

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, December 13~ 7:00 p.m.
Washington County Health Department
342 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Karen Binkley.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Stacey Adams
Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Eric Fowler
Eric Johnston
Brett Nicholas
LeeAnn Price
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Stephen Schwartz
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Tuschner
David White

Absent

Larry Hall

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaughner

Guests

Doug Pfeifer, L&P
Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell
Mike Dennis, HoH
Dick Wittberg, Health Dept.
Lashley Earley, EVE

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements

V. Agenda Revisions

There were no revisions made to the agenda.

VI. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2018

Motion #95, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Board meeting with minor revisions. The motion to approve the November 2018 minutes with minor revisions passed with one abstention, Eric Fowler, who was not present at the November 15, 2018 Board meeting.

VII. Treasurer's Report

The report shows the previous name (Suicide Coalition) that was used for the Suicide Awareness Alliance. Miriam Keith asked that the document be updated to show the current name.

David Browne brought attention to page one of the report showing multiple payments to Life and Purpose for the completion of several Trauma Informed schools trainings. Page six shows detailed expenditures of year to date Levy funds.

Michael Beardmore asked that attendees notice page two under treatment that FY 19 should show 85,000 for SUD and 20,000 for MH projected services provided by Life and Purpose.

Motion #96, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Stacey Adams) to approve the Treasurer's report with a unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. Director's Report

David Browne would like to get started on strategic planning as soon as Board training wraps up in February. Routine maintenance must be completed before proceeding with renovations/expansion of current SAMI (Substance and Mental Illness) units.

IX. Deputy Director's Report

Culture of Quality items will be presented to the Board in sections for approval starting February 2019.

The Washington County Drug Court has established a site in the Dime Bank building centrally located in downtown Marietta. The program is due to start mid-January 2019. A letter of concern on the current condition of SAMI housing will be sent to Washington Morgan Community Action from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

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X. **Prevention and Recovery Advocate**

Miriam Keith extended an invitation to attend the candlelight vigil on Sunday, December 16 at Muskingum Park in Marietta. The event encourages peer supportive relationships. Eric Fowler testified to seeing positive changes CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training has brought to Washington County.

The Staff reports were received and will be filed with the minutes.

XI. **Agency Reports**

- A. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis invited members of the Board to attend a Christmas lunch at the House of Hope on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at noon. Hilles Hughes has initiated a mentor relationship between the House of Hope and Marietta College. Mike Dennis hopes to collaborate with Marietta College by offering new activities for members to enjoy.
- B. **The Right Path** – No updates offered
- C. **Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer stated that the Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment, and Reducing Trauma) program training has been completed. A Peer mentor position will be advertised soon.
Eric Fowler voiced his concern on the increased number of staff cancellations.
- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – The “Too Good for Drugs” prevention program continues in Waterford. Communication continues between Lashley Earley, Belpre and Frontier schools for permission to offer the prevention program in each of the schools.
- E. **Oriana House**- No updates offered.
- F. **Hopewell Health**- Sherry Shamblin stated that local law enforcement are participating in Rapid Access Team visits. The Rapid Access Team is designed to educate individuals and offer support in engaging in available services. The REACH program currently provides day treatment services to seventeen children in two classrooms, a third may be opening soon due to the need.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – The committee did not meet for the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board office.
- B. Public Information and Education** – The committee did not meet during the month of December.
- C. Personnel** – Dr. Pridgeon stated that the committee does not have business to discuss at this time and suggested the committee be resolved and removed from the agenda until a discussion is needed.
- D. AoD**- The committee is scheduled to meet January 24, 2019 at 6p.m. before the monthly Behavioral Health Board meeting.

XIII. Old Business

A. Employee Range of Pay

Due to additional taxes Washington County Behavioral Health Board employees would be subject to, Dr. Raney stated that he does not plan to vote for any reduction to the current benefit package that County Commissioner Rick Watlers suggested at the November meeting.

Motion #97, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to adopt the range of pay document. The motion to adopt the range of pay passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

B. Public Record Information Request

A copy of the certified letter sent to Washington County Commissioners requesting public record information was shared with attendees.

XIV. New Business

A. Harm Reduction Proposal

The proposal submitted by the Washington County Health Department was included in the Board packet. Dr. Dick Wittberg stated that the program would be available to all Washington County residents offering education, immunizations, testing for diseases, Narcan training, and available treatment options in addition to the 1 for 1 needle exchange.

Sherry Shamblin mentioned that the Athens program similar to the proposed program is working extremely well by initiating meaningful relationships while encouraging treatment and education.

Brett Nicholas stated that he would be in support of funding the MH/SUD (mental health and substance use disorder) aspect of the program.
Members of the Board held an in-depth discussion on the proposal.

Motion #98, 2018

It was moved (Dr. Raney) to table the Harm Reduction proposal. There was no second.

Motion #99, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Tony Tuschner, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the Washington County Health Department (WCHD) Harm Reduction proposal for the amount of \$20,000. The motion to approve the WCHD Harm Reduction proposal passed with 13 “yes” votes and 1 abstention, Brett Nicholas.

XV. Good of the Order
Nothing was offered.

XVI. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Next Meeting:
January 24, 2019
7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher

Board President Signature