

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, April 25~ 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 6:59 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 Tuschner

Absent

Dave White
Stephen Schwartz

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Christa Holman- Rigel
Janice McFarland- L&P
Glenn Rae
Mike Dennis- HoH
Michele Sturgeon- VISTA
Sherry Shamblin- Hopewell
Rebecca Johnson- B&G Club
Devin Cumpston- B&G Club
Lashley Moser- EVE
Mike Lang- WC resident

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made:

- New Business
- C. Grant Proposal

VI. Rebecca Johnson, Boys & Girls Club- Executive Director of The Boys and Girls Club, Rebecca Johnson shared two handouts; one explained the current program, and the other provided a brief overview of upcoming goals set to better serve youth in Washington County. The Boys and Girls Club, located in the Historic Harmar Village, has been approved for a State reimbursement grant in the amount of \$500,000 through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS). The grant will be used to expand and renovate the current gym space. She stated how important it is to expand space and services to youth in Washington County to prepare for changes within the local YMCA program. The Boys and Girls Club offers a wide range of services including

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research based programs, field trips, prevention, and partnerships with local providers. Staff have received Trauma Informed Training, Mental Health First Aid, CPR/First Aid training, and plan to implement PAX tools. EVE prevention specialist, Lashley Moser, will be offering “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum during summer break. Rebecca Johnson proposed that the Washington County Behavioral Health Board provide working capital funds to assist in the reimbursement state grant through the ODMHAS. Mike Beardmore suggested creating a formal proposal to submit to the Board for review.

- VII. Ohio Recovery Housing Conference, Life & Purpose-** The Washington County Behavioral Health Board sponsored Janice McFarland, Clinical Director of Life and Purpose, to attend a two-day Recovery Housing Conference in Columbus, OH. She stated that the number one cause of relapse in addiction is unstable day-to-day living. There are gaps in the continuum of care and female recovery housing is a need in Washington County that is not being met. She would like to focus on filling that gap.

VIII. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2019

Motion #26.2019

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 Board meeting. The motion to approve the March 2019 minutes passed with one abstention; from Mike Beardmore who was not present.

IX. Treasurer’s Report

Mike Beardmore called attention to pages 2 (month to date) & 3 (year to date) of the report under section 200-0611 (Levy) that shows a difference of \$637.78. Page 2 of the report showing a total of \$861,719.36 is the correct amount. David Browne encouraged providers to submit bills to be reimbursed for clients who have utilized the sliding fee scale by August 2019.

Motion #27. 2019

It was moved and seconded (Stacey Adams, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the Treasurer’s report with a unanimous roll call vote.

- X. Director’s Report-** David Browne shared that the meeting with members of Integrated Services Systems, the Washington County Behavioral Health Board and the Washington County Department of Job and Family Services to further discuss affordable housing went very well and he looks forward to see what the future will hold as Integrated Services Systems has a solid reputation and would be welcome in our county.

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XI. Deputy Director's Report

Cathy Harper, Director of The Right Path for Washington County, was the latest speaker on the new radio show "The 11th Hour" on WMOA. The new logo for the Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) will be revealed along with the new website in July 2019. The 12 month library mental health awareness campaign is due to start in May promoting mental health awareness and will continue each month with a different theme. The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) have made available prepaid AmeriCorps VISTAs. The WCBHB has been provided multiple applications and interviews have taken place. The chosen VISTA with a background in psychology is expected to start in July 2019.

XII. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

The week-long Crisis Intervention Team Training is scheduled for May 6-10.

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

XIII. Agency Reports

A. House of Hope – Members of the House of Hope (HoH) will be going to Amish Country. A member of the HoH was nominated as the Clients Rights Advocate. The County Home will no longer be offering lawn services to the HoH. The Board plans to discuss how lawn care of the grounds will be taken care of.

B. The Right Path – No updates offered.

C. Life & Purpose – Addiction services continue to be top demand among services provided to clients. Janice McFarland is pleased to see how well local service providers are working together. The lease for a resource center located at 274 front street in Marietta has been signed. The open date is set for late June early July 2019.

D. EVE, Incorporated – Prevention services have wrapped up in Belpre and Waterford for the school year. Lashley Moser will be offering the "Too Good for Drugs" prevention program to the Boys and Girls Club.

E. Oriana House- There are currently 11 active clients participating in the "Compass" drug court program in Washington County. The Vivitrol program is running well at Rigel. The 3rd street residential treatment facility certification has been received and clients are receiving services.

