



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, March 23, 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 Vice President Eric Fowler at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Larry Hall  
Jim Raney  
Robert Marion  
Tony Touschner  
Beverly Prigge  
Brett Nicholas  
Larry Schwendeman  
Ron Rees  
David White  
Jarrett Barnhouse  
Laura Knab/Silwani  
Eric Fowler

**Absent**

Alicia Abramski  
Michael Beardmore

**Staff**

David Browne  
George Goddard  
Tara Plaughter  
Heather Parcell  
Tim Hahn  
Tammy Harris

**Guests**

Mike Dennis - House of Hope  
Doug Pfeifer – Life & Purpose  
Linda Sistrunk–Memorial Health Systems  
Alice Stewart – WCDJFS  
Candice Walker – Oriana House  
Cathye Williams – Integrated Services  
Tayia Kemp-Hays – OHI/Drug Court  
Sherry Shamblin – Hopewell Health Centers  
Amy Bean – Mental Health Court  
Martha Flinn - OHI  
Gabe Cabera – WCHD

**Public Statements** – Amy Bean the Assistant Law Director of Marietta announced that she will be running for Municipal Court Judge at the preliminary elections in May. She shared her experiences here in Marietta, Ohio in private practice and public service. She is a member of the Marietta Municipal Court Mental Health Docket Treatment Team. She has assisted with modernizing the Marietta City Law Director's Office by updating the computer systems. She is currently involved in applying for a grant related to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

**IV. Agenda Revisions** – Remove the oath of office. Add H under Agency reports for Washington County Department of Job and Family Services. Add C under New Business for Appointing Scholarship Committee.

**V. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023**

**Motion #9.2023**

**It was moved and seconded (Ron Rees, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the February 23, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:**

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

Y= Yes                      N= No                      A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

Members of the Board held a lengthy discussion on the February treasurer’s report. Executive Director David Browne stated that he would specify the unrestricted funds and federal funds that are left over for the next Treasurer’s Report.

**Motion # 10.2023**

**It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman) to accept the February 2023 Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:**

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

**VIII. Director’s Report**

Executive Director David Browne shared that he intends to stay with the board until the end of the fiscal year which would be June 2023 to ensure a smooth transition.

**IX. Staff Reports**

Assistant Executive Director George Goddard of the WCBHB discussed that the Application for Continuation of funding forms and rubric have been completed and have been provided to all currently funded agencies for completion by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Assistant Director Tim Hahn had no additional information to add to his reports except for stating that the presenters for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training have been selected.

Tara Plaughter the Recovery Advocate discussed that out of the 13 registered for the Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) training, 12 are already employed in the area. Tara added to her report that after the health alert was shared with the school administration, Fort Frye decided to take a proactive approach to create a policy and procedure around Narcan and train school staff on how to administer it. The Board would like to see all schools in the district take the same proactive approach.

PAX – Tammi Harris the Pax Coordinator shared the many programs that are available in the school districts. Gabe Cabera a Tobacco Prevention Specialist for the Washington County Health Department shared that they are in the process of developing a youth risk survey screening. There was further discussion regarding having a comprehensive assessment created and sent to local schools.

The Right Path – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

## X. Agency Reports

**A. Family Counseling & Rehabilitation Center of Ohio** – No Report Submitted. There was no representative in attendance.

**B. Hopewell Health** – Sherry Shamblin from Hopewell Health shared the news regarding their purchase of L&P Services effective April 1, 2023. She discussed that as a part of Hopewell, Life & Purpose staff will continue to provide services at all of their current locations. Services include Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment Services, Outpatient Counseling Services, Crisis Services, School-Based Services, Early Childhood Intervention, and Psychiatry.

Sherry also shared that existing clients will experience no disruption in services. Clients will continue to have the same counselor, case manager, doctor, or nurse. Intake and referral procedures will remain the same. All clinics will accept Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance. A sliding fee based on family income is available thanks to the Behavioral Health Board.

Sherry also stated that sites and services previously operated by Life & Purpose will now be operated under all of the laws, rules, and guidelines that Hopewell is required to follow as a non-profit, federally qualified health center (FQHC) with a governance board composed of a minimum of 50% consumers of service.

**C. House of Hope-** Mike Dennis commented that they have been notified by GM that a brand new van would not be available until 2024 and that they offered a temporary solution of the use of a gently used van until the new one becomes available.

**D. Integrated Services** – Cathye William’s shared that they have officially purchased 209 Lancaster Street for our future more accessible, more permanent office space in Marietta. The hope is to move sometime this summer.

**E. Life & Purpose Behavioral Health** – Nothing to add.

**F. Memorial Health Systems** –Linda Sistrunk from Memorial Health Systems discussed that children waiting in the Emergency Room are waiting too long for openings at other service providers such as crisis centers.

**G. Rigel/Oriana House-** Candice Walker representing Oriana House discussed that Martha Flinn and Tayia Kemp-Hays are taking over for Carla Archer in the Drug Court. An employee from Rigel Recovery Services or Rigel Residential Center attends the C-Harmed Program every Thursday from 2p-4p. Rigel Recovery Residential Center has implemented and begun providing Low-Intensity Residential Services for males and females in Washington County. Low-Intensity Residential requires clients to participate in 7 hours of group therapy, con-joints, and individual counseling weekly. This level of care is utilized for individuals that still require a structured environment and are acclimating back into society. Oriana assists clients with overcoming needs/barriers that would prevent them from being successful in

their recovery journeys such as education, employment, visitation with their children, community service, and volunteering. They are also still looking for bicycle donations. If anyone is interested in donating a bicycle, please contact Candice Walker.

**H. Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services** – Alice Stewart of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) shared that the prevention program has 13 open cases and 9 closed cases. Alice also shared that on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-2, they are having a Child Abuse Event to raise awareness in the county.

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

**XI. Committee Reports**

**A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – Laura Silwani shared that the Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations committee decided that the contract for the Peer Recovery Service should not be extended.

**XII. Old Business-**

There was no old business discussed.

**XIII. New Business**

**A. Co-Chair for Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – It was decided that Alicia Abramski would take over the position of Co-Chair for the Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations committee starting with the April 13, 2023, meeting.

**B. Sliding Fee Scale** – The scale was included in the board packet and was discussed by the board for implementation in the coming year.

**Motion #11.2023 -**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman)** to approve the use of the updated sliding fee scale for FY24 for services billed through GOSH. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**C. Scholarship Committee** – Eric Fowler opened it to the floor for board members to volunteer to serve on the scholarship committee. Michael Beardmore, David White, Rob Marion, Brett Nicholas, and Tony Touschner will comprise the scholarship committee this year.

**XIX. Good of the Order**

Next Program Planning & Oversight Committee meeting will be on April 23, 2023, at 5:15 PM.

Doctor Jim Raney discussed the need for the Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations committee to review the by-laws and standing rules & procedures to see if any updates need to be made.

**XX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

***Next Meeting:***  
**April 27, 2023**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Parcell**

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Board President Signature