



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, January 23~ 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 7:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

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

Absent

Michael Beardmore
Stephen Schwartz

Staff

David Browne
Hilles Hughes
Miriam Keith
Tara Plaugher

Guests

Doug Pfeifer, L&P
Micayla Lyons, RIB
Dakota Goldsberry, RIB
Caitlin Simmons, EVE
Robert Marion, Hopewell
Mike Dennis, HoH
Amy Smith, Land of Goshen
Dick Wittberg, CHIA
Amber Sanders, Land of Goshen
Amy Bean, WC Prosecutors
Kate Davis, EVE
Teresa Morgan, Franklin co
Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell
Erin Taylor, Integrated
Aleisha Roberson, Compass
Eric Brockmeier, Oriana
Candice Jeffers, RRRC
Charlie Schilling, CC candidate

IV. Public Statements

Eric Fowler introduced Amy Bean as candidate for Washington County Prosecutor. Ms. Bean shared that she has been practicing law for over seventeen years, thirteen here in Washington County. She works closely with the Compass Drug Court system and the majority of her cases involve drug use and/or the welfare of children. During her service she has noticed clients being prosecuted for charges related to mental health without the option to treat the root problem. Ms. Bean identified a Mental Health Court System as a need in the community. Attendees held a discussion on the benefits of

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providing a Mental Health Docket also known as a SAMI (Substance Abuse and Mental Illness) Court system in Washington County and how similar programs work in surrounding counties.

V. Agenda Revisions

There were no revisions offered.

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2019

Motion # 1.2020

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

VI. Treasurer's Report

David Browne called attention to a disbursement of \$17,273 for startup funds on page one stating that the allocation is for the planning grant with Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA). Mr. Browne also mentioned that levy funds were not approved by the County Auditor to be allocated toward the Life and Purpose Resource Center expenditure of \$13,750. As shown in the report, general funds were used to provide the Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) approved expenditure of \$13,750 to the Life and Purpose Resource Center. Dr. Raney suggested sharing the Mission of the WCBHB with the County Auditor's office.

Motion #2. 2020

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

| Barnhouse | Beardmore | Binkley | Fowler | Hall | Johnston | Nicholas | Pridgeon | Raney | Schwartz | Schwendeman | Touschner | White |
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VII. Director's Report

David Browne shared that Land of Goshen, which owns and operates Brandi's Legacy in Marietta has submitted a proposal to operate recovery housing for women at the Fifth street location. Dr. Wittberg introduced Amy Smith as a representative of Brandi's Legacy. Amy shared that Brandi's Legacy has difficulties finding transitional housing for clients

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who complete the program. Land of Goshen would like to initiate conversation in collaborating with the WCBHB, Brandi's Legacy, and CHIA to utilize the Fifth Street location for Women's Transitional Housing staffed by CHIA Peer Recovery Supporters. Members of the Board discussed logistics of the collaboration; terms and agreement have yet to be determined.

Hopewell Health currently has one employee trained to provide Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE). Chief Strategy Officer, Sherry Shamblin, introduced Rob Marion to explain the PE therapy he provides to Hopewell clients. Mr. Marion shared that a client typically receives eight to ten sessions of exposure-based therapy focusing on confronting cues, triggers, and stressors. Mr. Marion testified to the positive outcomes of the therapy but the needs are exceeding the current qualified professionals available to provide the service. The PE Therapy proposal is a four day training opportunity that would be made available to all Washington County Mental Health providers.

VIII. Deputy Director's Report

A productive meeting between law enforcement, Marietta Memorial Health staff, the Director and Deputy Director of the WCBHB, and Washington County Prosecuting Attorney, Nicole Coil, took place to discuss the current process and gaps in services in evaluating patients that show signs of mental health and chemical dependency behaviors.

The short version of the annual WCBHB report should be available at the next Board meeting.

IX. Prevention and Recovery Advocate

Miriam Keith shared that although she will be retiring in May 2020, Mental Health First Aid trainings will continue in Washington County. In addition to Oriana having an employee that is a Mental Health First Aid instructor, Hilles Hughes with the WCBHB and Chris Berg with CHIA are considering taking the Mental Health First Aid instructor training as well.

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

X. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – Mike Dennis thanked the Board for providing financial assistance in updating the flooring at the House of Hope. Pictures of the newly installed flooring were included in the Board report. Mr. Dennis shared that House of Hope and CHIA have partnered to offer a Peer Recovery Supporter part-time at the House of Hope. A grant from Marietta Community Foundation was awarded to the House of Hope to assist in the purchase of a newer van to provide reliable transportation to members.

- B. **EVE, Incorporated** – Kate Davis introduced Caitlyn Simmons, new Prevention Specialist. Caitlyn and Kate are providing prevention curriculum in Fort Frye, Salem Liberty, and Newport schools. Prevention Specialist have initiated the “Angel Shot” program in local bars to assist individuals who feel unsafe. Mid-Ohio Valley Clutch published an article on the “Angel Shot” initiative.
- C. **Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer stated that Collaborative Problem Solving training dates are being scheduled in Washington County schools. Collaborative Problem Solving training monies are earmarked from State K-12 prevention stimulant funds.

The Community Resource Center is now expected to open toward the end of March 2020. The non-profit resource center has applied for multiple grants and has received private and commercial donations.

