



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
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Thursday, August 25 ~ 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 Vice President Eric Fowler at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Alicia Abramski
Jarrett Barnhouse
Eric Fowler
Larry Hall
Laura Knab/Silwani
Robert Marion
Brett Nicholas
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney
Larry Schwendeman
Tony Tuschner
David White

Absent

Mike Beardmore

Staff

David Browne
George Goddard
Tara Plaugher
Tammy Harris

Guests

Doug Pfeifer, L&P
Deanna Green, County Home
Beth Miller, County Home
Kevin Schmucker, County Home
Carla Archer, Compass Drug Court
Hollie Orders, County Home
Linda Sistrunk, MHS

IV. Oath of Office- Robert Marion was sworn in as a member of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

V. Public Statements

Deanna Green, a representative for the Washington County Home along with staff from Oriana House were in attendance to call attention to the housing shortage. Having no homeless shelter in Washington County is an issue that most service providers are facing. Carla Archer, a representative for Compass Drug Court shared that Sober/Transitional living is a need in Washington County that is not being met. Candice Jeffers, a representative for Rigel Residential Recover Center (RRRC) added that sober/transitional living is considered a 3.1 level of care that Washington County currently does not have. This level of care is not cost-effective. Dr. Raney suggested a “Town Hall” type of meeting be scheduled to discuss the housing issue and ways to find a solution.

VI. Agenda Revisions-

- New Business A. Housing Meeting Discussion
- B. Rigel Recover Residential Center Funding

VII. Approval of Minutes – July 28th, 2022

Motion #37.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to approve the minutes of the July 28th, 2022 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VIII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion # 38.2022

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

IX. Director’s Report

Director Browne shared that George Goddard is adapting quickly to the work of the Board. David added that he and George reached out to Community Action in regards to the homeless vouchers that are being used at the Super 8 and were notified that treatment cannot be tied to the use of the emergency housing funds.

X. Staff Reports

Tara Plaughter shared that 14 individuals completed the week-long Peer Recovery Support training, 8 were Washington County residents. Attendees were reminded of the upcoming Awareness events.

Drug Overdose and Grief Awareness Walk on Saturday, August 27 at East Muskingum Park

3rd Annual Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 17 at East Muskingum Park

20th Recovery Summit on Friday, September 23 at the Elizabeth Sugden Broughton Community Building off St. Rt. 821. The deadline to register for this event is September 2.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

XI. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health-** There was no representative in attendance. 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** –Laura Silwani asked if there were any updates on alternate funding sources for the Mobile Response Stabilization Services proposal that was submitted to the Program Planning & Oversight Committee. Doug Pfeifer shared that conversations with Integrated Services continue, but Ohio Rise funding for the service has not been determined yet.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** Candice Jeffers shared that RRRRC, Rigel Outpatient, and the Reserve Center will host a Recovery event on September 30 in the yard between the Reserve Center and Rigel Outpatient on Rt. 7 in Reno. There will be recovery stories, a talent show, an award ceremony, food, and fellowship.

Carla Archer shared that Compass Drug Court has 26 participants. Staff and participants are working through the recent loss of a drug court graduate. Staff is working on incorporating a Compass Drug Court Alumni that offer support to participants throughout the program. Compass Drug Court hearings are open to the public, every Monday at 2 p.m.
- E. Memorial Health Systems** – There were no updates to the report. Larry Schwendeman asked for an update on available beds referring to the geriatric psychiatric department. Linda Sistrunk shared that the department is not accepting patients at this time.
- F. House of Hope** – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- 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.

XII. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** –Laura Silwani shared that the Program Planning & Oversight (PP&OC) /Community Relations (CRC) Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month starting at 5:15 p.m. at the Board office located at 1115 Gilman Avenue. This meeting is open to the public and all Board members are encouraged to attend. The committee met on August 11 to allow further discussion of a possible community meeting and share a late proposal submission that did not make it on the agenda by Life & Purpose for Ohio Rise Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS). The proposal will be an agenda item for the next PP&OC meeting. The committee is working on a more structured procedure to submit proposals. Dr. Raney asked for an update on additional staff. David Browne shared that he has a good prospect for the other assistant director position and still looking for an administrative assistant.

XIII. Old Business- There was no old business to discuss.

XIV. New Business-

A. Housing Meeting Discussion- David Browne suggested the County Opioid HUB specifically the Housing Subcommittee of the HUB be the starting discussion point for the housing crisis Washington County is facing.

B. Rigel Recovery Residential Center Funding- Subsidized fund requests have increased by at least a third of the initial budget. The July invoices were nearly \$80,000 to offset costs. Oriana is unable to bill West Virginia Medicaid due to the already available services in that state. Collaborative funds are being used to subsidize detox services, and Board withdrawal management funds are restricted. David Browne will invite the CEO of Oriana House to a full Board meeting to discuss the budget and services offered.

XIX. Good of the Order- Nothing offered.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
September 22, 2022**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher**

Board President Signature