



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, August 27~ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom video conference

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Michael Beardmore  
Eric Fowler  
Brett Nicolas  
Chas Pridgeon, Ph.D.  
Jim Raney, Ph.D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Tony Touschner  
David White  
Eric Johnston

**Absent**

Larry Hall

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaugher

**Guests**

Erin Taylor  
Emily Canaday  
Jovonnah Burns  
Mike Dennis  
Sherry Shamblin  
James Booth  
Doug Pfeifer  
Rob Marion  
Dick Wittberg  
Zack Space  
Carla Archer

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

- Cora Marshall

- James Booth

XV. New Business

D. Appalachian Children Coalition

XVI. Good of the Order

A. Monthly meeting location

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**VI. James Booth-** Mr. Booth is a local business owner, Combat Veteran of the U.S Army, and ex police officer, running for Washington County Commissioner. Mr. Booth shared that if elected, he plans to build a good working relationship with department heads in Washington County. He would like to streamline record storage to a digital format and asked what members of the Board would like to see come from a working relationship with the County Commissioners. David Browne mentioned the need for Recovery Housing in the area and how access to County acreage would help with moving forward to fill that need. Mr. Booth shared that he is looking forward to being transparent and creating a strong relationship with the Board if elected.

### **VII. Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2020**

There were no revisions offered.

#### **Motion # 28.2020**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Johnston)** to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	A	Y	A

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

### **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

There were no questions offered for the first Treasurer's report created with the new QuickBooks software.

#### **Motion #29. 2020**

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

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y		Y		Technical Difficulties	Y	Y	Y	Y

### **IX. Director's Report**

David Browne shared that the conversations have started with the City Law Director in regards to selling the Fifth Street property to an interested party. Additional information will be discussed under New Business.

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### X. Compliance Director

Shaeleigh Sprigg shared some disappointing news that the Board will not receive the final two years of HRSA (Health Resources & Services Administration) grant funds. The Community Plan was shared with the County HUB with a deadline of Friday, August 28 to provide any revisions before submitting to OhioMHAS (Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services). The 11<sup>th</sup> hour radio show continues to air on Fridays around eleven a.m. on WMOA, the content will also be available on the Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) website. The Board has been invited to speak during the “Talk of the Town” segment on Thursday, September 3 at 8:40 a.m. on WMOA to discuss the upcoming Recovery Walk. On a personal note, Shaeleigh shared that she has decided to go back to school to work toward a Master’s Degree.

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

### XI. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- B. **EVE, Incorporated** – Eric Fowler shared his interest in viewing the “Too Good for Drugs” prevention videos that Prevention Specialist, Caitlin Simmons has been working on.
- C. **Life & Purpose** – Dr. Pridgeon asked for an update on the Life and Purpose Community Resource Center. Doug Pfeifer shared that although there is no set date to open at this time, in-kind and monetary donations continue to be collected while monitoring the impact COVID will have on the volunteer base to staff the center.
- D. **The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. **Rigel/Oriana House**- A Compass Drug Court graduate raised roughly eighteen hundred dollars for Brandi’s Legacy, a women’s treatment center in Marietta, during a community fundraising event. Two Compass clients have given birth to drug free babies. Compass Drug Court continues to meet on Monday’s starting at two p.m. The Monday Court hearings are open to the public.
- F. **Hopewell Health**- David Browne thanked Hopewell Health for their extensive efforts in providing early childhood services to the community. Sherry Shamblin stated that Hopewell Health would be more than interested in providing additional early childhood services in Washington County.
- G. **PAX**- No report was offered.

