



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, January 26, 2023 ~ 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 Michael Beardmore at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Alicia Abramski
Larry Hall
David White
Jarrett Barnhouse
Robert Marion
Laura Knab/Silwani
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney
Tony Touschner – 6:15 PM
Eric Fowler
Mike Beardmore
Brett Nicholas – 6:15 PM
Larry Schwendeman

Absent

Staff

David Browne
George Goddard
Tara Plaughter
Heather Parcell
Tim Hahn

Guests

Mike Dennis - House of Hope
Joel Erb, House of Hope
Jovonnah Mayo – Marietta Health System
Doug Pfeifer – Life & Purpose
Carla Archer – Compass Drug Court/Oriana House
Coda Kyle - Rigel Recovery/Oriana House
Alice Stewart - WCDJFS
Randy Jedlink – Juvenile Court

IV. Public Statements

A. Alice Stewart, a representative of Washington County Department of Jobs and Family Services, discussed the prevention program that they will be providing. The program’s focus will be on families with children from birth through age 12 who reside in the Marietta City School District. However, Marietta families with children outside that age range may be considered depending on circumstances. The families served will be identified through referrals from other service providers and screened out reports of abuse and neglect to Children Services. Prevention workers will meet with family members in their home to assess their needs and develop goals. Goal creation will be led by the family with the prevention worker supporting and facilitating the process. A plan will be created with the family listing the steps needed to meet the agreed upon goals. The prevention program will be home-based and will include regular home visits, enrichment activities, academic assistance, parent mentoring, and crisis intervention services. The prevention worker will also link children and families to other needed services such as: Family and Children First, mental health treatment, medical services, housing, transportation and assistance with basic needs. When needed, the prevention worker will facilitate the family’s initial access to those services. The Board has

received a federal grant from the State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS 3.0) program to utilize for the start-up in the amount of \$173,648.

- B. Randy Jedlink for the Juvenile Magistrate Court Systems announced that he will be running for Municipal Court Judge at the preliminary elections in May. He described his experiences here in Marietta, Ohio - first as a Public Defender serving under Judge Williams in 2011, then in 2017 when he became a Magistrate for the Probate and Juvenile Courts. He shared that his experience as a Juvenile Magistrate has taught him that many individuals have needs for mental health support or addiction services. He stated that he would like to see specialized dockets to expand to Juvenile Court & Veterans in the future.

V. Agenda Revisions

There were no agenda revisions offered.

VI. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2022

Motion #1.2023

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler) to approve the December 15, 2022 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Members of the Board held a brief discussion on the November and December treasurer’s report

Motion # 2.2023

It was moved and seconded (Dave White, Brett Nicholas) to accept the November 2022 Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Motion # 3.2023

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Robert Marion) to accept the December 2022 Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

VIII. Director's Report

Executive Director David Browne stated that the annual o40 report for the fiscal year 2022 was not yet complete, and the deadline for this was January 31, 2023.

David Browne informed the board that March 31, 2023 would be his last day and that the board would need to start the process of selecting a new Executive Director. It was decided to table the discussion until the Program Planning and Oversight Committee (PP&O) meeting on February 9, 2023 and moved to the February Board Meeting agenda.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Executive Director George Goddard of the WCBHB discussed that the information gathered for the Community Assessment Plan survey has helped to determine major gaps in services in Washington County. Some of the gaps include but are not limited to Crisis Services, Harm Reduction, Recovery Support, and Prevention. Goals and strategies have been discussed and a plan is in the works. Included in the board packet is the draft version of the biennial plan overview document for the Board to review. If there are any suggestions on goals or strategies, please send them to George before January 30, 2023.

George Goddard also discussed that in November we learned about an allocation that was available to Washington County from the federal State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS 3.0) grant funding. George shared that the SOS 3.0 funding process had been on hold due to on-going discussions between the state and the federal funding source. We have had word that our application has been approved and we can now begin drawing down the funds.

Both George Goddard and Tim Hahn have been developing a new contracting process to help improve both the reporting process and the quality of reports. A demo of a Google form created for tracking peer support services was shared. The form can be completed either on the PC or on mobile devices.

A draft Provider Satisfaction Survey was also shared with the board. The survey link can be posted in the Service Providers office or put on business cards that can be passed out to the clients. People receiving behavioral health services in agencies that contract with the board can scan a QR code to complete the survey. The purpose of the survey will be to collect real data regarding the quality of care the client received from the service provider.

Assistant Director Tim Hahn announced that he and Recovery Advocate Tara Plaughner have been busy getting the trainers for the CIT training that will be held May 1st- 5th lined up.

Tara Plaughner had no additional information to add to her report.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

A. Hopewell Health- There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

- B. **House of Hope**- Mike Dennis commented that House of Hope was happy about not having to relocate. They have also applied for grants to do improvements to the building.
- C. **Life & Purpose Behavioral Health** – Discussion under new business.
- D. **Rigel/Oriana House**- Coda Kyle representing Oriana House discussed that the Harm Reduction program got approval from our Oriana House Inc., Clinical Director for Amber Mayle to start the process to become a Naloxone distributor.
- E. **The Right Path** – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. **Memorial Health Systems** – No Report Submitted - but the new Peer Services Report was demonstrated for the board.
- G. **Integrated Services** – No Report Submitted.
- H. **Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio** – No Report Submitted
- I. **PAX** – No Report Submitted

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

XI. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – Laura Silwani had no additional information to add.

XII. Old Business-

There was no old business discussed.

XIII. New Business

- A. **Life & Purpose** In August, Life & Purpose submitted a proposal requesting funds to support the start-up of Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) infrastructure in Washington County. The MRSS program offers in-home service to children experiencing a non-emergency crisis. The proposal was forwarded to the State in August. The Board received notice that the State grant of \$113,620 was available to draw down for MRSS infrastructure.

Motion #4.2023

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Dr. Raney) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with L&P Services to initiate MRSS in the amount of \$113,620.50 in a draw-down process following the provided line item budget. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

B. Washington County DJFS – Discussion held under Public Statements

Motion #5.2023

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Washington County DJFS in regards to SOS 3.0 funding in the amount of \$173,648 to support the Washington County Prevention program. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

C. Memorial Health Systems Contract – A discussion was held regarding a contract with Memorial Health Systems based on a proposal for Vertical Triage and the availability of remaining SOS 3.0 funds. It was the decision of the board to table the discussion of the contract until the February 23, 2023 board meeting.

XIX. Good of the Order

Next Program Planning & Oversight/Community meeting will be on February 9, 2023 at 5:15 PM

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
 February 23, 2023**

**Respectfully Submitted,
 Heather Parcell**

Board President Signature