- D. **The Right Path** – There was no representative from the agency in attendance. Nothing was added to the report.
- E. **Oriana House/Rigel/Compass-** Candice Jeffers spoke on behalf of Rigel Residential Recovery Center (RRRC) stating that the third street facility is getting a new roof. The center is working at full capacity with staff and clients and now offering Peer Recovery Supporter services through the Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA) AmeriCorps program.

Rigel Residential Recovery Center is now in the appeal process with the City of Marietta.

Aleisha Roberson spoke on behalf of Compass Drug Court stating that she and Eric Brockmeier recently applied for Compass Drug Court to become a Supreme Court certified specialized docket. Once the application is approved Compass will be the first certified docket in Washington County. The certification will also allow the program to qualify for additional funding and extend capacity of the program. There are twenty two participants in the Compass program, current capacity is thirty. The one year anniversary of the Compass program is Monday, January 27, 2020!

Eric Brockmeier spoke on behalf of the Reserve Center in Reno stating that the facility currently has 44 clients. Individuals who arrive at the Reserve Center that do not have a diploma or GED (General Education Development) certificate are now mandated to participate in on-site classes free of charge to obtain a GED certificate. This new requirement will assist in the re-entry process of seeking employment.

- F. Hopewell Health-** In addition to the report, Sherry Shamblin stated that the PACS (Partnership to Achieve Compliance And Savings) is a recognized approach to recruit, retain, and sustain Community Health Workers to improve health outcomes and reduce cost. Hopewell Health has partnered with CHIA to provide Community Health Workers at low cost.
- G. PAX-** There was no representative from the agency in attendance. Jarrett Barnhouse shared that his daughter who is in third grade received a PAX award and seems to really enjoy the program.
- H. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)-** Dr. Dick Wittberg reported that there are now a total of nine AmeriCorps members and the majority are Certified Peer Recovery Supporters.

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XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight –** The committee met on January 14 to discuss the proposed items under New Business of the agenda.
- B. Community Relations –** Eric Johnston shared that the committee met on January 14 to review the annual Board report, discuss hosting an annual dinner and continue working on the WTAP media plan. Eric Johnston asked that “Annual Recognition Event” be added under “New Business” to discuss a verbal proposal for an annual recognition event.
- C. AoD-** The committee met prior to the Board meeting to continue planning of the annual September Recovery Day event. The Committee would like to have small events leading up to the Recovery Day event to help promote the date and raise awareness.

XII. Old Business

- A. Annual Board Training Date-** Two available training dates will be shared through email requesting a straw poll; majority vote will decide.

XIII. New Business

- A. Life and Purpose- Preschool-** The Life and Purpose Pre-School Training and Consultation Neurosequential Model of Education Program proposal was included in the Board packet for review.

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Motion #3.2020

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler) to approve the Life and Purpose Pre-School Training and Consultation Neurosequential Model of Education Program proposal of \$70,200 for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on logistics and longevity of continuing Pre-School services once Board funding has been met without any financial support from local schools. It was suggested to ask for financial “buy-in” from stakeholders to ensure the program will have the financial assistance to continue beyond the proposed 2019-2021 school years.

Motion #4.2020

It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, David White) to table motion #3.2020 Life and Purpose Pre-School Training proposal allowing the opportunity to seek matching funds from local schools to ensure continued financial assistance for the program. The motion to table motion #3.2020 did not pass with the following votes:

| Barnhouse | Beardmore | Binkley | Fowler | Hall | Johnston | Nicholas | Pridgeon | Raney | Schwartz | Schwendeman | Touschner | White |
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Continued Motion #3.2020

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler) to approve the Life and Purpose Pre-School Training and Consultation Neurosequential Model of Education Program proposal for \$70,200 for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The motion passed with the following votes:

| Barnhouse | Beardmore | Binkley | Fowler | Hall | Johnston | Nicholas | Pridgeon | Raney | Schwartz | Schwendeman | Touschner | White |
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- B. Annual Recognition Event-** Eric Johnston made a recommendation that the Board host a Recognition night on May 14 starting at 6 p.m. to show appreciation to service providers. The Community Relations Committee would like to make this an annual event. Funding for an annual recognition night would come from the Community Relations budget.

Motion #5.2020

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Eric Fowler) to host a Recognition night on May 14 to show appreciation to service providers with a budget not to exceed \$5,000. Funding for the event will come from the Community Relations budget. The motion passed with the following votes:

| Barnhouse | Beardmore | Binkley | Fowler | Hall | Johnston | Nicholas | Pridgeon | Raney | Schwartz | Schwendeman | Touschner | White |
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XIV. Good of the Order

Eric Fowler informed members of the Board that Stephen Schwartz respectfully resigned from the Behavioral Health Board.

Jarrett Barnhouse introduced Charlie Schilling as a close friend and candidate for Washington County Commissioner. A local business owner, Mr. Schilling shared that he prides himself in listening to others and communication. If elected County Commissioner Mr. Schilling would like to strengthen the relationship with the WCBHB and have an open-door policy.

David Browne introduced Erin Taylor as a representative for Integrated Services. Erin shared that Integrated Services offers home-based services in thirteen counties and is now taking referrals for Washington County residents. Integrated Services office space will be located at 342 Muskingum Drive in Marietta.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Next Meeting:

February 27, 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