

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, February 28~ 7:00 p.m.
Washington County Behavioral Health Board Office
344 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7 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
Brett Nicholas
Charles Pridgeon, Ph. D.
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
David White

Absent

Stephen Schwartz

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaughner

Guests

Derrick Huck- L&P
Mike Dennis- HoH
Christa Holman- Rigel
Sherry Shamblin- Hopewell
Lashley Moser- EVE
Resa Murphy- NOE office supply
Lisa McRae, NOE office Supply
Charlie Schilling, Fort Frye School

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

- New Business
 - C. Contracting Authority Policy
 - D. Residential Treatment Contract with Oriana House
- Committee Reports
 - E. Executive Director Evaluation Committee

VI. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2019

Motion #8.2019

It was moved and seconded (Stacey Adams, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Board meeting. The motions to approve the January 2019 minutes passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Mike Beardmore pointed out a discrepancy on page 3 of the report under 200-0611, Levy funds. A payment of \$20,000 to the Washington County Children Services kinship program did not make it on the report; it now agrees with the balance. The Kinship program offers assistance to support children in the homes of family or friends who have committed to caring for them when birth parents cannot. Kin do not qualify for foster funds. Page 1 of the report with a blank disbursement should show Life & Purpose for the shown TIS-expenses.

Motion #9. 2019

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

VIII. Director’s Report

County Commissioners would still like to see the County Home reconsidered as an option for the location of a residential treatment/detox facility that Oriana House plans to open. David Browne informed attendees that the Board is not a deciding factor when it comes to the direction Oriana House plans to go in obtaining a location for a residential detox/treatment facility. The Board is merely a pass-through of State funds to a provider.

IX. Deputy Director’s Report

Hilles Huges created a PowerPoint presentation offering a short history of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board and the role the Board has in the community by showcasing current and upcoming local provider programs that receive funding from the Board. The presentation will be kept up to date and used during speaking events. Board members offered their input on revisions to the PowerPoint.

X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Miriam Keith informed attendees that 31 individuals completed the 3 day NOVA training that took place February 25-27 at the Washington County Emergency Operations Center.

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis stated that he is now serving on the Ohio Peer Organization Network (OPON) Board. The House of Hope received a SWAN (Statewide Advocacy Network) grant through the Gathering Place in Athens totaling \$2000. Of the total grant received \$1,500 is earmarked for promoting the program within the community, and \$500 is designated to promote a peer organization for youth. The House of Hope would like to collaborate with The Right Path of Washington County by hosting a youth summer pool party.
- B. **The Right Path** – No updates offered
- C. **Life & Purpose** – Starting mid-March Life and Purpose will offer Saturday hours to clients, helping to close the gap of Washington County residents seeking services over the weekend. Derrick Huck also mentioned the hiring of a substance use disorder counselor that will start March 11, 2019.
- D. **EVE, Incorporated** – The “Too Good for Drugs” prevention classes continue in Waterford school. Since her report, Lashley Moser has started prevention classes at Belpre School during gym/health period with 7th & 8th graders.
- E. **Oriana House**- Christa Holman stated that Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has scheduled a site review of the third street location for Wednesday, March 20, 2019. A Clinical Coordinator and two treatment assistants have been hired for the residential treatment facility. Interviewing continues for the remaining positions.
- F. **Hopewell Health**- Sherry Shamblin informed attendees that Hopewell has initiated “Open Access” at the facility, allowing walk-ins during regular business hours. There has been a great response to Open Access with up to 6 individuals taking advantage of the walk-in service daily. Hopewell Health and Life and Purpose staff have been trained in the PAX Good Behavior Games and plan to become trained PAX Partners.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – During the February 26 meeting committee members discussed the need for the following motions to be made:
 - Approval of the three Culture of Quality items (Indemnification, Sunshine Laws, Access to Public Records) that were shared during the January meeting.

- Delegation of contracting authority to the Executive Director.
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Oriana House to operate a residential treatment program in Washington County.

The committee also discussed planning for a Mental Health Scholarship Program, the epidemiological study of opiate-related deaths and suicides, and the County response to the Board's Public Records Request in regards to compensation policies. Analyses will continue with a detailed discussion at the next PP&OC meeting on March 12, 6-8 p.m. All Board members are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

- B. Public Information and Education** – The PIE committee did not meet during the month of February. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 1 p.m. There have been difficulties publishing the Behavioral Health Matters articles due to a change in staff at the Marietta Times.
- C. AoD-** The next meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 6 p.m. before the scheduled Board meeting.
- D. Bylaws Revision-** Dr. Pridgeon stated that the committee was overly optimistic on having the revised documents prepared for the February meeting however; next month Board members will be dazzled.
- E. Executive Director Evaluation-** The committee reviewed evaluations from 7 surrounding Boards to create the Washington County Behavioral Health Board evaluation that will be included in the March Board packet for members to fill out and return. Mike Beardmore asked that Board members base the evaluation on the past two years only.

