

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, January 24~ 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 7:02 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
Larry Hall
Eric Johnston
Brett Nicholas
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Stephen Schwartz
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
Dave White

Absent

LeeAnn Price

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaugher

Guests

Dick Wittberg- WCHD
Mike Dennis- HoH
Doreen Horn- EVE
SherryShamblin- Hopewell

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda

- XII. Committee Reports
 - E. 211 Report
 - F. Bylaws Committee (Ad Hoc)
- Old Business
 - C. Board Training

VI. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2018

Dr. Pridgeon asked that minor revisions be made to page 4 section 12 C. of the December minutes.

Motion #1. 2012

It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Brett Nicholas) to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Board meeting. The motion to approve the December 2018 minutes passed with minor revisions made to page 4 section 12 C.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion #2. 2019

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

VIII. Director’s Report

Cheri Walter with OACBHA will be offering her assistance with Strategic Planning for the Board; she has two dates available to choose from. Out of the two dates offered the Board chose Saturday, April 27. Details to be determined.

A detailed request for additional information regarding County employee wages & benefits was sent to then County Commissioner Rick Walters after the November 2018 meeting. A response from Rick Peoples was recently received and will be shared with Board members at the next Board meeting.

IX. Deputy Director’s Report

Hilles Hughes recently attended a PAX 7-hour training along with 40 teachers from surrounding schools. The coordinator of the training informed Hilles of a new program, “PAX Tools” that is designed to be incorporated in everyday life with individuals of all ages.

An article was published in the Marietta Times on the established Opioid Hub.

Work order requests have been submitted to Community Action for the 5th street units.

Conversation continues with Integrated Services on possibly offering new transitional housing in Washington County.

Board staff have been working on an insert for electric bills similar to the bookmarks with information about local mental health and substance use treatment providers. The insert was submitted to Washington Electric Coop and American Electric Power (AEP). Washington Electric Coop will present the insert for approval during their next scheduled Board meeting; AEP declined to participate.

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X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Monroe County does not have Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training available in their area. Miriam Keith would like to extend an invitation to law enforcement in that area to attend the upcoming training event. There are 30 spots available for the NOVA Community Crisis Response Team training, 29 applications have been received thus far. The deadline for applications is January 29.

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – A fairly serious House of Hope member-to-member incident occurred after hours. Mike Dennis extended his appreciation to Hilles for her support in helping to resolve the situation. The second floor renovations to the House of Hope have been completed. An invitation to utilize the space for a Board meeting was extended.
- B. **The Right Path** – No updates offered
- C. **Life & Purpose** – No updates offered. Stacey Adams asked that the utilization report be submitted.
- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – Doreen Horn stated that December is a slow month for school prevention due to winter break.
- E. **Oriana House**- No updates offered.
- F. **Hopewell Health**- Sherry Shamblin stated that a portion of the Rural Outreach grant funds received by Hopewell Health is earmarked to assist with additional PAX Partner training and other evidence-based programs. The date for the PAX Partner training has not been determined at this time.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – The Board has a new lawyer on retainer, Christina Shaynak-Diaz. Billing will be submitted on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$5,000 per year.
- B. **Public Information and Education** – Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019.
- C. **Personnel Committee (Ad Hoc)** - Dr. Pridgeon stated that all items designated to the committee have been completed. A recommendation was made to dissolve the committee, and expunge the Personnel committee from the agenda.

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- D. AoD-** The annual Recovery Day event has a tentative date of September 21, 2019. Food service will be provided by High on Hope. A portion of revenue collected through food sales during the event will be reinvested toward addiction/recovery community efforts. The next AoD committee meeting is set for March 28 at 6 p.m. Dr. Pridgeon suggested that the AoD committee members discuss if the committee should be an Ad Hoc or Standing committee.
- E. 211 Report-** While reviewing the report, Dr. Raney noticed House of Hope and The Right Path were not included on the list of Washington County agencies/providers. Dr. Raney suggested updating the current list.
- F. By-laws Committee (Ad Hoc) -** The current committee members are as follows: Dr. Pridgeon, Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas, and Dr. Binkley. The task of the Ad Hoc committee is to review and offer revisions as needed to the current by-laws and standing rules and procedures. The editorial committee plans to share the documents for discussion at the next scheduled Board meeting.

