



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD  
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Thursday, May 26 ~ 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**

Alicia Abramski, LCP-P-S  
Michael Beardmore  
Eric Fowler, J.D.  
Larry Hall, left 18:10  
Laura Knab, J.D.  
Brett Nicholas, zoom  
Beverly Prigge  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Anthony Tuschner, J.D.

**Absent**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
David White

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaughter

**Guests**

Mike Dennis, HoH  
Dick Wittberg, CHIA  
Doug Pfeifer, L&P  
Chrissy Durham, zoom  
Carla Archer, Oriana  
Candice Jeffers, Rigel  
Randy Fish, Rigel  
Billie Welsh, Rigel  
Ashley Rosenberg, Rigel  
Linda Sistrunk, MHS  
Anastasia Beaverhausen

**IV. Public Statements**

President Mike Beardmore wished to publicly thank the citizens of Washington County for their vote of confidence and passage of the mental health levy renewal.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

No agenda revisions offered.

**VI. Approval of Minutes – April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Motion # 19.2022**

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

David Browne shared that membership dues are over budget by 1300% due to paying next year’s OACBHA membership.

**Motion # 20.2022**

It was moved and seconded (Laura Knab, Jim Raney) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. Larry Hall was temporarily unavailable for the vote. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**VIII. Director’s Report**

David Browne explained he did not submit a report this month due to vacation schedules. He shared that during mental health levy renewal campaigning, the Program Planning and Oversight Committee was replaced with the Political Action Committee. He asked that since the levy renewal passed on May 3<sup>rd</sup> that the PP&OC reconvene to discuss salary schedules and position advertising for hiring. He also updated that provider contracts will be included in the June board packet for the upcoming fiscal year.

**IX. Staff Reports**

There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

**X. Agency Reports**

- A. Hopewell Health-** Dick Wittberg shared that Sherry Shamblin will have end-of-year reporting in the June board report.
- B. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose –** Doug Pfeifer shared he will be submitting a proposal to the Board to review at the next PPOC committee meeting.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** Candice Jeffers shared that Rigel Residential services have been at full capacity. Detox beds are still available. New staff has joined the RRRC team. Randy Smith transitioned from Brightview into a new role as Rigel’s Operations Supervisor. Ashley Rosenberg, who has been employed by Oriana House, stationed in Akron, has begun working in Washington County as a clinical administrator. Ashley is an LPCC-S and will provide clinical supervision at RRRC Monday-Wednesday. Candice shared that Ashley opened the diversion center in Cleveland, and her experience will make her a great asset to the local team.

- E. Memorial Health Systems** – Linda Sistrunk shared there has been a temporary hold on beds request submitted to Ohio Department of Mental Health. She shared they are reducing their geri-psych beds from 17 to 10. The average census is around 12 beds and only 1 patient has had to be diverted since the bed reduction. The patient was placed at River Vista in Columbus. She shared that there is a nursing shortage so many nurses have been moved to ICU and main inpatient units. Linda anticipates nurses will be coming back to the area in need of a job with recent legislation on nursing contracts. Linda also had an update on utilizing swing beds in Sistersville for recovery services. She clarified that the services are not residential or detox, but rather medically supervised for IV antibiotics and daily peer recovery services. She shared that 15 individuals have went, 14 continued sobriety, and the 1 that relapsed has since been back to the hospital for care. After their 6-week stay for antibiotic treatment, all have progressed into residential treatment services.
- F. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** – Dick Wittberg shared that they had to close the recovery house at 812 5<sup>th</sup> street as of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. He shared his appreciation toward the Board for giving him the opportunity to try to run the recovery house. He shared that the closure is a result of losing the Ohio AmeriCorps grant, which funded half of his positions with CHIA. He shared he still has the West Virginia grant, which funds 16 total members, half of which he can place in Ohio. Board member Tony Touschner asked who owns the 812 5<sup>th</sup> street residence, which Dick replied “Land of Goshen”. He shared that his for-profit, Unstoppable Potential has a land contract agreement, where he paid \$2,100 a month with \$1,800 of that going towards the principle to own the property. Dick finished his update by stating he is trying to mend the damaged relationships and harm he has caused with the loss of funding.
- G. House of Hope** – Mike Dennis stated over 100 attended the House of Hope’s 2<sup>nd</sup> annual open house on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He also updated the Board that the HoH is fundraising for a new van by selling t-shirts and plans to host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. He stated that he is pursuing an Ohio Department of Transportation grant that may help the HoH to “lease” a van. He will update when he knows more.
- H. The Right Path** – Mike Beardmore shared that Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the Right Path had 127 dinners sold at their annual Fish Fry at the VFW. He also shared that he encouraged Cathy Harper to submit a proposal for the outstanding funds needed to host an additional mini farmers market in New Matamoras.

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

## **XI. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Director Evaluation Committee** – Mike Beardmore, committee chair, shared the committee reviewed the executive director evaluation forms. He stated the committee and David Browne will follow up the evaluation by determining new salary schedules for staff and determining a retirement schedule for his employment with the Board.

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

**XIII. New Business-**  
**A. Slate of Officers Nominations-**

Mike Beardmore appointed the following to be members of the nominating committee:

- Eric Fowler (Chair)
- Laura Knab
- Jarret Barnhouse

Below are nominations from the floor:

**President**

Mike Beardmore (Larry S, Jim R.)

**Vice President**

Jim Raney (Mike B)  
Eric Fowler (Jim R. Mike B.)  
David White (Tony T.)

**Treasurer**

Jarret Barnhouse (Eric F, Jim R.)

**Voting for officers will occur at the June Board meeting.**

**B. Appoint Scholarship Recipient Committee**

President Mike Beardmore appointed the following to be members of the Scholarship Recipient Committee:

- Laura Knab (Chair)
- Beverly Prigge
- Mike Beardmore
- Tony Touschner
- Alicia Abramski
- Larry Schwendeman

The Committee is scheduled to meet June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 PM at Schwendeman Insurance Agency on Putnam Street.

**XIX. Good of the Order**

Larry Hall shared information on a new app for cell phones called the “Not Okay” app. The app connects the user to trusted contacts (friends, family, counselor, etc.).

David Browne updated the Board that Shaeleigh Sprigg put in her two weeks’ notice and her last day will be Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He shared that he plans to post the Deputy Director job posting early next week. He also let the Board know he has plans to hire a fiscal director and will be advertising for it as well.

Mike Beardmore requested that the Board treat Oriana Reserve Center to pizza for their assistance on putting out the large levy signs. Tara Plaughter will contact Eric Brockmeier to make arrangements.

Finally, Jim Raney called for a PPOC committee meeting to occur on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm at the Board Office. The agenda will consist of the L&P proposal mentioned by Doug Pfeifer, the Right Path Proposal for the mini farmers market, and a review of the current pay scale.

Those in attendance gave Shaeleigh Sprigg a big thanks for all of her accomplishments and hard work while at the Behavioral Health Board.

**XX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**June 23, 2022**

When: June 23, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZolfuysrDwpEtem7XgUgrwTc\\_h\\_vJIRsoUj](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZolfuysrDwpEtem7XgUgrwTc_h_vJIRsoUj)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaeleigh Sprigg**

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Board President Signature