

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, June 28 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Life and Purpose Behavioral Health Office  
207 Colegate Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

## I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Karen Binkley.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Welcome and Introductions

### Present

Cindy Arnold  
Jarrett Barnhouse  
Bill Bauer, Ph. D.  
Michael Beardmore  
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.  
Eric Fowler  
Brett Nicholas  
LeeAnn Price  
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Stephen Schwartz  
Larry Schwendeman  
Anthony Touschner  
David White

### Absent

Stacey Adams  
Larry Hall  
Jack VanKuiken

### Staff

David Browne  
Brent Phipps  
Miriam Keith  
Tara Plaughter

### Guests

Mike Dennis- HoH  
Coda Click- Rigel  
Will Hampton- MCS  
Doug Pfeifer- L&P  
Sheri Shamblin- Hopewell  
Tammy Harris- PAX  
Roxanne Cech- M. D.  
Brookanne Dixon, WCCS

## IV. Oath of Office

Stephen Schwartz was sworn in as a member of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

## V. Public Statements

Dr. Roxanne Cech will be leading a Family Practice Residency program at Marietta Memorial Hospital. She would like to be of service to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board and share resources.

## VI. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made:

- Old Business
  - C. Description/Title change for Miriam Keith
  - D. Election of Officers
- New Business
  - B. Cell Phone Reimbursement
  - C. Sliding Scale
  - D. Sliding Scale- L&P, Rigel, Hopewell
  - E. TRP – Cathy Harper
  - F- I. Contracts

**VII. Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2018**

***Motion #35, 2018***

**It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman)** to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 Board meeting. The motion to approve the May 2018 minutes passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Bauer asked that two names be removed from the report to protect confidentiality. He would also like to see the remaining gambling and prevention funds used.

Mr. Browne recommended the next Board training focus on fiscal education allowing members to better understand the report.

***Motion #36, 2018***

**It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Charles Pridgeon)** to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion to accept the Treasurer’s report passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

**IX. Director’s Report**

Mr. Browne informed attendees that the 5<sup>th</sup> street house will be breaking away from the Oxford model. The single family dwelling will be available for alternate housing options.

**X. Deputy Director’s Report**

The Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Marietta College, and Washington State Community College (WSCC) joined in a full collaboration to submit a grant proposal requesting State funds available for suicide prevention, specific to campus settings. The proposal was submitted on June 15, 2018; no word back on progress of the grant. Washington State Community College would like to become a JED campus. As stated on

the JED campus website ([www.jedcampus.org](http://www.jedcampus.org)) “JED Campus is an initiative of The Jed Foundation (JED) designed to guide schools through a collaborative process of comprehensive systems, program and policy development with customized support to build upon existing student mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention efforts.” The submitted grant proposal corresponds with the goal WSCC has in becoming a JED campus.

**XI. Community Recovery Advocate**

The next Mental Health First Aid Class is scheduled for July 31, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church.

Marietta City School Superintendent, Will Hampton mentioned how well received the PAX Good Behavior Program has been by both the children and teachers despite the short amount of time the program has been incorporated in Marietta City schools. Positive changes continue to present themselves in the classroom. Mr. Hampton hopes to see these learned positive behavioral changes spread far beyond the school setting and into the home environment.

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

**XII. Agency Reports**

- A. House of Hope** – Michael Dennis introduced himself as the new Director of the House of Hope. Mr. Dennis has been involved with not-for-profit organizations for over 30 years. Since his employment, there have been seven new members join the House of Hope. He has an expected date of July 6, 2018 to have the building issues resolved and up to code. Mr. Dennis is excited to see growth in the program and is open to suggestions Board members may have for the program.
- B. The Right Path** – No updates mentioned
- C. Life & Purpose** –Doug Pfeifer continues to work closely with Fort Frye Superintendent, Stephanie Starcher employee a full time therapist for Fort Frye School district. Superintendent, Will Hampton mentioned revisiting the option of a full time therapist for Marietta City Schools. Mr. Hampton would like to have services readily available to students in a manner that least disturbs the child’s school day.
- D. EVE, Incorporated** – No updates mentioned
- E. Oriana House-** Coda Click spoke on behalf of Rigel Recovery Services. There are now three full time employees offering intensive outpatient services. Rigel

continues to work closely with the Marietta Municipal Court System. Miss Click has noticed that the majority of clients seeking addiction services are meth users. Eric Fowler agreed with Miss Click by sharing that he has noticed through his line of work that more drug screens are being failed due to meth use than marijuana.

