

VI. Treasurer’s Report

Motion #2.2021

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

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

VII. Director’s Report

David Browne shared that he and President Fowler plan to meet with Land of Goshen’s Attorney Friday at noon to review and sign the contract to sell the 5th street location. The location is currently being used as Recovery Housing. Land of Goshen has also decided to move clients from the House of Hope to Ironton, Ohio. This move will leave Washington County with no Women’s residential treatment program.

The contract to fund a Peer Recovery Support program at Marietta Memorial Hospital is being finalized.

The Southeastern Collaborative has access to \$750,000 in Recovery funds, David would like to request access to the funds then make available to Oriana House that has recently expressed interest in expanding services in the area.

VIII. Program Director- Aleisha Roberson shared that in addition to the County Recovery Engagement Team (RET) that responds to referrals in the community biweekly, the new City Quick Response Team (QRT) has been responding to referrals in the area every Thursday.

In addition to Adult, and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings that are available, Aleisha is working on bringing Teen Mental Health First Aid to the area. She plans to share the program at the February County School Superintendent meeting.

Conversations have begun on providing a Mental Health Court here in Washington County. The SAMI (Substance Abuse and Mental Illness) court system would offer treatment in lieu of conviction, similar to the Compass Drug Court system that has shown to be an asset to the community.

IX. Compliance Director- Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that the Culture of Quality site survey will not be scheduled until fall due to COVID restrictions the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) are following. Until then, plan on seeing revisions and updates to current policies and procedures in preparation for the on-site review.

The Workforce subcommittee of the Opioid HUB has applied for a grant through the Appalachian Regional Council in the amount of \$500,000. If the grant is approved, the subcommittee cross-river collaboration plans to use funds to strengthen current and create new workforce programs and support.

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

X. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – Members of the Board held a discussion on proposing the House of Hope consider relocating the program to a location closer to town.
- B. EVE, Incorporated** – David Browne shared that he and Aleisha held a meeting with Michelle Tornes, Fiscal Director at EVE Inc. on January 14 to discuss transitioning from providing prevention funds to a yearly grant award in the amount of \$20,000 to support EVE programs starting in June 2021. As shown in monthly reports, EVE prevention services have nearly come to a halt due to the pandemic and school systems engaging in PAX strategies.
- C. Life & Purpose** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. Hopewell Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. PAX**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- I. Integrated Behavioral Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – Dr. Raney shared that the committee met virtually on January 12 to discuss a four-point agenda. (1)The need for a 120 day notice in the event that the Board wishes to cancel or substantially amend a contract with a service provider. (2)There was a request to provide payroll assistance for contract service providers. There are several Federal and State

XIII. New Business-

A. CoQ Items- Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that the following items were included in the Board packet for review and are needed in order to fill in some gaps and update previous policies in the Culture of Quality.

- Executive Director Performance Evaluation
- Smoke Free Workplace
- Reasonable Accommodation in Employment
- Client Grievances

(Updated) Executive Director Performance Evaluation- Shaeleigh shared that the current policy was updated to include a scheduled timeline.

Motion # 5.2021

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Laura Knab) to adopt revisions to the Executive Director Performance Evaluation as shared in the Board packet. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

(New) Smoke Free Workplace- Shaeleigh shared that although the building is a smoke free facility, the Board does not have a policy.

Motion # 6.2021

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Eric Fowler) to approve the Smoke Free Workplace policy. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

(Updated) Reasonable Accommodation in Employment- Shaeleigh shared that the policy was revised to include visitors.

Motion # 7.2021

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Dr. Pridgeon) to approve the Reasonable Accommodation in Employment policy. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

(Updated) Client Grievances- Shaeleigh shared that the policy was updated to better reflect the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion # 8.2021

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Laura Knab) to approve the Client Grievances policy. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

B. Recruitment & Retention- Continued discussion during previous Scholarship Advisory Meetings brought about the need for behavioral health provider staff strengthening.

Motion # 9.2021

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Larua Knab) to provide \$10,000 to the following contracted service providers; Life & Purpose Behavioral Health, Rigel Recovery Services, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health, and Hopewell Health Centers for Behavioral Health to support staff recruitment, retention, and continued education in the total amount of \$40,000. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XIV. Good of the Order-

Eric Johnston encouraged all Board members to attend a committee meeting when possible.

After further discussion of selling of 5th Street it was decided to allow the Executive Director sign the contract agreement in the event that Eric Fowler is unable to attend due to scheduling.

Motion # 10.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to allow the Executive Director sign the contract for the sale of 5th street in the event that President Fowler is unable to attend. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

President Fowler called attention to the following tentatively scheduled upcoming events:

- May 10-14~ Crisis Intervention Team Training
- June 10 ~ Annual Recognition Night at Washington State Community College
- August 16-20~ Week-long Peer Recovery Support Training
- September 18~ Recovery Walk
- October 4-8 ~ Week-long Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant Training

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next Meeting:

February 25, 2021

When: Feb 25, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: February Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaughter**

Board President Signature