

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, March 22, 2018 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Washington County Behavioral Health Board
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Karen Binkley.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Stacey Adams
Cindy Arnold
Jarret Barnhouse
Bill Bauer, Ph. D.
Michael Beardmore
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Eric Fowler
Brett Nicholas
Lee Ann Price
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph, D.
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
Jack Van Kuiken
David While

Absent

Larry Hall

Staff

David Browne
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaucher

Guests

Barbra Westfall
Deanna Chambers (HoH)
Megan Cales (Hopewell)
Doug Pfeifer (Life & Purpose)
Judge Janet Welch
Officer A.J. Linscott
Tammy Harris (PAX)
Sheri Harris (EVE. Inc)
Rodney Lavoie Jr.

IV. Public Statements

Dr. Bauer introduced his guest Rodney Lavoie Jr. Mr. Lavoie is using his popularity gained through being a former contestant on the reality show “Survivor” to raise awareness on mental health and suicide prevention. Mr. Lavoie stated that in his opinion the number one killer in mental health is silence and his mission is to talk to children, share his story dealing with his own mental health issues, and being a survivor of a loved one lost to suicide to get kids talking.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made:

- Committee Reports F. AoD
- Old Business A. Job description of the Executive/Deputy Director
- New Business C.RFPs
 D. Hire Deputy Director

VI. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2018

Motion #9, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dave White, Anthony Tuschner) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Board meeting. The motion to approve the February 2018 minutes passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

David Browne indicated that levy funds are expected in late April or early May of 2018.

Motion #10, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Anthony Tuschner) to approve the Treasurer’s report with a unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. Director’s Report

Mr. Browne stated that there are currently five members at the Oxford House of Washington County. The AoD committee would like to have available basic living workshops to members at Oxford House.

The meeting to discuss a plan of action for updates required for the House of Hope has been rescheduled from March 26 to April 2.

Mr. Browne introduced Tammy Harris, PAX Good Behavior coordinator. Mrs. Harris indicated that the partnership with local schools is coming along well. Roughly 90 additional teachers are signed up to take the training required before integrating the PAX good behavior program into the school room setting.

IX. Community Recovery Advocate

Mr. Browne was pleased to announce that there are now five individuals in the county who are trained to teach Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), two of the five individuals are also trained to teach Youth Mental Health First Aid.

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

X. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – Deanna Chambers, Executive Director at the House of Hope shared the annual report with attendees.
- B. The Right Path** – Dr. Binkley shared that over \$2,000 was raised during the annual Spagna’s spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 18.
- C. Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer continues to participate in the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) program; he recently attended Kim Depue’s classroom at the Marietta High School to speak with students.
- D. EVE, Incorporated** – Sheri Harris reported that school prevention programs for grades 4, 7, and 9 are wrapping up for the year. Results Radio will be airing a sexual assault prevention advertisement on local radio stations starting in April.
- E. Oriana House**- No updates mentioned

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XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight Committee** – Dr. Raney shared three Request for Proposals (RFP) that made it through the screening process of the Program Planning and Oversight Committee (PP&OC) for members of the Board to review. The submitted proposals were shared with Board members via e-mail prior to the monthly meeting for in-depth review.

Eric Fowler inquired on the number of RFPs that have been submitted and reviewed up to this date. Mr. Browne indicated that there have been five proposals submitted and reviewed by the PP&OC.

Stacey Adams suggested that the Board wait until the RFP deadline of April 30 before voting on submitted proposals.
- B. Public Information and Education Committee** – Brett Nicholas stated that the April article that will be published in the Marietta Times, authored by Miriam Keith, is on alcoholism and the effects on the family unit.
- C. Budget & Finance Committee**- Dr. Bauer indicated that a new motion will be required to move forward with the commitment of House of Hope renovation funds due to the change in the lease agreement between the Washington

County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) and Washington County Commissioners.

D. Personnel Committee – Refer to Old/New Business

E. CIT Committee (Ad Hoc) – Officer A.J. Linscott spoke of his appreciation for the opportunity to participate in his fourth year of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training.

Miriam Keith thanked Judge Janet Welch for her generosity of the use of a committee meeting room and all the support to continue the CIT training. Judge Welch mentioned how important it is for law enforcement to be prepared with simple intervention tools to help de-escalate risk behaviors and the need for continuum of care in Washington County. Judge Welch feels that in addition to CIT training a Crisis Stabilization Team would be beneficial to Washington County and reduce the utilization rate of the State Hospital.

Doug Pfeifer mentioned that Life & Purpose offers day treatment options to help fill gaps in continuum of care.

Officer Linscott stated the most important part of the interaction with a consumer is getting them the help they need in a timely fashion.

