



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, February 24~ 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting held via Zoom and In-person  
1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dr. Jim Raney at 6:01 p.m. President Mike Beardmore was absent, Vice President Jim Raney chaired the meeting.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Eric Fowler, J.D.  
Larry Hall  
Brett Nicholas, 18:46  
Beverly Prigge  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Anthony Touschner, J.D.  
David White  
Michael Williams, Ph. D.

**Absent**

Michael Beardmore  
Laura Knab, J.D.

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaughter  
Tammy Harris

**Guests**

Dick Wittberg, CHIA  
Mike Dennis, HOH  
Doug Pfiefer, L&P  
Carla Archer, Oriana, zoom  
Candice Jeffers, Oriana, zoom

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

*Add new business D. Levy Renewal Campaign Funding and move item D. as agenda item E.  
2022 Annual Board Member Training Confidentiality*

**VI. Approval of Minutes – January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Motion # X.2022**

**A quorum was not met in January so the Board was unable to document formal minutes.** The Board will review the meeting notes and notes will be discussed under new business

## VII. Treasurer’s Report

David Browne shared that there was an advancement of funds in the amount of \$116,000 for capital improvement funds from the state to bring Oriana House’s North Rt. 7 Facility up to code to provide services. Future improvements include expanded parking lot, electrical work, sewerage the building, etc. Oriana house now owns the 812 3<sup>rd</sup> street Marietta building and is has a 7-year lease to own the 28407 St. Rt. 7 Marietta building.

### Motion # 08.2022

It was moved and seconded (Larry Hall, Larry Schwendeman) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. Jarrett Barnhouse was temporarily absent for voting. The motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## VIII. Director’s Report

David Browne asked Dick Wittberg to share updates on the 5<sup>th</sup> street recovery housing. Dick shared that Unstoppable Potential currently has a rent-to-own agreement for the property. The house is named “Rise Up”, a play-off of the business name. He stated the house will be monitored by an Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporter “house mom”. He currently has one female residing in the home and plans to have another moved in by Monday. He is currently not advertising but relying on word of mouth since he has limited capacity. He shared that he sees a need for future conversations with David on applying for capital improvement funds. He predicts he will need \$70,000-\$80,000 for upgrades including a sprinkler system. Dave shared he will check what funds were used when the Board previously upgraded the roof and hot water tanks for the property. Dick shared that full capacity with improvements would allow up to 12 women to reside in the recovery home. One additional obstacle would include getting the city’s blessing to bring the resident beyond the status of a “multi-system dwelling”.

## IX. Staff Reports

Shaeleigh Sprigg shared the board will be approving the Annual Report and the Strategic plan (shared in December and January) when ratifying the executive committee’s decisions under new business.

Reports will be filed with the minutes.

**X. Agency Reports**

- A. Hopewell Health-** Dick Wittberg shared that there were slightly longer wait times for appointments due to recent inclement weather. David Browne asked that the agencies start submitting their board reports in the “SWOT” format. Dick shared he will relay the message.
- B. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose –** David Browne shared he liked that Life & Purpose was sharing their telehealth stats and that it has to be an advantage to reduce the number of missed appointments. Doug Pfeifer concurred that many clients move to telehealth versus canceling appointments.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** January 28<sup>th</sup> marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Compass Drug Court in Washington County. Carla Archer also shared that drug court staff is willing to assist and offer advice to the mental health court as they bring their docket up to a larger caseload.
- E. Memorial Health Systems –** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA) –** Dick Wittberg shared that outside of his previous updates on the Recovery House “Rise Up”, he is pleased with the growth of the peer recovery workforce in Washington County. He is interested in investigating stigma through interviews with community partners including the hospital and law enforcement. He is also working with employers to support a healthy culture, friendly to those in recovery. He is working with “Profusion” on hiring a cohort of peers and offering peer support during work shifts to strengthen support, sustained recovery, and improve workforce retention. He sent 12 resumes over to fill shiftwork roles with a pay of \$16-\$18 an hour.
- G. House of Hope –** Mike Dennis shared that for the first time since he has been Director for the House of Hope (HoH) they are fully staffed with 2 full-time employees, 1 AmeriCorps worker, and 1 worker through the Goodwill job training program. He is very happy with his current staff and shared they are doing great work. The County Home is only allowing residents to visit the HoH if they agree to quarantine 5 days after visiting. This has significantly reduced County Home attendance. Staff and members miss their presence.
- H. The Right Path –** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Program Planning & Oversight/ Community Relations** – The committees are currently on “pause” while the Political Action Committee Meetings occur every Tuesday evening, 5:15 p.m. at 1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta to discuss the levy renewal as the Political Action Committee (PAC).

