



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, December 19~ 7:00 p.m.
Washington County Behavioral Health Board Office
1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, OH 45750

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Michael Beardmore
Karen Binkley, Ed. D.
Eric Fowler
Brett Nicholas
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
David White
Eric Johnston

Absent

Stacey Adams
Larry Hall
Stephen Schwartz
Charles Pridgeon. Ph. D.

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Suzy Zumwalde
Candice Jeffers- RRRRC
Dick Wittberg- CHIA
Chris Berg-CHIA
Emily Canaday- VISTA
Doug Pfeifer- L&P
Kate Davis- EVE Inc.
Aleisha Roberson- Compass

IV. Public Statements

Dr. Raney made a suggestion to either replace the Pledge of Allegiance with the Washington County Behavioral Health Board Oath of Office or make it an addition to.

V. Agenda Revisions

No revisions were made to the agenda.

VI. Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2019

Motion # 81.2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Brett Nicholas) to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2019 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Mike Beardmore called attention to the final payment to the “Compass” Drug Court on page one of the report. Eric Johnston asked that Dr. Karen Binkley’s expense for the October Peer Recovery Supporter Training on page one of the report reflect a reimbursement for items purchased. David Browne provided a “tracking” page to help the reader associate expenditures throughout the report.

Motion #82. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

VIII. Director’s Report

Executive Director, David Browne informed members of the Board that Stacey Adams respectfully submitted her letter of resignation to the Board. Stacey accepted a position with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and can no longer serve on the Washington County Behavioral Health Board per the policies and procedures of her new employer.

Out of the nearly \$99,000 provided to Washington County to stimulate K-12 prevention, roughly \$30,000 remain after earmarking funds for additional Strengthening Families workshops, PAX trainings, and a Community that Cares Survey for the six public school districts in Washington County.

IX. Deputy Director’s Report

Hilles Hughes shared that Emily Canaday will be serving as a member of the Board for The Right Path for Washington County.

A Technical Assistance Grant has been made available by the Development District Association of Appalachia. The purpose of the grant is to build a substance use Recovery-To-Work ecosystem in the Appalachian region. Buckeye Hills plans to apply for this grant. Additional information on this grant will be shared once it becomes available.

X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Miriam Keith wrapped up her 20th Mental Health First Aid Class alongside Dr. Karen Binkley on Tuesday, December 17.

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – Mike Dennis extended an invitation to members of the Board to attend a Holiday lunch at the House of Hope on Monday, December 23.

The House of Hope (HoH) will be closed for a few days to allow flooring renovations on the ground floor. Staff may try to schedule an outing for members of the HoH during this time.

The next Behavioral Health Matters article topic will focus on the House of Hope!

- B. EVE, Incorporated** – Prevention Specialist, Kate Davis shared that prevention services will be offered in Frontier, Newport and Salem schools starting in the spring of 2020.

- C. Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer shared that Life and Purpose will have additional office space on 7th street in Marietta.

Efforts are being made to secure grants and other funding to support the Life and Purpose Community Resource Center. The grand opening of the center will be covered by the Marietta Times.

- D. The Right Path** – There was no representative from the agency in attendance. Nothing was added to the report.

- E. Rigel/Oriana House-** In addition to two new Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) joining the team, Candice Jeffers shared that Oriana has hired a full time Peer Recovery Services provider through the Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA) AmeriCorps program to offer services to clients at Rigel Residential Recovery Center, Compass Drug Court, and the Reserve Center in Reno.

The Family Matters group continues to meet bi-weeks with great attendance at the Reno facility.

Aleisha Roberson spoke on behalf of “Compass” Drug Court stating how wonderful it has been to see staff and members of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board support the program by attend weekly hearing at the Washington County Courthouse. The weekly Monday hearing time will change effective January 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., same location. Aleisha also mentioned applying for grants to help support additional staff to keep up with the growing program.

