

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, September 27~ 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 7:01 p.m. by President Karen Binkley.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Stacey Adams
Cindy Arnold
Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Eric Fowler
Brett Nicholas
LeeAnn Price
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Tuschner

Absent

Larry Hall
Stephen Schwartz
David White

Staff

David Browne
Brent Phipps
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaugher

Guests

Hilles Hughes, Future DD
Judge Janet Welch
Doug Pfeifer, Life& Purpose
Doreen Horn, EVE
Lashley Mosser, EVE
Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell
Dick Wittberg, WCHD
Mike Dennis, HoH

IV. Public Statements

There was nothing offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made:

- New Business: A. Treasurer Nomination
- Committee Reports: AoD (Ad Hoc)

VI. Approval of Minutes – August 23, 2018

Motion #70, 2018

It was moved and seconded (**Brett Nicholas, Dr. Pridgeon**) to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 Board meeting. The motion to approve the August 2018 minutes passed with nine “yes” votes and three abstentions; Cindy Arnold, Jarrett Barnhouse, and Eric Fowler, who were not present at the August meeting.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Raney asked that next month’s report include a program funding overview.

Motion #71, 2018

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

VIII. Director’s Report

The Program Planning and Oversight committee (PP&OC) originated from the Steering committee that was formed to assist in the passage of the mental health levy. Executive Director Browne stated that the PP&OC is no longer needed and would like to remove the committee. There have been some complaints from Behavioral Health Board (BHB) members who cannot attend the second and fourth Tuesday PP&OC meetings because they are at work. Currently the PP&OC discusses relevant topics and propose motions during the monthly BHB meetings.

Mr. Browne introduced a guest, Hilles Hughes, as the new hire that will be replacing current Deputy Director Brent Phipps at the end of October 2018. Miss Hughes expressed her enthusiasm to work closely with staff and members of the board.

IX. Deputy Director’s Report

In addition to his report, Deputy Director Phipps has been working closely with the Washington County Health Commissioner, Dr. Wittberg, on offering testing for Hepatitis C and referrals for treatment.

X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Miriam Keith was pleased to share that the first Recovery Day went well. Many local food vendors, mental health and addiction service providers, and community members attended the event. Mrs. Keith thanked board member Mike Beardmore for providing

musical entertainment as well as Mark Doebrich who went above and beyond to make the day a successful one.

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis stated that flooring renovations to the second level of the House of Hope are expected to take place at the beginning of the year. Mr. Dennis recently applied for a grant through the Marietta Welfare League to assist in purchasing a new stove for the House of Hope.
- B. **The Right Path** – The iBELIEVE Foundation will have a fundraising dinner on October 3 at Grand Pointe in Vienna, WV. Cathy Harper, coordinator for The Right Path, will be presented an award during the event.
- C. **Life & Purpose** – President Binkley mentioned how impressed she was after attending an all-day trauma informed schools training event lead by Doug Pfeifer.

Clinical Director Christa Holman has submitted her resignation; there are two internal candidates qualified to fill her position. Brent Phipps stated that he and Mr. Browne would like to meet with the new hire once that person is available.

Board member Cindy Arnold shared a personal story of an individual struggling to obtain housing/mental health services in Washington County. Mr. Phipps mentioned the Adam-Amanda house (Mental Health Rehabilitation Housing) that recently opened in Athens County. The facility is a step down program offering housing and additional services after state hospital release.

- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – Doreen Horne shared that prevention specialist Sheri Harris has resigned and Lashley Mosser will be stepping into the prevention position.
- E. **Rigel/Oriana House**- Tony Tuschner stated that he was pleased to read in the report that Rigel was showing an interest in purchasing the Woman’s Home located on third street in Marietta, OH as a possible location for a detox/treatment facility.
- F. **Hopewell Health**- The Rapid Access Team is up and running. Jail services will be starting soon. The REACH day treatment program for adolescents is

expected to open in November. Hopewell Health has applied and been approved for four grants. Funds from the grants will help in purchasing a bus that will be used at the REACH facility for transportation. If financially possible Hopewell Health would like to help with funding the PAX coordinator position in the future.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight Committee** – Dr. Raney informed attendees that the committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at the BHB office and will continue to meet at the scheduled time until further notice. The committee was given the Administrative Assistant and Forensic Monitor position descriptions in addition to numerous policies that require updating/approval before the BHB can apply for the Culture of Quality accreditation. Dr. Pridgeon asked to see an overall scope of (table of content) required policies that need reviewed. Although the two position descriptions need to be reviewed by the Board it may help speed the process up to allow the President of the Board and the Executive Director to review the required policies individually before presenting sections at a time for the Board to review.

Motion #72, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Tony Touschner, Stacey Adams) to authorize the President of the Behavioral Health Board and the Executive Director to review/revise current policies and procedures. The motion to authorize the President and Director of the BHB to review/revise policies and procedures passed with 11 “yes” and 1 “no” vote

- B. Public Information and Education Committee** – The upcoming article that will be published in the Marietta Times will focus on domestic violence. The article is authored by Washington County Family and Children First Council staff member Elaine Corbitt. Doug Pfeifer recommended that a link be shared on the Recovery Is Beautiful Facebook page to the Marietta Times Behavioral Health articles when they are published.

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C. Personnel Committee – Nothing offered

D. AoD Committee- Stacey Adams stated that committee members would like to be more involved in the community. Members plan to work closely with Mr. Phipps and Ms. Keith.

XIII. Old Business

A. November/December Meeting Dates- Members of the Board held a discussion on the current schedule for the upcoming November and December board meeting?

Motion# 73, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Dr. Pridgeon) to change the November meeting date to the 15th and the December meeting date to the 13th due to holidays. The motion to change the November and December dates due to holidays passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

XIV. New Business

A. Treasurer Nomination- Dr. William Bauer recently submitted his resignation from the Behavioral Health Board leaving the Treasurer position vacant.

Motion #74, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, LeeAnn Price) to elect Mike Beardmore as Treasurer.

Board members held a discussion on the President’s ability to appoint members of the Board to positions.

Motion #75, 2018

It was moved and seconded (Stacey Adams, Larry Schwendeman) to remove motion #74 to elect Mike Beardmore as Treasurer. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

President Karen Binkley appointed Mike Beardmore as the Treasurer of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

XV. Good of the Order

A. Ballot Issue 1/Drug and Criminal Justice Policies Initiative- Attendees held a lengthy discussion on Issue 1. Judge Janet Dyar Welch gave a brief description of the pros and cons of Issue 1.

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XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next Meeting:

October 25, 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