David Browne stated that a Judge in Belmont County has been appointed to the injunction that was filed on behalf of the city of Marietta against Oriana House.

F. Hopewell Health- A new, full time psychologist is expected to start soon. Buckeye Hills currently offers classes that focus on living with chronic disease; Hopewell would like to work on an addiction version of the curriculum.

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XIV. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – The committee met twice during the month of April. Proposals from Life and Purpose, EVE, and Community Action were reviewed, as well as other proposals under development by prospective providers. Culture of Quality policies and procedures were discussed and revisions were offered to WCBHB staff for consideration. The committee discussed and recommended 12 motions for vote.
- B. Public Information and Education** – The committee met once during the month of April. A publishing schedule for behavioral health matters articles has been created and will be turned over to the newly structured Community Relations committee that is expected to replace the current Public Information and Education committee starting in June. This will occur once the Standing Rules and Procedures have been approved.
- C. AoD-** Next meeting is scheduled for May 23 at 6 p.m.

XV. Old Business

- A. Culture of Quality (Human Resources)** - The following items were discussed during the monthly Program Planning and Oversight Committee meetings; suggested minor revisions were made. Dr. Raney moved to approve the following Culture of Quality policies:
- Recruitment, Selection & Hiring
 - Affirmative Action
 - New Employee Orientation
 - Employee Conduct/Attendance
 - Performance Evaluation
 - Staff Professional Growth & Development
 - Whistleblowers
 - Office Technology

Motion# 28.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to approve the Culture of Quality items listed above. The motion passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote. Stacey Adams was not present during roll call.

- B. SR&P/Bylaws-** A summary of key revisions to the Standing Rules and Procedures and Bylaws were shared with attendees. Dr. Pridgeon expressed his gratitude to all who participated in the revision process. Dr. Pridgeon agreed to unofficially encourage the Board to implement the newly revised policies and procedures.

Motion # 29.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Dr. Raney) to approve the proposed revisions to the Standing Rules and Procedures (SR&P) and Bylaws. The motion to approve the SR&P and Bylaws passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote. Stacey Adams was not present during roll call.

C. Recovery Summit Registration Fee- Executive Director, David Browne stated that the Board will fund the \$10 fee for up to 60 individuals from Washington County to attend Recovery Summit 2019.

D. Scholarship- The Washington County Recovery Is Beautiful Scholarship program will offer a Master’s and Bachelor’s degree level. Board members held a discussion on the set dollar amount as well as including a proviso that the individual complete the required internship with a provider that is under contract with the WCBHB.

Motion #30.2019

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Dr. Pridgeon) to authorize the Executive Director to establish the Washington County Recovery is Beautiful Scholarship Program with an annual budget of \$15,000 including the provision that the internship be completed with a provider that is under contract with the WCBHB. The motion passed with a unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

XVI. New Business

A. Culture of Quality (Mission & Program)- The following policies were shared with Board members for review and will be discussed during the May monthly meeting:

- Grievance Client/Family
- Privacy Officer
- Security Officer
- Clients Rights Officer
- Civil Rights Compliance
- Complaint Investigation
- Major Unusual Incident Report
- Involuntary Commitment

B. Nominating Committee- Current members of the nominating committee are as follows: Stacey Adams, Eric Fowler, and Tony Touschner. Members of the committee will propose to the Board candidates for the election of President, Vice President, and Treasurer during the May Board meeting.

C. Grant Proposal- The Community Action Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio submitted a proposal seeking funds to provide a socio-emotional learning curriculum to children in Washington County during the summer months in order to prepare pre-k children for the upcoming school year. Larry Hall moved to authorize the Executive Director to approve a grant submitted by The Community Action Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio in the amount of \$34,900.

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Motion #31.2019

It was moved and seconded (Larry Hall, Dr. Raney) to authorize the Executive Director to approve a grant in the amount of \$34,900 to the Community Action Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio to provide a socio-emotional learning curriculum to children in Washington County during the summer months in order to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

XVII. Good of the Order

President Binkley stated that the Executive Director Evaluation Committee has met and reviewed submissions. The Personnel Committee, comprised of Dr. Raney and Brett Nicholas, will offer a presentation on the results during Executive Session at the May meeting.

President Binkley dissolved the Standing Rules and Procedures and Bylaws Committee. due to the job being completed.

Mike Beardmore would like Board members to sign a card of appreciation for Cathy Harper, Executive Director of The Right Path for Washington County, congratulating her for being elected “Zonta Woman of the Year 2019” and thanking her for all she does for the Board and the community.

XVIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting:

May 23, 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