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

### **XIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Program Planning & Oversight Committee** – The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2018.

**B. Public Information and Education Committee** – Brett Nicholas informed attendees that the committee met on Tuesday, June 26, to go over the final revisions of the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) article authored by the President of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board, Dr. Binkley. Since the meeting, the Behavioral Health Matters article has been submitted to the Marietta Times for publication in July.

He also mentioned quotes for a laptop with software have been submitted by the Washington County I.T. (Information Technology) department totaling roughly \$1,400. The laptop would be made available for all committee and staff duties pertaining to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. By purchasing the laptop through the County I.T. department, services on the equipment will be included.

**C. Budget & Finance Committee**- No updates mentioned

**D. Personnel Committee** – Change of title and job description for Miriam Keith “Old Business”

**E. CIT Committee (Ad Hoc)** – Additional follow-up evaluations will be completed after each training allowing further data collection of the significance of the week long course.

**F. AoD**- No updates mentioned

### **XIV. Old Business**

**A. Overtime and Compensation Policy**- The proposed Washington County Behavioral Health Board Overtime Compensation Policy revision was shared with Board members. Dr. Pridgeon recommended that the Board adopt the Overtime Compensation Policy, effective July 1, 2018.

**Motion#37, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Dr. Raney)** to adopt the Overtime Compensation Policy, effective July 1, 2018.

After a short discussion on the logistics of the policy, it was recommended to table the Overtime Compensation Policy to the Program Planning and Oversight Committee (PP&OC) until the July Behavioral Health Board (BHB) monthly meeting.

**Motion#38, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Bauer, Cindy Arnold)** to table the Overtime Compensation Policy to the PP&OC until the July BHB meeting. The motion to table the Overtime Compensation Policy passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

**B. Prevention and Recovery Advocate title and position description-** The Personnel Committee made a recommendation to adopt the description for Prevention and Recovery Advocate and eliminate the position of Community Recovery Advocate, effective July 1, 2018.

**Motion#39, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman)** to adopt the Prevention and Recovery Advocate description, eliminating the Community Recovery Advocate position. The motion to adopt the Prevention and Recovery Advocate description passed with one abstention, Jarrett Barnhouse.

**C. Description/Title Change** - It was recommended to name Miriam Keith as the Prevention and Recovery Advocate, effective July 1, 2018.

**Motion#40, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Tony Tuschner)** to name Miriam Keith as the Prevention and Recovery Advocate, effective July 1, 2018. The motion to accept Miriam Keith as the Prevention and Recovery Advocate passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**D. Election of Officers-** The nominations for election were as follows:

<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>President</b>
Bill Bauer	Mike Beardmore	Karen Binkley
	Brett Nicholas	Eric Fowler

**Motion#41, 2018**

After a unanimous roll call vote, **Bill Bauer was elected Treasurer for a second term.**

**Motion#42, 2018**

After a voice vote of 7:6, **Brett Nicholas was elected Vice President.**

**Motion#43, 2018**

After Eric Fowler graciously stepped down as Presidential candidate in the election, **Karen Binkley was elected for a second term as President** with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Bylaws, Article VII: Officers; Tenure and Election/Standing Rules and Procedures #6-** Dr. Pridgeon made a recommendation to add the following to Bylaws article VII- Officers: Tenure and Election, and to Standing Rules and Procedures, #6: Election of Officers:

[In the event that a person replaces an officer at the mid-point or later of the officer’s unexpired one-year term, that person may then serve out the unexpired term and be elected to that office for two consecutive one-year terms. A person who replaces an office before the mid-point of the officer’s unexpired one-year term may serve out the unexpired term and be elected for only one one-year term.]

**Motion #44, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Dr. Raney)** to amend the bylaws and standing rules and procedures involving Officers: Tenure and Election.

Dr. Pridgeon read aloud the amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules and Procedures. Rationale behind the amendments were discussed. It was decided to table the amendments until the next scheduled BHB meeting.

