



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
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Thursday, June 23 ~ 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 Jim Raney at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Alicia Abramski, LCPP-S
Jarrett Barnhouse
Larry Hall
Laura Silwani, J.D.
Brett Nicholas
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Anthony Touschner, J.D.
David White

Absent

Michael Beardmore
Eric Fowler, J.D.
Beverly Prigge
Larry Schwendeman

Staff

David Browne
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Dough Pfeifer, L&P
Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell
Coda Kyle, Rigel
Dick Wittberg, CHIA
Carla Archer, Compass

IV. Public Statements

No public statements were offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

Under **XIII. New Business** Add Staff Positions to **C. Pay Scale**

VI. Approval of Minutes – May 26th, 2022

Motion # 21.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Brett Nicholas) to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2022 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion # 22.2022

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

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

VIII. Director's Report

David Browne shared that the Washington County Commissioners asked the Board for a one-time donation of \$10,000 to support the purchase of two therapy dogs for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Browne also mentioned that he plans to retire in the spring of 2023 and would like Board involvement with the hiring of vacant staff positions that could potentially lead to his replacement.

IX. Staff Reports

Tara Plaugher added that she and staff from Oriana House attended the annual Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) two-day Opiate and Other Drugs Conference in Columbus on June 6&7.

Laura Silwani thanked Tara for her hard work coordinating the second annual Appreciation Dinner that took place on Thursday, June 16.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health-** Summer groups for youth have started and are well attended. Hopewell Health is one position away from being fully staffed (knock on wood)! Sherry Shamblin called attention to the Washington County First Responder Mental Health Initiative flyer that was included in the report, inviting attendees to share with others.
- B. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose –** Doug Pfeifer shared that the ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) program has increased staffing to ensure they are providing treatment with fidelity. The ACT program is also used in conjunction with the Mental Health Court. David Browne asked those in attendance that provide mental health services if they are noticing a reduction in staff due to the OhioRise program. The OhioRise program is high-intensity coordination for youth. The consensus was yes; the new program is drawing staff from an already strained workforce pool. Attendees held a lengthy discussion on the OhioRise kick-off scheduled for July 1, 2022.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** Coda Kyle reporting on the Rigel outpatient facility on Rt. 7 shared that they have been operating with two staff for the past year, recently expanded to four and clientele is growing. Rigel now offers sublocade in addition to other forms of medication-assisted treatment and plans to offer case management that would include transportation assistance to and from appointments.
- E. Memorial Health Systems –** No report was received.
- F. House of Hope –** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. 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 committee met on Tuesday, June 14 to discuss the Life & Purpose Behavioral Health- Life Space Crisis Intervention proposal, New Matamoras Mini Farmer’s Market proposal submitted by The Right Path for Washington County, and review the salary schedules for Board staff, current staff positions, and possible recruiting incentives.

XII. Old Business-

A. Election of Officers- Chair of the Nominating Committee, Eric Fowler was not in attendance but did report that there were no additional nominations from the ones offered during the May meeting. Vice President Raney opened the floor to additional nominations. There were no additional nominations offered.

Motion #23.2022

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Laura Silwani) to close the floor for nominations. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Slate of Officers:

President-

Mike Beardmore

Motion #24.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to re-elect Mike Beardmore as President of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Vice President- Dr. Raney shared that he accepted a position at the Civil Service Commission that could potentially restrict his availability to fulfill the role of Vice President.

Motion #25.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to have a roll call vote for Vice President for the following nominees: Jim Raney, Eric Fowler, and David White. Eric Fowler was voted in as Vice President of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board with a majority vote.

Jim Raney

Larry Hall

Eric Fowler

Alicia Abramski

Jarrett Barnhouse

Laura Silwani

Jim Raney

David White

David White

Brett Nicholas

Tony Touschner

Treasurer-

Jarrett Barnhouse

Motion #26.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to elect Jarrett Barnhouse as Treasurer of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XIII. New Business-

- A. FY 2022-2023 Budget-** The projected budget was shared with attendees. David Browne shared that the projected budget is a formality; a spending plan subject to change.

Motion #27.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to accept the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

- B. FY 2023-2024 Budget-** The projected budget was shared with attendees. David Browne added that the future budget looks as though an increase in the mental health levy and/or a grant writer would be beneficial to ensure financial support will be available for current and expanding services. A brief discussion was held on budget line items including Oriana RRRRC expected commitment and ways to decrease the Board contribution toward room and board.

Motion #28.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to accept the FY 2023-2024 proposed budget. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

- C. Pay Scale & Staff Positions-** The updated pay scale was included in the Board packet. Current staff positions were discussed during the PP&OC meeting as previously mentioned.

Motion #29.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Brett Nicholas) to approve the updated pay scale. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Motion #30.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Larry Hall) to combine the Program, Compliance, and Fiscal Director Staff positions as an Assistant Director position; responsibilities of the updated position will encompass the combined position descriptions following the approved Deputy Director pay scale. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

D. Life & Purpose Behavioral Health Contract- No changes made to the contract from the previous year.

Motion #31.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Brett Nicholas) to approve the contract renewal for Life and Purpose Behavioral Health in the amount of \$325,000 for FY 2022-2023. David White was temporarily absent. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

E. Hopewell Health Contract- No significant changes were made to the contract from the previous year.

Motion #32.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Alicia Abramski) to approve the contract renewal with Hopewell Health in the amount of \$75,000 for FY 2022-2023. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

F. Integrated Services Contract- No changes were made to the contract from the previous year.

Motion #33.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Larry Hall) to approve the renewal contract with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health in the amount of \$75,000 for FY 2022-2023. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

G. Oriana House Contract- No changes were made to the contract from the previous year.

Motion #34.2022

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Brett Nicholas) to approve the contract renewal with Oriana House in the amount of \$675,000 for FY 2022-2023. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XIX. Good of the Order

Dr. Raney asked if the Board would be relocating due to the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) needing additional space. David Browne shared that sharing the space with DJFS was mentioned in passing but no formal discussion has been held on the issue.

Dr. Raney also encouraged Board members to consider taking on the role of chair of the Program Planning and Oversight Committee.

Mr. Browne shared that the Board does plan to fund the Life and Purpose Behavioral Health- Life Space proposal pending further information and The Right Path for Washington County Proposal with the agreement to include resource guides in every bag shared with community members. Both requested amounts are within the Executive Directors' authority to approve.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Next Meeting:
July 28, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher

Board President Signature