XIII. Old Business

- A. Culture of Quality Items-** Dr. Raney moved to approve the Compliance with Sunshine Law policy that was shared with Board members during the January Board meeting. Dr. Pridgeon reminded members that as stated in the policy under procedure #1 that “An official notice will be sent to local print media servicing the Washington County area at least 48 hours prior to each regular or special meeting of the Board”. This wordage will cause a change to the Standing Rules and Procedures that currently read 7 days.

Motion #10.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Dr. Pridgeon) to approve the Compliance with Sunshine Law policy. The motion to approve the Compliance with Sunshine Law policy was approved with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

Access to Public Records Policy- Dr. Raney moved to approve the Access to Public Records policy that was shared with Board members during the January 2019 Board meeting.

Motion #11.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Stacey Adams) to approve the Access to Public Records policy. The motion to approve the Access to Public Records policy passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

Indemnification Policy- Dr. Raney moved to approve the Governance Board Indemnification policy that was shared with Board members during the January 2019 Board meeting.

Motion #12.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Stacey Adams) to approve the Governance Board Indemnification policy. The motion to approve the Indemnification policy passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

XIV. New Business

A. Scholarship committee (Ad Hoc) needed- Hilles Hughes stated that the biggest challenge voiced by service providers is workforce. There is a lack of individuals qualified in the Mental Health and Addiction field in the area to support the need. Marietta College has submitted a proposal seeking to partner with the Washington County Behavioral Health Board for a student fellowship grant. The grant would be directed toward the new Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program. Hilles made a recommendation to initiate an Ad Hoc committee to further discuss the proposal. Sherry Shamblin mentioned a stipend for paid internship would be helpful. Dick Wittberg suggested a reimbursement program for continued education for Board staff may be helpful in addition to the fellowship grant. Volunteers for the Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee:

- Tony Tuschner
- Stacey Adams
- Hilles Hughes
- Sherry Shamblin

The first meeting is scheduled for March 5 at the Belpre Hopewell office at 4:15 p.m.

B. Resignation- David Browne asked that the Board accept two resignations from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. LeeAnn Price, and Eric Johnston submitted resignations from the Board. The appropriate appointing authorities will be notified of the resignations.

Motion #13.2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Eric Fowler) to accept the resignations of LeeAnn Price, and Eric Johnston from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The motion to approve the resignations of LeeAnn Price, and Eric Johnston passed with a unanimous “yes” voice vote.

C. Delegation of Contracting Authority to the Executive Director- The proposed policy was shared with members of the Board. During the annual Board training members learned that it is within the Ohio Revised Code to delegate contracting authority up to \$25,000 to the Executive Director. Dr. Raney moved that the proposed Contracting Authority policy be approved.

Motion #14.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to approve the Contracting Authority policy. The motion to approve the Contract Authority policy passed with 11 “yes” votes and one “no” vote, Eric Fowler, during a roll call vote.

D. Residential Treatment Contract with Oriana House- Board Lawyer, Christina Shaynak-Diaz, created a boiler-plate Behavioral Health Facilities Contract to be used between the Washington County Behavioral Health Board and Oriana House for the purpose of operating an Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services licensed residential treatment facility in Washington County.

Motion #15.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Stacey Adams) to approve the boiler-plate contract between the Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) and Oriana House in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of operating an OhioMHAS-licensed residential treatment facility in Washington County. The motion to approve the boiler-plate contract between the WCBHB and Oriana House passed with 11 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote, Eric Fowler, during a roll call vote.

XV. Good of the Order

The following Culture of Quality proposed policies were shared with Board members.

- Board Safety Officer
- No Weapons
- Office Safety Practices
- Board Incidents/Reporting
- Drug Free Workplace
- Reasonable Accommodation

The proposed policies will be discussed and voted on during the March 28 Board meeting.

Tony Touschner suggested that the AoD committee conduct further research on the new drug treatment for meth withdrawal studies article that was published in the Marietta Times on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion #16.2019

It was moved and seconded (Stacey Adams, Larry Schwendeman) with a unanimous “yes” voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting:

March 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