



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, January 27~ 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 Michael Beardmore at 6:04 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Michael Beardmore  
Laura Knab, J.D.  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Anthony Touschner, J.D., 6:14p.m.

**Absent**

Eric Fowler, J.D.  
Larry Hall  
Brett Nicholas  
Beverly Prigge  
David white  
Michael Williams, Ph.D.

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaucher

**Guests**

Dick Wittberg, CHIA  
Mike Dennis, HoH  
Carla Archer, Oriana  
Linda Sistrunk, MHS  
Rob Marion, zoom

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

*No agenda revisions were suggested.*

**VI. Approval of Minutes – December 16, 2021**

**Motion # X.2022**

**A quorum was not met so the Board was unable to approve the minutes.** The Board reviewed the minutes and did not offer suggestions. The minutes will be added to the agenda of the full February Board meeting for acceptance.

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Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

**Motion # X.2022**

David Browne shared he discussed the treasurer’s report with Larry Hall prior to the meeting and there are no additional comments to the report. David shared he is creating a financial report of expenditures comparing local, state, federal, and levy funds for discussion at the PPOC meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**A quorum was not met so the Board was unable to accept the treasurer’s report.** The January treasurer’s reports will be added to the agenda of the full February Board meeting for acceptance.

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**VIII. Director’s Report**

David Browne shared that the search for the deputy director’s role is on hold due to some personal issues. President Michael Beardmore shared he suggested that David place the search on hold until the Board is able to make clear judgement on hiring a good fit for the role. The Board wishes to expand the search and post a wider range of outreach to find a qualified candidate.

David also shared a thank you note he received in the mail. He wanted to share this note because he is proud of the staff and wanted to share some of the calls the staff fields to help the public.

**IX. Staff Reports**

No comments or questions were in addition to the staff report. 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 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-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Memorial Health Systems –** Submitted proposal for continued funding for the peer recovery support program at the hospital. The proposal will be discussed under new business but cannot be voted on due to the lack of quorum.
- F. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA) –** Dr. Wittberg shared that he signed the lease 1/27/22 for the residence on 812 5<sup>th</sup> street, Marietta OH 45750. He plans to be able to offer recovery housing/sober living for women within the next two weeks. The residence will be supervised by his AmeriCorps Peer Recovery Supporters.
- G. House of Hope –** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. 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 –** No additional comments to the report. The committee will meet again on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at 1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta to discuss the mental health renewal levy campaign.

**XII. Old Business-**

- A. Application for Health Officer-** Limited discussion. The Board requested a full list of health officers appointed by the Board.

**XIII. New Business-**

- A. Executive Committee- Approve Minutes and Ratify Decisions Made-** No Discussion.
- B. Levy Action Steps- Authorize the Executive Director to establish a PAC for the levy-** No Discussion.
- C. Levy Resolution- Responding to Washington County’s Mental Health Crisis-** No Discussion.
- D. OPERS Pick-up Resolution-** Updated the resolution with current job titles of employees of the Board.
- E. Strategic Plan-** No Discussion.
- F. Annual Report-** No Discussion.

- G. MMH PRS Program Proposal 2022-2023-** Linda Sistrunk, Director of Behavioral Health Crisis at Memorial Health System was in attendance to answer questions about the proposal. She shared that the funding is the same amount that was requested and funded Jan 1- Dec 30 2021. She stated that the funding will support flexibility and growth of the recovery program at the hospital, and the program will continue to be available 24/7. Her most recent report reflected that the crisis team met with 200-300 per month for recovery needs, with 60% being placed in treatment (either inpatient or outpatient) and 40% sharing that they are not ready for recovery. They see patients beyond overdose, many come in for medical care around abscesses, infections, and endocarditis. When a patient requires IV antibiotics, the hospital allows the patient to remain in the hospital for 6-8 weeks to receive holistic care. Further discussion will be held at the Executive Meeting, date to be determined.
- H. 2022 Annual Board member Training – Confidentiality-** Board tabled until the full February Board Meeting.

**XIV. Good of the Order**

Jim Raney shared there is a fiduciary obligations training for Boards available at Marietta College on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. He shared you may attend one or both sessions (\$25.00 for one session or \$35.00 for both). David Browne expressed that the WCBHB would reimburse any Board members who wish to attend.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**February 24, 2022**

When: Feb 24, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuysrDwpEtem7XgUgrwTc\\_h\\_vJIRsoUj](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuysrDwpEtem7XgUgrwTc_h_vJIRsoUj)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaeleigh Sprigg**

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Board President Signature