

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, August 23~ 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

Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Brett Nicholas
Mike Beardmore
Larry Hall
David White
LeeAnn Price
Stacey Adams
Larry Schwendeman
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Stephen Schwartz
Tony Tuschner

Absent

Eric Fowler
Jarrett Barnhouse
Bill Bauer
Cindy Arnold
Jack Van Kuiken

Staff

David Browne
Brent Phipps
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Sherry Shamblin- Hopewell
Dick Wittberg- Health Dept
Mike Dennis- House of Hope
Doug Pfeifer- Life & Purpose
Matthew Downing- House of Hope
Jason Varney- Oriana House
Anne Connell- Oriana House
Doreen Horne- EVE

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

V. Agenda Revisions

No revisions were made.

VI. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2018

Motion #65, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Dr. Raney) to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 Board meeting. The motion to approve the July 2018 minutes passed with 3 abstentions (Stacey Adams, Larry Hall, Larry Schwendeman) 1 “No” (Tony Tuschner) and 7 “yes” votes during a roll call vote.

VII. Treasurer's Report

The new layout of the Treasurer's report was well received by attendees.

Motion #66, 2018

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

VIII. Director's Report

Repairs to Oxford house will be scheduled once the final tenant relocates.

IX. Deputy Director's Report

In addition to his report, Mr. Phipps mentioned capital improvement funds of up to \$10,000 that are available for updates to current housing. The capital improvement funds have an expiration date of September 30, 2018.

Until Oriana House is able to open a detox facility in Washington County residents are being referred to a facility in New Lexington, Ohio as a temporary option to receive detox services.

Dr. Pridgeon stated how pleased he was with the article authored by Mr. Phipps that was published in the Marietta Times updating the public on new services that are being offered to Washington County residents since the passage of the Levy.

X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Progress continues on reestablishing a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) chapter here in Washington County. Mrs. Keith is looking for family caregivers of individuals living with mental illness who would be interested in taking the training to become a NAMI Family-to-Family teacher. Training to become a certified NAMI Family-to-Family teacher is expected to take place late October 2018.

The five day Peer Recovery Supporter Training hosted by Ohio MHAS (Mental Health and Addiction Services) is scheduled for October 29 – November 2. The training will be provided to qualified Washington County residents at no cost.

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis introduced Matthew Downing as the new Activities Director of the House of Hope. Mr. Downing is working on a grant to help fund an art program. Mr. Dennis stated that there has been a small drop in active members due to employment.
- B. **The Right Path**- No updates mentioned
- C. **Life & Purpose** – Another round of trauma informed school training is scheduled to start September 12. Dr. Binkley asked about the overwhelming amount of staff cancellations that could be deciphered by the numbers provided in his report. Mr. Pfeifer indicated that the high staff cancellations could be due to starting school, new positions, and transitioning from one position to another.

- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – Summer prevention services have wrapped up. EVE Inc. is operating with only one prevention specialist due to the loss of the Women’s Set Aside Grant. Doreen Horne stated that a proposal from EVE Inc. was submitted to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board asking for \$10,000 to employ a second prevention specialist for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion#67, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, Stacey Adams) to grant EVE Inc. \$10,000 to employ a second prevention specialist for FY 19. The motion to grant EVE Inc. funds for a second prevention specialist passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

- E. **Oriana House-** Jason Varney stated that the projected date to initialize a Drug Court for Washington County is December. Rigel Recovery Services is currently located in Reno, there are plans to relocate to downtown Marietta, allowing clients to access services easier. Anne Connell stated that once the move is complete the vacant Reno facility could be used as a detox center for Washington County. Miss. Connell has been communicating with an Architect about making necessary changes to the current layout of the facility. Once the detox facility is open it will be made available to the entire catchment area.
- F. **Hopewell Health-** Sherry Shamblin stated that the REACH day treatment facility is ready to go and plans to open in October.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight Committee** – Dr. Raney stated that the current committee will begin to meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month for 1-3 p.m. The committee plans to broaden the scope of oversight of Board functionality.
- B. **Public Information and Education Committee (PI&E)** – The article authored by Deputy Director Phipps is scheduled to print in the Marietta Times the first weekend of September. The PI&E committee approved a commercial informing the public on local substance use disorder providers that use the current Board approved sliding fee scale. The thirty second commercial is due to start airing the first week of September.
- C. **Budget & Finance Committee-** Nothing offered.
- D. **Personnel Committee** – The current committee will be evaluated to see if it is needed as a stand-alone committee. Larry Schwendeman asked if the PP&OC meeting times could accommodate a working day schedule.
- E. **CIT Committee (Ad Hoc)** – Miriam Keith reported that 4 out of 15 post training surveys have been received.
- F. **AoD-** Stacey Adams and Brent Phipps met to talk about options for the Oxford House and would like to keep the facility as some type of recovery housing.

XIII. Old Business

- A. Board evaluations are due by the end of the month.
- B. Dr. Binkley reminded attendees that attendance is required for the monthly Behavioral Health Board meetings. Four absences in a year regardless of reason must be reported to his/her appointing authority.

XIV. New Business

- A. **Washington County Health Department- PAX Proposal-** It was recommended to enter into a contract with the Washington County Health Department in the amount of \$35,000 for continued funding of a Washington County PAX Partner half-time position.

Motion#68,2018

It was moved and seconded (Tony Tuschner, Larry Schwendeman) to enter into a contract with the Washington County Health Department (WCHD) in the amount of \$35,000 for continued funding of a full time Washington County PAX Partner. The motion passed to enter into a contract with WCHD in the amount of \$35,000 with a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. **Range of Pay-** Dr. Raney made a suggestion to go into Executive Session to discuss the high and low range of pay.

Motion#69, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, LeeAnn Price) to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues: Discussion of range of pay. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Board decided not to take any action on items discussed during Executive Session.

The Range of Pay issue was referred to the PP&OC.

The meeting adjourned directly after.

XV. Good of the Order

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

September 27, 2018

7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board

344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher**