**XII. Old Business-**  
 None Offered.

**XIII. New Business-**

**A. December 2021 Executive Committee- Approve Minutes and Ratify Decisions Made-**

The Executive Committee met in December to address agenda items of the December full board meeting that did not meet a quorum. The official language for the “Behavioral Health Levy-Renewal-5 Years” provided by the Washington County Board of Elections was reviewed by the Executive Committee and included in the Board packet.

**Motion # 09.2022**

**It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Tony Touschner)** to approve the official wording of the Behavioral Health Levy Renewal provided by the Washington County Board of Elections. The motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion # 10.2022**

**It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Beverly Prigge)** to approve the minutes of the December 2021 Executive Committee and ratify the decisions made. The motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**B. January 2022 (Feb 4<sup>th</sup>) Executive Committee- Approve Minutes and Ratify Decisions Made-**

The Executive Committee met on February 4 to address agenda items of the January full board meeting that did not meet a quorum. A discussion was held around student wellness funds. David Browne shared that \$3.2 million dollars were allocated to local school districts over the past two years for “student wellness”. In previous years, the funds were more flexible. Now, the funds are earmarked for direct “student wellness”, which includes both physical and mental health. Life & Purpose and Hopewell are in most school districts already. It is proposed (and not yet further discussed) that the Board may be better serve the school districts if they match a percentage of the student wellness funds to have schools directly contract with providers for mental health services and prevention programs. For the upcoming fiscal year 2023, these changes will not be reflected in the contracts but should be discussed for future contracts if the schools continue to receive significant funding.

A discussion was held around revoking health officers. David Browne shared he is working with Life & Purpose to identify some health officers to continue to be able to pink slip from crisis jail services. The Board members would like more information to determine if there is a need to appoint additional health officers from other community behavioral health agencies in Washington County. David Browne is going to look into this issue further. Tara Plaugher will send out a webinar that was provided by Ohio MHAS on “pink slips and involuntary commitment”.

**Motion # 11.2022**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Beverly Prigge)** to approve the minutes of the January 2022 Executive Committee held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and ratify the decisions made. The Motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**C. Executive Director Evaluation Committee-** Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that due to the Culture of Quality, it is an annual requirement to complete an evaluation of the Executive Director and staff. Staff evaluations will be completed by the Executive Director, while the Board will complete the Executive Director Evaluation. Evaluations are due by the March Board meeting. At the March Board Meeting, President Mike Beardmore will appoint an Executive Director Review Committee to go over the evaluation forms.

**D. Levy Renewal Campaign Funding-** David Browne shared that the original levy campaign 5 years ago cost \$90,000, the renewal is projected to cost roughly \$60,000. Eric Fowler shared that the additional cost could be “overkill” for a levy renewal.

**Motion # 12.2022**

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to authorize the Executive Director to allocate up to \$60,000 to support the mental health levy renewal campaign. The Motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**E. 2022 Annual Board Member Training – Confidentiality-** The Board watched a 15-minute training video provided by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) for Confidentiality. Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) recognize OACBHA as an approved vendor to meet Ohio Revised Code criteria for annual board training.

**XIV. Good of the Order**

David wished to congratulate the Board and thank the staff for receiving the “Culture of Quality” accreditation. He shared that the Board began working on the accreditation in 2006. When the levy passed in 2017, David shared he knew it was time to become accredited and demonstrate our accountability to the public with the entrusted levy funds. The Washington County Behavioral Health Board is 1 of 35 Boards across the state to be accredited. Also, a standing ovation was dedicated to Shaeleigh Sprigg for completing her Master’s program.

Eric Fowler wished to recognize Jim Raney for all of his dedication and hard work in passing the initial mental health levy in 2017. Jim chimed in that Michael Beardmore also contributed significantly to the efforts of the campaign. Eric expressed full confidence in the levy renewal passing and continuing the good work the Board provides to the community.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**March 24, 2022**

When: March 24, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

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**Respectfully Submitted,  
 Shaeleigh Sprigg**

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Board President Signature