



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, July 28 ~ 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 President Mike Beardmore at 6:07 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Alicia Abramski, LCPP-S  
Jarrett Barnhouse  
Michael Beardmore  
Larry Hall  
Laura Silwani, J.D.  
Brett Nicolas  
Jim Raney, Ph.D.  
Anthony Touchner, J.D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Beverly Prigge

**Absent**

Eric Fowler, J.D.  
David White

**Staff**

David Browne  
Tara Plaughter  
Tammy Harris

**Guests**

George Goddard, Community  
A.J. Linscott, Marietta PD  
Mike Dennis, HoH  
Traci Schwendeman, Hopewell  
Ashley Rosenberg, Oriana

**IV. Public Statements**

Traci Schwendeman, Certified Peer, community member, Recovery Engagement Team (RET) member, and Hopewell Health employee shared that she and other members of the RET have observed drug use running rampant at the Super 8 Motel in Marietta that is being used as a placement site for homeless vouchers. Traci added that there were 6 overdose deaths in Washington County since March that she knows of. When asked what the Board can do to help Traci mentioned more outreach and a community liaison.

Detective Linscott shared a few examples of RET interactions he and Traci have faced including accessing detox after hours in the area. Mike Beardmore invited Detective Linscott and Traci Schwendeman to attend the next Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting. Discussion on a possible program and service provider meeting will be the goal of the next Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting. AJ touched upon Traci’s remarkable passion and ability to connect with others, he believes that she has a good pulse on community needs.

V. **Agenda Revisions-** There were no revisions made to the agenda.

VI. **Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2022**

**Motion # 35.2022**

**It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Jim Raney)** to approve the minutes of the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes                      N= No                      A= Abstain

VII. **Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Raney called attention to page 10 of the report showing crisis infrastructure funding and how to best utilize those funds. David Browne suggested that crisis infrastructure funding should be an agenda item for an upcoming PP&OC meeting. A brief discussion was held on Rigel Residential Recovery Center bed availability and current crisis funding provided for services.

**Motion # 36.2022**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas)** 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	Y	Y	

VIII. **Director’s Report**

Director Browne introduced George Goddard, who will be starting at the Board on August 1 taking on the role of Assistant Director. George shared that he has two decades of work experience with non-profits, ten years spent in the field of residential treatment, and the past thirteen at the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) covering thirty-one counties in Ohio. Director Browne also mentioned that he recently had a discussion with the building manager during which asked if the Behavioral Health Board would be willing to move to a smaller location in the building. The suggested space does not accommodate the needs of the Board. The Board does have a lease with the Department of Job and Family Services for the use of the office space. No further discussion took place.

IX. **Staff Reports**

Attendees held a brief discussion on the continuum of care specifically the two levels that are not offered locally (3.1 & 4). Dr. Raney asked that we focus on the two missing pieces of our local continuum of care. Tara Plaughter added that the 3.1- Clinically Managed Low-intensity residential level of care would be very manageable locally. Ashley Rosenberg added that the 3<sup>rd</sup> street location that RRRC moved from would be ideal.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

**X. Agency Reports**

- A. Hopewell Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- B. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose –** There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Memorial Health Systems –** There was no representative in attendance. No report was received.
- F. House of Hope –** Mike Dennis shared that he is a bit concerned with the discussion of moves within the County, worried that soon the House of Hope will also be asked to find an alternate location. The House of Hope is looking to add new Board members that have lived experience with mental health and/or addiction. Attendees were asked to spread the word.
- G. The Right Path –** There was no representative in attendance. 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 did not meet during the month of July. President Mike Beardmore appointed Board member Laura Silwani as chair of the committee. The meeting schedule will change to accommodate the new chair's availability. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11 starting at 5:15 p.m.

**XII. Old Business-** There was no old business to discuss.

**XIII. New Business-** There was no new business to discuss.

**XIX. Good of the Order**

The new Crisis Lifeline 9-8-8 number is up and running. Still working on infrastructure. Local calls will be directed to Pathways in Newark Ohio.

Mike Beardmore thanked Dr. Raney for his many years of service chairing the Program Planning and Oversight Committee.

**XX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

*Next Meeting:*  
**August 25, 2022**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Plaugher**

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Board President Signature