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- H. Community Health Improvement Associates-** Dr. Wittberg shared that the Recovery Visioning/Strategic planning event held on August seventeen went very well and CHIA hopes to offer the planning opportunity in six other counties in Southeastern Ohio over the next year.
- I. Integrated Behavioral Health Services-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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### **XII. Committee Reports**

- A. Program Planning & Oversight –** Eric Fowler appointed Dr. Raney as chair of the Program Planning and Oversight committee.
- B. Community Relations –** Eric Johnston shared that Rick Marshall, representative for WTAP was in attendance for the August Community Relations Committee virtual meeting to answer questions and provide insight in regards to geo-fencing offered through the digital media campaign. The committee discussed hosting the first annual Recognition event in late spring of 2021 following a week-long Crisis Intervention Team training hosted by the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. The Recognition event will include a celebration of Crisis Intervention Team Training graduates. Mr. Johnston also mentioned that the committee approved ordering facemasks and t-shirts for a Recovery Walk in September.
- C. AoD-** Tara Plaugher shared that the committee met prior to the full Board meeting to discuss logistics of hosting a Recovery Walk on September 26 starting at 9 a.m. The walk will begin at the corner of Putnam and Front Street in historic downtown Marietta. All participants will receive a free Recovery Is Beautiful facemask and t-shirt.

Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that Dr. Wittberg is working with Hopewell to use funding through the Rural Community Opioid Response Program (RCORP) to open another harm reduction program in Belpre.

### **XIII. Old Business**

Nothing offered.

### **XIV. New Business**

- A. Life & Purpose Behavioral Health Contract-** David Browne asked that the Board consider the approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 Life & Purpose Behavioral Health contract in the amount of \$310,000.

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### **Motion #30.2020**

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the FY 2021 Life & Purpose Behavioral Health contract in the amount of up to \$310,000. The motion passed with the following votes.

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Johnston	Nicholas	Pridgeon	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White
Y	Y	Y		Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- B. EVE Inc. Contract-** David Browne asked that the Board consider the approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 EVE Inc. contract in the amount of \$40,500. Mr. Browne shared that the Washington County Behavioral Health Board Prevention Coordinator, Tammy Harris will be meeting with the Prevention Specialist at EVE quarterly, shadowing, and discussing ways to expand prevention services to additional schools in the area.

### **Motion #31.2020**

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the FY2021 EVE Inc. contract in the amount of \$40,500. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

- C. Fifth Street Purchase-** David Browne asked that the Board consider selling the fifth street location for \$120,000.

### **Motion #32.2020**

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Brett Nicholas) to sell the fifth street location for \$120,000. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

## **XV. Good of the Order-**

- A. Appalachian Children Coalition-** Zach Space spoke on behalf of the Appalachian Children Coalition made up of State and Regional leaders advocating for the continuum of care for children in Southeast Ohio. The Coalition is currently working toward advancing a policy to expand broadband services in Southeast Ohio that will assist during the pandemic. Mr. Space invited the WCBHB to join in the efforts of the Coalition. To be a contributing member of the Coalition, there is a two hundred fifty dollar monthly fee. Mr. Space shared some insight on the functionality and goals of the stand-alone 501C3. Eric Fowler asked if participation or action is required from members other than the fee. Mr. Space shared that member interaction is welcome/valued but not required however, letters of recommendation to support grants are appreciated. Dr. Raney asked if members of the Coalition get to vote on Board members and if the bylaws could be found on the Ohio Secretary of State's website. Mr. Space was unsure on the answer but ensured Dr. Raney that the Coalition is open to suggestions.

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**B. Monthly Meeting Location-** Larry Schwendeman made a suggestion to hold in-person Board meetings starting in September while following physical distancing guidelines. David Browne also offered to add a virtual live stream option for those that are uncomfortable with the in-person setting. The Board held a discussion on the two options for hosting a public meeting.

### **Motion # 33.2020**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Larry Schwendeman)** to host in-person monthly meetings. The motion failed with the following votes. Future meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

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

**C. Oath of Office-** David White was sworn in as a member of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

Tony Touscher asked that the Board look into how the City plans to use the Community Building. Eric Johnston asked if there were any updates on Board membership applications submitted to the County Commissioners. David Browne did not have any update on the status of applications.

### **XVI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**September 24, 2020**

**7:00 p.m. Via Zoom Video Conference**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Plaugher**

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Board President Signature