

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, August 22~ 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 at 7 p.m. by President Eric Fowler.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Welcome and Introductions

### Present

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

### Absent

### Staff

Hilles Hughes  
Miriam Keith  
Tara Plaughter

### Guests

Michelle Tornes<sup>EVE Inc.</sup>  
Laci Bowman<sup>EVE Inc.</sup>  
Kate Davis<sup>EVE Inc.</sup>  
Doug Pfeifer<sup>Life and Purpose</sup>  
Jeannie Farnsworth<sup>WCH</sup>  
Aleisha Roberson<sup>WCDC</sup>  
Mike Dennis<sup>HoH</sup>  
Sherry Shamblin<sup>Hopewell</sup>  
Betty Camp<sup>WC resident</sup>  
Christa Holman<sup>Rigel</sup>  
Emily Canaday<sup>VISTA</sup>  
Michele Sturgeon<sup>VISTA</sup>  
Eric Limegrover<sup>WC resident</sup>  
Dick Wittberg<sup>WCHD</sup>

## IV. Public Statements

The Washington County Health Department (WCHD) currently employs the PAX Coordinator for Washington County. Fiscal Director of the WCHD, Jeannie Farnsworth, stated that the department is approaching the end of a pay period and she is interested in the date of employment transfer of the PAX Coordinator. If the PAX Coordinator is approved for transfer from the Health Department to the Behavioral Health Board it will change the WCHD payroll status regarding that position.

## V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

- New Business
- D. Dick Wittberg VISTA Proposal

**VI. Approval of Minutes – July 25, 2019**

**Motion # 54.2019**

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

Adams	Barnhouse	Beardmore	Binkley	Fowler	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwartz	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y= Yes				N= No			A= Abstain					

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Raney would like to see a decrease in the administrative budget and work on lowering overhead costs.

**Motion # 55. 2019**

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Stacey Adams) to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**VIII. Director’s Report**

Executive Director, David Browne included a copy of Governor DeWine’s 2020-2021 “Student Wellness and Success Funds” school district breakdown with his report that was included in the Board packet. Hilles Hughes spoke on behalf of David Browne who was attending a Board collaborative conference in Columbus. The Board has received four applications for the Recovery Is Beautiful Scholarship program so far.

Dr. Pridgeon mentioned Senator Rob Portman’s new legislation “The Combatting Meth and Cocaine Act” that gives more flexibility to use Federal funds to include treatment and prevention for crystal meth and cocaine. Eric Fowler stated that in 2017 and 2018 crystal meth was the most common cause of failed drug tests for individuals in the court system. Hilles Hughes mentioned that she and Michele plan to attend focus groups hosted and funded by a subsidiary of the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services Board (OMHAS). The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network (OSAM) study substance use trends in Ohio. There will be three local focus groups (active recovering drug users, treatment providers, and law enforcement) starting in early September. This is the first time in many years that Washington County will be participating in a drug trend report.

**IX. Deputy Director's Report**

Hilles Hughes shared that the Community Relations Committee (CRC) met on Tuesday, August 13. The CRC discussed the structure of the committee and the provided Marketing and Communications Plan Outline that was shared with attendees. Eric Fowler appointed Eric Johnston and Hilles Hughes to co-chair the Community Relations Committee.

Michele Sturgeon shared a data analysis of contracted provider's utilization reports between the years 2016- present. Hilles Hughes encouraged Board members to review the documentation and decide what data is not being provided that could offer better insight and/or help provide more standardized information. She also mentioned that surrounding Boards conduct annual contractual service provider audits.

**X. Prevention and Recovery Advocate**

Miriam Keith shared that nineteen exhibitors have reserved a table to participate in the second annual Recovery Day scheduled for Saturday, September 21. There will be live entertainment, recovery stories, activities for adults and children, and food available at the event.

The Board will be hosting a second week long Peer Recovery Supporter training in October.

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

**XI. Agency Reports**

- A. House of Hope** – Members of the House of Hope were able to attend the annual Recovery Summit in Zanesville thanks to the Washington County Behavioral Health Board providing funds for transportation. Mike Dennis expressed seeing members step out of their comfort zone by trying new things like attending field trips.  
The art program is gaining popularity.
- B. The Right Path** – The Right Path has donated a live remote promoting Recovery Day scheduled to start a week before the event.
- C. Life & Purpose** – Contracts with Fort Frye and Wolf Creek Local have been accepted; services will be offered in both schools in addition to Belpre and Marietta. Prior authorization is required before providing Certified Peer Recovery Supporter services for mental health; currently the service can only be billed to SRS (Support Recovery Services) approved insurances. The estimated open date for the Community Resource Center is November 2019. The Homeless Coalition is collaborating with the resource center to offer a laundry facility on-site and a centralized phone number and address for individuals who do not have a stable address and phone number. Final steps

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have been made to submit the 501 (c) (3) application. Mike Beardmore stated that once the nonprofit status is approved, Board appropriated funds will be made available to the Resource Center.

