Deputy Matt Martin and Deputy Elli Reynolds who also serve as School Resource Officers (SROs) from The Sherriff’s Department introduced Axel and Wednesday, two new County therapy dogs that Board funding helped to purchase. The dogs are 6-month-old Burnadoodle siblings that assist the SROs with their daily tasks. Matt and Axel are posted at Fort Frye Local Schools while Ellie and Wednesday are posted at Warren Local Schools. The therapy dogs assist children with mood regulation and help build a supportive relationship with law enforcement.

Veteran Jarod Smith and Gary Ward representatives for The Silent Battle shared information on the Silent Battle Statue that is being erected at the Marietta Gold Star Park in the spring of 2023. Gary Ward shared that 12-25 veterans are lost every day to suicide. The Silent Battle Silent Battle statue is to raise awareness for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and suicide ideation specifically for veterans. The committee is still in the fundraising stage of planning. There are already many community partners working to help this monument come to fruition. All sponsors of the initiative will have their names included on the base of the statue.

V. Agenda Revisions - The following revisions were made to the agenda:

Under X. Agency Reports

I. Building Bridges to Careers

Under XIII. New Business

C. Silent Battle

D. House of Hope

VI. Approval of Minutes – August 25th, 2022

Motion #43.2022

It was moved and seconded (**Brett Nicholas, Robert Marion**) to approve the September 22nd, 2022 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Members of the Board held a brief discussion on Rigel Recover Residential Center’s final detox payments and ways to strengthen the contract moving forward.

Motion # 44.2022

It was moved and seconded (**Eric Fowler, Brett Nicholas**) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	

VIII. Director’s Report

David Browne shared his excitement for the future of the Board with new staff. He introduced Heather Parcell as the new Administrative Assistant and is looking forward to Tim Hahn joining the team in December as an Assistant Director.

There is no movement on the Recovery Housing. Board member, Jarrett Barnhouse is a co-owner of CAIRN recovery and has shown interest in offering recovery housing here in Washington County...

The Rigel Recovery Residential Center (RRRC) accepted their last detox client on September 29, 2022.

There is \$230,000 allocated to the board through a grant from the state. This money is State Opioid and Stimulant Response funding that originated as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Request for Proposals can be found on the Board website www.wcbhb.org. Money must be spent or encumbered by September 30, 2023.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Director, George Goddard added to his report that the Community Assessment Plan (CAP) survey was included in the Board packet and a link was sent electronically. Completed surveys will

provide a better view on current gaps in the continuum of care. He asked that the surveys be completed by November 14, 2022 allowing the information to be submitted to the state by January 31, 2023.

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Buckeye Hills has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out through an Appalachian Community Grant Program with a minimum ask of 1 Million dollars focusing on Infrastructure, Healthcare and, Workforce Development.

Tara Plaughter shared that the Recovery Summit was hosted in Washington County for the 1st time in 17 years.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

- A. Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio-** Jennifer Simmons shared that Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio has been approved through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services for the past three years to offer the Driver Intervention Program (DIP) but struggles to receive referrals. She asked that attendees share the resource with others.
- B. Hopewell Health-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. House of Hope-** Mike Dennis added to his report that the House of Hope has set the monthly highest attendance record. The House of Hope Board has decided that since attendance is increasing and the current space is limited, the search for a new location is in motion.
- D. Integrated Services-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Life & Purpose Behavioral Health-** Life & Purpose Behavioral Health will be losing its Clinical Director Janice McFarland.
- F. Memorial Health Systems –** There was no representative in attendance. A report was not submitted. Tara Plaughter passed along an invite from Linda Sistrunk to all Board members to contact her to schedule a time to shadow the peer program.
- G. Rigel/Oriana House-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. The Right Path –** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- I. Building Bridges 2 Careers –** Heather Miller shared that Building Bridges 2 Careers is bridging the gap in careers. The career and mentor program is working in all middle and high schools in the community. Heather also mentioned they could use some volunteers for the December 8, 2022 event to come out and have a table and discuss mental health or activities.

The agency reports that were received will be filed with the minutes.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations – In addition to the report, George Goddard shared that the committee plans to review Request for Proposals (RFPs). Laura Silwani invited Board members to attend the next meeting scheduled for November 10, 2022 at 5:25 at the Board office.

XII. Old Business-

A. November and December Board Meeting Dates- After a brief discussion it was decided to combine the November and December Board meetings.

Motion #45.2022

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to move November’s board meeting to December 15, 2022 due to the November meeting falling on Thanksgiving. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

XIII. New Business

A. Resolution- the Resolution document was included in the board packet. The proposed resolution would support the intent to update the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 340 permitting Medicaid patient care trends to be shared with County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Boards allowing a better understanding of the needs of Washington County residents. Dr. Raney suggested endorsing the idea of modernizing ORC 340 without mentioning House Bill 523 due to the possibility of changes. After a short discussion, it was agreed to support the Resolutions as is.

Motion #46.2022

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Dr. Raney) to pass the Resolution that The Washington County Behavioral Health Board calls on the Ohio General Assembly to pass House Bill 523 to make needed changes to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

- B. Washington County Community Assessment & Plan Survey (CAP)** - Discussion took place under Staff Reports.
- C. Silent Battle** – Members of the Board held a discussion on the best ways to contribute to the Silent Battle monument.

Motion #47.2022

It was moved and seconded (Anthony Touschner, Brett Nicholas) to donate \$2,500 to the Silent Battle Memorial.

Jarod Smith made a suggestion to make the donation more meaningful and promote attendance for the May dedication ceremony by sponsoring the Eyes of Freedom traveling memorial in the amount of \$3,500.

Motion #48.2022

It was moved and seconded (Anthony Touschner, Brett Nicholas) to amend the amount donated from \$2,500 to \$3,500 to the Silent Battle Memorial for the Eyes of Freedom Traveling Memorial. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

D. House of Hope – The House of Hope is requesting additional funding to support an increase in pay for all staff. This would be a permanent increase.

Motion #49.2022 It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Larry Schwendeman) to increase annual funding to House of Hope in the amount of \$13,000 to cover an increase in payroll and other expenses as they see fit. The motion passed with the following votes:

Abramski	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Marion	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Silwani	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

XIX. Good of the Order

Mike Dennis shared that the Mental Health Court Program is referring clients to the House of Hope for resources. He also reminded the Board that they will need to move soon to best serve their members.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
 December 15, 2022**

Respectfully Submitted,
 Tara Plaugher/Heather Parcell

