



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, March 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 President Mike Beardmore at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Eric Fowler, J.D.
Larry Hall, 18:04
Laura Knab, J.D.
Brett Nicholas, 18:02
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Anthony Touschner, J.D., 18:20
David White

Absent

Beverly Prigge
Larry Schwendeman
Michael Williams, Ph. D.

Staff

David Browne
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Tara Plaughner
Tammy Harris, 18:14

Guests

Dick Wittberg, CHIA
Carla Archer, Oriana
Jovonnah Mayo, MHS

Zoom Guests

Jennifer Simmons, FCFC

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

There were no agenda revisions offered.

VI. Approval of Minutes – February 24th 2022

Motion # 13.2022

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, David White) to approve the minutes of the February 24th, 2022 Board meeting. Touschner was not yet present during the roll call vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Jim Raney raised question about the state crisis flexible funding increase shown on page 10 of the report. David Browne shared that he accepted regional funds that other boards passed on. Acquired funds will support residential and detox beds at Rigel Recovery Residential Center.

Larry Hall (treasurer) gave kudos to David for remaining under budget.

Motion # 14.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Knab, Eric Fowler) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. Tuschner was not yet present during the roll call vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

VIII. Director’s Report

David Browne shared that he is working with other boards in the Southeast region to bring in a youth/children’s crisis stabilization unit. There is a major need for these services in SE Ohio, most generally, youth are transported to Columbus or further to receive crisis services. Integrated Services operates a crisis stabilization center for youth in Nelsonville, but the need far outweighs the availability. He shared that current plans suggest placing the new facility in Guernsey County, the most central county among the boards working together on this project.

IX. Staff Reports

Shaeleigh Sprigg wanted to highlight the two state-level awards being given to local Washington County “CIT” steering committee members. Allan “AJ” Linscott, Detective, Marietta Police Department is being recognized as the Crisis Intervention Team Patrol Officer of the Year and Linda Sistrunk, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Memorial Health Systems is being recognized as the Crisis Intervention Team Health Professional of the Year. Award and recognition will take place on April 6th, 2022 at the Columbus Police Department. An article will be published in the Marietta Times after pictures at the event are taken.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health-** David Browne clarified that Hopewell only offers transportation to Hopewell clients to Hopewell appointments.
- B. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose –** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** Carla Archer shared that referrals are up! There are now 12 active referrals for drug court (her report submitted last week had 4). Two participants are working on their graduation projects. One participant is working on a “take and leave” box, like the take a book leave a book box in town, for non-perishable foods. Carla also shared that a local business reached out to offer employment to drug court participants, which demonstrates how far we have come with stigma locally. She shared that currently all outpatient level drug court participants are employed! She welcomed anyone that wished to attend Drug Court on Mondays, as they are open to the public.
- E. Memorial Health Systems** – Jovonnah Mayo, Peer Recovery Supporter, shared that Memorial Health System has an award of decreasing the use of physical/chemical restraints and increasing the safety of staff from injuries from combative patients. These outcomes are attributed to the training provided by the Behavioral Health Crisis department around de-escalation techniques. They will receive recognition and a formal award in July.
- F. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** – Dick Wittberg shared that CHIA is working diligently on pulling together the documents for getting the recovery house certified. He wanted to provide a shout-out to Tara Plaughter for assisting with the handbook. He hopes to have all the paperwork pulled together by the end of April. He shared that capital improvement will be a priority next year, right now he is just focusing on getting the supervision in place through AmeriCorps peer recovery supporters and obtaining certification. Dick shared that David Browne estimated approximately \$80,000 for the capital improvements from the previous evaluation by the city engineer, including a sprinkler system, fire escape, a second ground level exit, etc.
- G. House of Hope** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. The Right Path** – Tara Plaughter shared that Spagna’s spaghetti dinner fundraiser had the best attendance in years.

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). Jim Raney explained the calendar timeline of the deliverables associated with the levy renewal campaign. Jim also encouraged Board members to write letters to the editor in favor of the levy renewal.

XII. Old Business-

None Offered.

XIII. New Business-

A. Designate Executive Director Evaluation Committee

President Mike Beardmore appointed the following board members for the Executive Director Evaluation Committee to review director evaluation forms prior to the May board meeting.

- Larry Schwendeman
- Laura Knab
- Jim Raney
- Beverly Prigge
- Mike Beardmore

XIV. Good of the Order

Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that the Board is currently accepting applications for the Behavioral Health Matters scholarship. There are (3) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each for Washington County residents pursuing a degree in social work, counseling, and/or addiction.

Tara Plaugher shared that the House of Hope (HoH) included an invitation in their board report inviting everyone to the 2nd annual open house on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a door prize, there will be activities for children including a bounce house, and opportunity for board members to walk through the facility to see renovations and updates. Lunch will be provided around 1 p.m.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 2022

When: April 28, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZolfuysrDwpEtem7XgUgrwTc_h_vJlRsoUj

**Respectfully Submitted,
Shaeleigh Sprigg**

Board President Signature