F. AoD- Jack Van Kuiken spoke on behalf of the AoD committee stating they would like to be more involved in the Oxford House and encourage treatment and recovery for the members.

XII. Old Business

A. Job Description of Executive/Deputy Director- Dr. Charles Pridgeon recommended that the Executive Director and Deputy Director Job descriptions be approved.

Motion# 11, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Anthony Tuschner) to approve the Executive and Deputy Director Job descriptions. The motion passed unanimously.

B. House of Hope- Dr. Raney moved that the Executive Director negotiate a lease of at least seven years between the Washington County Behavioral Health Board and Washington County Commissioners for the House of Hope on County House Lane in Marietta, Ohio. Upon acquisition of at least a seven year lease, the Behavioral Health Board and House of Hope will enter into an agreement to split costs of repairs up to \$15,000.

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Motion# 12, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Dr. Binkley) to enter an agreement with the House of Hope for up to \$15,000 contingent on the attainment of at least a seven year lease between the WCBHB and Washington County Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

XIII. New Business

A. Discuss Suicide Awareness Alliance Transfer of Funds- Dr. Bauer recommended that a transfer of funds of up to \$2000 be allocated for the use of operational funds to the Suicide Awareness Alliance annually.

Motion # 13, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Bauer, Brett Nicholas) to approve the transfer of up to \$2000 annually to cover operational fees of the Suicide Awareness Alliance. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Administrative Budget- Brett Nicholas moved to transfer \$100,000 to the Administrative Budget for the hiring of a Deputy Director.

Motion # 14, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Dr. Raney) to approve the transfer of \$100,000 to the Administrative Budget for the hiring of a Deputy Director. The motion passed with one abstention, Dr. Bauer.

C. RFPs- Family and Children First – Dr. Raney suggested that the WCBHB authorize the Executive Director to make a grant in the amount of \$25,784 to the Washington County Family and Children First Council for implementing their proposal to provide two sessions of the Strengthening Families 10-14 program, plus a final booster session for all participants, and one session of the Incredible Years Pre-School Basic Program.

Motion# 15, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to make a grant in the amount of \$25,784 to the Washington County Family and Children First Council for the implementation of the Strengthening Families and Incredible Years programs. The motion passed in a roll call vote with one abstention, Stacey Adams.

RFP-GiveMore- Dr. Raney recommended that the WCBHB authorize the Executive Director to make a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the not-for-profit organization GiveMore Connections Social Skills Camp for implementing

their proposal to provide three weeks of summer camp to teach the five C's of social

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skill development (i.e. communication, cooperation, coping skills, connecting, and compliance) to approximately 300 youth in Washington County and surrounding school districts (i.e. 100 campers per week).

Motion# 16, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Anthony Touschner) to authorize the Executive Director to make a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the not-for-profit organization GiveMore Connections Social Skills Camp for implementation of their proposal. The motion passed in a roll call vote with one abstention, Stacey Adams.

RFP- Life & Purpose- Dr. Raney moved that the WCBHB authorize the Executive Director to make a contract in the amount of \$126,280 with the for-profit organization Life & Purpose Behavioral Health for implementing their proposal to provide training and consultation for school personnel, NMT neurodevelopmental assessment, and school based therapy for all six public school districts, the Ohio alley Educational Service Center, and Community Action/Head Start in Washington County.

Motion# 17, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Life & Purpose Behavioral Health in the amount of \$126,280 for the implementation of their collaborative proposal.

Motion# 18, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Stacey Adams) to table voting on the Life & Purpose Behavioral Health proposal until the RFP deadline (April 30) has passed. The motion failed in a roll call vote, with 12 “no” votes and three “yes” votes (Fowler, Adams, and Bauer)

Motion# 17, 2018 (continued)

After motion #18 was offered and discussed, motion #17 passed in a roll call vote, with 12 “yes” votes and three “no” votes (Fowler, Adams, and Bauer).

D. Hire a Deputy Director- On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Dr. Charles Pridgeon recommended to authorize the Executive Director to hire a Deputy Director beginning April 1, 2018 at 32 hours a week at an annual salary of \$61,984 with a total package of 98,022.35 including Medicare, PERS, health insurance for both him and his spouse, life insurance, and workers comp.

Motion # 19 , 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Eric Fowler) to authorize the Executive Director to hire a Deputy Director beginning April 1, 2018 with the above stipulations. The motion passed in a roll call vote for the Executive Director to hire a Deputy Director with one abstention, Cindy Arnold.

XIV. Good of the Order

Dr. Raney suggested that an article on the collaboration between the Behavioral Health Board and local schools focused on mental health and addiction prevention be published in the Marietta Times.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2018

**7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher**

Board President Signature