



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, December 15, 2022 ~ 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 Treasurer Jarrett Barnhouse at 6:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Alicia Abramski
Larry Hall
David White
Jarrett Barnhouse
Robert Marion
Laura Knab/Silwani
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney
Tony Tuschner

Absent

Eric Fowler
Mike Beardmore
Brett Nicholas
Larry Schwendeman

Staff

David Browne
George Goddard
Tara Plaugher
Heather Parcell
Tim Hahn

Guests

Mike Dennis - House of Hope
Joel Erb, House of Hope
Jovonnah Mayo – Marietta Health System
Lynda Sistrunk – Marietta Health System
Carla Archer – Compass Drug Court/Oriana House
Ashley Rosenberg - Rigel Recovery/Oriana House
Doug Pfiefer – Life & Purpose
Jennifer Simmons, FCRC

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

There were no agenda revisions offered.

VI. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2022

Motion #50.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Alicia Abramski) to approve the October 27, 2022 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Members of the Board held a brief discussion on the budget.

Motion # 51.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Robert Marion) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

VIII. Director’s Report

There was no report submitted for December, however, Dave stated that there will be an executive director’s report for the January Board meeting.

David Browne introduced Tim Hahn as an Assistant Director who worked at Presley ridge youth residential housing and then as a mental health specialist in WV for 3 years. Dave assured the board that the staff was settling in nicely.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Director, George Goddard informed the board that the Community Assessment Plan has helped to identify the challenges and the gaps in the care continuum in Washington County. Some of the major challenges are identified as: mental, emotional, and behavioral health conditions in children and adults; children in out-of-home placement; and adults with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. The major gaps identified include a lack of crisis services and shortages in the mental health and substance use disorder treatment workforces. The deadline for the submission of the assessment and plan is January 31, 2023, and George will share the results with the board and start planning for services.

The SOS 3.0 is now closed for applications, however, we are still taking Requests for Proposals (RFP). To date, we have received 2 RFPs, one from Memorial Health Systems and the other from JFS for Peer Services and Peer Recovery Support.

In August, L&P Services requested us to fund the start-up of an MRSS infrastructure in Washington County which provides services to children in non-emergency crisis. We received notice this week that \$113,620 is available to the board for MRSS Infrastructure.

The WCBHB has sent out an RFP for the purpose of soliciting applications to set up a NAMI charter in Washington County. The deadline for the proposals is January 13, 2023.

Tara Plaugher had nothing to add.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- B. House of Hope-** Mike Dennis added to his report that the House of Hope received another grant for the van which puts the balance needed at about \$3,000.
- C. Life & Purpose Behavioral Health-** Life & Purpose Behavioral Health will be losing its Clinical Director Janice McFarland.
- D. Memorial Health Systems –** There was no representative in attendance. A report was not submitted. Tara Plaugher passed along an invite from Linda Sistrunk to all Board members to contact her to schedule a time to shadow the peer program.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. The Right Path –** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. PAX -** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio-** Jennifer Simmons shared that Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio has had the Driver Intervention Program (DIP) for 3 years but, struggles to receive referrals with the exception of WV clients that are coming to FCRCO for their classes. She also shared that the FCRCO is also an approved IHPT provider, one of the few in the state of Ohio, and is not receiving referrals for this as well.

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

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations –** Laura Silwani shared that the PP&O meeting had a great turnout. She also stated that it was decided to table the House of Hope relocation at this time due to no plans for the recovery housing at that facility. Laura shared that Doug Pfeifer appeared before the committee to request an advance on his current contract and that the decision was reached to provide a \$25,000 advance as allowed under board policy in accordance with the current contract with L&P Services and to bring the discussion of an additional \$25,000 advance at the board meeting. Laura Silwani invited Board members to attend the next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2023 at 5:25 at the Board office.

XII. Old Business-

There was no old business discussed.

XIII. New Business

- A. **L&P Advance** – A discussion was held for providing L & P Services with an additional \$25,000 advance due to a lag in reimbursements from Medicaid and Private insurers as well as a lag in Medicaid's approval of qualified/credentialed staff has led to low billing. L&P also indicated that an advance was required for L&P to avoid a disruption of services that could occur as early as this month. Several committee members expressed serious concerns as to the long-term viability of L&P Services due to the cash flow issues they are experiencing.

Motion #45.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Dr. Raney) to ratify the \$25,000 advance previously given as allowed under board policy in accordance with the current contract with L&P services AND, provide an additional \$25,000 advance to L&P Services under their current contract. 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

- B. **Social Platforms** – George discussed with the service providers that if they wanted to share their services, events, or opportunities send info to Heather Parcell and she can get it posted to social platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

XIX. Good of the Order

Discussion took place under the PP&O committee.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
January 26, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher/Heather Parcell

Board President Signature