- D. EVE, Incorporated** – Michelle Tornes introduced Laci Bowman and Kate Davis as EVE’s new staff members training to become certified prevention advocates. Each position is part time; expected to work 30-35 hours per week. Laci and Kate plan to offer prevention services to Belpre, Waterford, and Lowell schools this 2019-2020 school year.  
EVE Inc. will be hosting their 37<sup>th</sup> annual benefit auction at the historical Lafayette hotel on Friday, August 23 starting at 6 p.m.
- E. Oriana House**- Christa Holman shared that Rigel Recovery Residential Center located on 3<sup>rd</sup> street has transitioned to an all-male facility. Withdrawal management is expected to start mid-September. Rigel Recovery Services in Reno will soon add Suboxone to medication assisted treatment options. Aleisha Roberson attended the Recovery Summit in Zanesville with clients from the Compass Drug Court program; one client was able to share her recovery story. Compass Drug Court hearings are open to the public and held on Mondays at 10 a.m. located at 205 Putnam Street.
- F. Hopewell Health**- Sherry Shamblin received an invitation to participate in a advisory group created by the Ohio Department of Education scheduled for September to further discuss the new “Student Wellness and Success” state funding that will be made available to schools in Ohio including Washington County. The expected funds are in the amount of 3.2 million over FY 2020-2021.

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

### **XII. Committee Reports**

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – The committee met prior to the Community Relations Committee meeting in August. The committee reviewed the administrative and levy budget, Culture of Quality- Ethics policies, and guest Dick Wittberg discussed his proposal in regards to the 812 5<sup>th</sup> street facility. Eric Fowler appointed Jim Raney as chair of the Program Planning and Oversight Committee (PP&OC). The next PP&OC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 starting at 2 p.m. at the Board office.
- B. Community Relations** – The CRC plan to meet bi-monthly. The next scheduled CRC meeting is Tuesday, October 8 starting at 4 p.m. at the Board office.

C. **AoD**- The committee met prior to the meeting to finalize Recovery Day items.

**XIII. Old Business**

**A. Culture of Quality items (Ethics)**

- Conflict of Interest
- Conflict of Interest- Governing Board
- Conflict of Interest- Employees of Board

The above items were shared with Board members at the July meeting and discussed during the Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting. Dr. Pridgeon recommended an editorial change replacing “chairman” with “President”.

**Motion # 56.2019**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Brett Nicolas)** to approve the above Culture of Quality policies and procedures with the recommended minor editorial changes. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**B. 812 5<sup>th</sup> Street Discussion**

Dr. Wittberg shared an AmeriCorps Peer Recovery Support proposal with attendees. The proposal requests \$20,000 to support two AmeriCorps members and offer highly reduced rent at 812 5<sup>th</sup> street for the duration of the twelve month contract. Dr. Wittberg would like the AmeriCorps members to become certified Peer Recovery Supporters and help build a recovery community in Washington County. Although Executive Director, David Browne was not in attendance, he advised the Board to refer the proposal to the Program Planning and Oversight committee for further consideration and place the proposal on the September agenda of the monthly Board meeting. Dr. Wittberg stated that the two AmeriCorps members will be arriving September 9 and asked if temporary residency at the 5<sup>th</sup> street location could be an option. The Board consensus was to allow the AmeriCorps members to temporarily reside at the 5<sup>th</sup> street facility. The proposal will be further discussed at the next scheduled Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for September 17 at the Board office.

**C. PAX Coordinator Position Description**

The revised PAX Coordinator Position Description was included in the Board packet. The PAX Coordinator position will be transferred from the WCHD to the WCBHB at the Executive Directors discretion.

**Motion # 57.2019**

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Dr. Raney) to approve the PAX Coordinator Position Description. The Executive Director will determine the transition date of the PAX Coordinator. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**XIV. New Business**

**A. Culture of Quality Items-Additional Standards-** Board members had the first reading of the following proposed policies. The policies will be discussed during the PP&OC meeting on September 17 and at the September Board meeting.

- Retention of Personnel Documentation
- Executive Director Performance Evaluation

**B. Administrative Budget-** The proposed budget was shared with Board members and discussed at the PP&OC meeting on August 13.

**Motion # 58.2019**

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, Eric Fowler) to approve the proposed 2020 Administrative Budget outline. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**C. Levy Budget-** The proposed Levy budget was shared with Board members and discussed at the PP&OC meeting on August 13.

**Motion # 59.2019**

It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the proposed 2020 Levy Budget outline.

After a short discussion of the proposed levy budget line items it was suggested to table motion # 59.2019 until the Executive Director, David Browne is in attendance.

**Motion #60.2019**

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Stacey Adams) to table motion number 59.2019 until the September Board meeting. The motion did not pass with the following votes:

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

**(Continued) Motion #59.2019**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the proposed 2020 Levy Budget outline. The motion passed with the following votes:**

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

**D. Hopewell-REACH proposal**

Hopewell Health submitted a proposal in the amount of \$35,000 for the 2019-2020 REACH Youth Partial Hospitalization Program. Funding would assist Washington County children and youth who do not have a payment source.

**Motion # 61.2019**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Dr. Pridgeon) to approve the 2019-2020 REACH program proposal in the amount of \$35,000 to assist Washington County children and youth who do not have a payment source. The motion passed with the following votes:**

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

**XV. Good of the Order**

Eric Johnston suggested sending the Board packets electronically, cutting down on postage and printing costs.

Mike Beardmore shared that he would be performing at the Corner Stone Café on Saturday, August 24 during the evening.

**XVI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**September 26, 2019**

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

**Respectfully Submitted,  
 Tara Plaugher**

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Board President Signature