**Motion #45, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas)** to record the first reading of the amendments and table the discussion until the next scheduled BHB meeting. The motion to record the reading and table the discussion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. Cell Phone-** David Browne made a recommendation to the Board to reimburse employees who do not have a cell phone supplied by the Behavioral Health Board, actual, but not exceeding, \$46.00 basic service charge per month for business use of personal cell phones, upon proper documentation.

**Motion#46, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Tony Tuschner, Dr. Raney)** to reimburse employees up to \$46.00 for business use of a personal cell phone who do not have a cell phone supplied by the Behavioral Health Board with proper documentation. The motion to reimburse employees up to \$46.00 for use of a personal cell phone passed with

11 “yes” votes and 2 “no” (Dr. Binkley, Eric Fowler), David White was temporarily absent for the vote.

- C. **Sliding Scale-** David Browne suggested to adopt the accompanying sliding fee scale for residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, effective July, 1, 2018.

**Motion#47, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Tony Tuschner)** to adopt the sliding fee scale for residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, effective July, 1, 2018. The motion to adopt the sliding fee scale passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. **Sliding Scale; L&P, Rigel, Hopewell-** David Browne made a recommendation to the Board to pay for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, to Life & Purpose Behavioral Health, Rigel Recovery Services, and Hopewell Health Centers, per the new sliding fee schedule effective July 1, 2018.

**Motion#48, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Tony Tuschner)** to pay for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid insurance, or other payer source, to Life & Purpose Behavioral Health, Rigel Recovery Services, and Hopewell Health Centers, per the new sliding fee scale. The motion to pay for services rendered using the new sliding fee scale passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- E. **The Right Path; Cathy Harper-** The Right Path for Washington County board requests that Cathy Harper, Coordinator for The Right Path for Washington County, hourly pay rate raise from \$12/hr. to \$13/hr. This will increase overall annual costs approximately \$1,100.00

**Motion#49, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Tony Tuschner, Larry Schwendeman)** to approve the requested pay raise for Cathy Harper, Coordinator of The Right Path for Washington County from \$12/hr. to \$13/hr. The motion passed to grant a \$1/hr. pay raise with one abstention, Bill Bauer.

- F. **House of Hope-** David Browne offered a suggestion to the Board to provide a grant to the House of Hope of Washington County for up to \$65,000 to cover operating expenses from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

**Motion#50, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Dr. Pridgeon)** to approve the grant to the House of Hope of Washington County for up to \$65,000 to cover operating expenses from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. The motion to approve the grant to the House of Hope passed with one abstention, Dr. Raney.

G. **Life and Purpose-** David Browne made a recommendation to enter into a contract with Life and Purpose Behavioral Health for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$200,000. Due to the Behavioral Health Re-design, actual permissible billing codes are still being determined.

Dr. Bauer asked Doug Pfeifer what the hourly service rate is. Mr. Pfeifer explained that hourly rates depend on services rendered and are anywhere from \$30-\$150 per hour.

**Motion#51, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Tony Touschner, Dr. Pridgeon)** to enter into a contract with Life and Purpose Behavioral Health for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$200,000. The motion to enter into a contract with Life and Purpose Behavioral Health passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

H. **Rigel-** Mr. Browne made a suggestion to enter into a contract with Rigel Recovery Services, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$50,000. Due to the Behavioral Health Re-design, actual permissible billing codes are still being determined.

**Motion#52, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Tony Touschner, Eric Fowler)** to enter into a contract with Rigel Recovery Services, effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$50,000. The motion to enter into a contract with Rigel Recovery Services passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

I. **Hopewell Health-** It was recommended to enter into a contract with Hopewell Health Centers, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance,



or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$60,000. Due to the Behavioral Health Re-design, actual permissible billing codes are still being determined.

**Motion#53, 2018**

**It was moved and seconded (Tony Touschner, Larry Schwendeman)** to enter into a contract with Hopewell Health Center, effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, for services rendered to residents of Washington County Ohio without Medicaid, insurance, or other payer source, per the adopted sliding fee schedule, for up to \$60,000. The motion to enter into a contract with Hopewell Health Center passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

**XVI. Good of the Order**

Tony Touschner made a request that an increase of salary be considered for a Behavioral Health Board staff member.

**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**July 26, 2018**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Plaugher**

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Board President Signature