XIII. Old Business

- A. Epidemiological Study of Opiate-Related Deaths-** The proposal was included in the Board packet. The study would investigate opiate-related deaths (both suicide and overdose) in Washington County, based on information obtained through the County Coroner. Loved ones of victims will be contacted in hopes to gather information on services the victim was receiving and patterns in missing services that loved ones feel could have helped to prevent these deaths.

Motion #3. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Stacey Adams) to approve the Epidemiological Study of Opiate-related Deaths proposal in the amount of \$9,000. The motion to approve the proposed Epidemiological Study in the amount of \$9,000 was approved with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

- B. Culture of Quality Items-** Three policies/procedures were included in the monthly board packet (Sunshine, Public Records, and Indemnification). The policies will be discussed and voted on during the February meeting.

XIV. New Business

- A. VISTA-** The VISTA proposal was included in the Board packet. Executive Director Browne asked that a motion be made to approve the proposal requesting funds for housing costs of up to \$4,800 for the placement and use of a VISTA for 2019. The VISTA would primarily work on compiling surrounding area resources. Information obtained by the VISTA would be used to create a master resource guide. Life and Purpose has

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asked to collaborate with The Washington County Behavioral Health Board to establish a Resource Center centrally located in Marietta. If this idea launches, the VISTA could be a great asset for the beginning stage of initiating the Resource Center. The VISTA is expected to start February 19, 2019.

Board members held a discussion on logistics of utilizing the VISTA in a Resource Center.

Motion #4. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Eric Johnston) to approve the proposal requesting funds for housing costs of up to \$4,800 that would go toward placement and the use of a VISTA for 2019. The motion to approve the proposal requesting funds for the use of a VISTA for 2019 passed with one abstention, Dr. Pridgeon.

B. Oriana Lease- A boilerplate lease with Oriana House is ready if/when the 812 3rd street property becomes available for the use of a detox/residential treatment facility. Executive Director Browne asked that a motion be made to enter into a lease with Oriana House for \$5,000 a month for 60 months for a total amount of \$300,000 for 5 years.

Motion # 5. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Stacey Adams) to enter into a 5 year lease with Oriana House in the amount of \$5,000 for 60 months, totaling \$300,000.

Dr. Raney suggested that the Board obtain in-depth information on the difference between a lease and a contract to make the best choice for the Board before moving any further on motion #5. 2019. Mr. Browne agreed to gather information on the difference between a lease and a contract; he will then share findings during the scheduled Board training on February 12.

Motion #6. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Eric Fowler) to table motion #5. 2019 until additional information has been made available to Board members. The motion passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote to table motion #5. 2019.

C. Board Training- Dr. Raney made a recommendation to announce the annual Board training session on February 12 as a public meeting. The announcement would be published in the Marietta Times.

Motion #7. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Mike Beardmore) to announce the annual Board training session on February 12 as a public meeting. The motion to announce the annual Board training as a public meeting passed with one “No”, Eric Fowler.

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XV. Good of the Order

Tony Tuschner asked for an update on the 2018 audit and suggested sending an invitation to newly appointed County Commissioner Kevin Ritter to attend the next scheduled Board meeting. David Browne stated that he has not received a findings report as of yet in regards to the 2018 audit, and an invitation will be extended to Mr. Ritter.

Judge Janet Dyer Welch stated that although recovery is important, it is imperative to understand that her court is not a social services agency but rather offers recovery with consequences. Judge Welch's court is in the process of entering into a contract with a Certified Peer Recovery Supporter that will offer a supportive line of communication with clients.

Brett Nicholas asked members of the Board to help spread the word of the upcoming NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group meetings that will take place the first Thursday of every month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Marietta. The first scheduled meeting will be February 7.

Eric Fowler was honored to report that he will be representing one of the first drug court clients. Without the "Compass" drug court program in place the client could possibly be going back to prison without the option for treatment.

Dr. Raney suggested that the updated 2014 OACBHA frequently asked legal questions be shared with Board members before the annual Board training on February 12.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

February 28, 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