- F. **Hopewell Health-** There was no representative from the agency in attendance. Hilles Hughes shared that Sherry Shamblin and Catherine Shanks authored a Behavioral Health Matters article in regards to the Hopewell Health's Early Childhood Team and prevention programs offered. The article is scheduled to print in the Marietta Times January 2020.
- G. **AmeriCorp-** Dr. Dick Wittberg shared that recruitment for additional Peer Recovery Supporters will start in late January- early February 2020. Three supporters are now providing services at the following locations: House of Hope, EVE Inc., and Oriana facilities.

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

XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – Dr. Raney shared that the committee met on Thursday, December 10 to discuss Board training topics and review the “040” report that will be submitted to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. After a short discussion on training topics, the Board was in agreement to have the annual Board training focus on ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) levels of care, Ethics, and Roberts Rules of Order.
- B. **Community Relations** – Eric Johnston shared that the committee met on Thursday, December 10 to discuss logistics of an annual awards banquet scheduled for May 14 and the proposed motions included on the Agenda.
- C. **AoD-** President Eric Fowler appointed Larry Hall as a member of the Alcohol and other Drugs (AoD) Committee. Due to Stacey Adams resignation to the Board, President Fowler appointed Jarrett Barnhouse as the new Chair of the AoD Committee.

XIII. Old Business

- A. **WTAP Media Contract-** Eric Johnston made a recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with WTAP for Media Strategy in the amount of up to \$15,000 for one year.
Members of the Board briefly discussed logistics of the Media Strategy proposal that was presented earlier in the year.

Motion # 83. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with WTAP for Media Strategy in the amount of up to \$15,000 for one year. Funds will come from the Advertising and Digital Outreach

subcategory of the Community Relation funds. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

XIV. New Business

A. Approval of Health Officers- Life & Purpose- The list of proposed Life and Purpose Health Officers was included in the Board packet. A Health Officer has the ability and credentials to provide a psychiatric evaluation and refer or involuntarily committee a patient to a mental health hospital.

Motion # 84.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler) to approve the Life and Purpose Behavioral Health, Health Officers. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

B. Approval of Health Officers- Marietta Memorial Hospital- The list of proposed Marietta Memorial Hospital Health Officers was included in the Board packet.

Motion # 85.2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Eric Fowler) approve the Marietta Memorial Health Officers.

Board members held a discussion on the process of committing a patient. After further review members of the Board asked for additional information in regards to credentials of the proposed Health Officers.

Amended Motion # 86.2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Eric Fowler) to approve the Marietta Memorial Health Officers list contingent on proof of professional qualifications.

Although there was not a representative in attendance, Hilles Hughes contacted Linda Sistrunk, representative for Marietta Memorial Hospital through phone during the meeting. Linda sent an email containing credentials for each proposed Health Officer as proof of professional qualifications. Members of the Board agreed to accept the email as proof of professional qualifications.

The amended motion to approve the Marietta Memorial Health Officers list contingent on proof of professional qualifications passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

C. Facebook Contract- Eric Johnston made a recommendation to terminate the Facebook management contract with Michelle Wilson.

Motion # 87.2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Brett Nicholas) to terminate the Facebook management contract with Michelle Wilson effective February 1, 2020.

The Board held a short discussion on the pros and cons of terminating the contract with Michelle Wilson and managing the Facebook account in-house. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		N		Y	N	Y

D. Opioid HUB Report- The report was included in the monthly Board packet.

Motion # 88.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Mike Beardmore) to approve the Opioid Hub report to be submitted to the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA). The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

E. Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) “040” Report- The report was discussed during the Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting on December 10 and included in the monthly Board packet.

Motion # 89.2019

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Eric Fowler) to approve the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services “040” report. The motion passed with the following votes:

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y

XV. Good of the Order

Brett Nicholas shared that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) plan to make “988” the National Suicide Prevention hotline number.

Eric Johnston asked that the three digit hotline number be added to the new bookmark and other promotion items.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Next Meeting:

January 23, 2020

**7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board
1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, Ohio 45750**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaugher**

Board President Signature