



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, October 28th ~ 6:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom and In-person
1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Raney at 6:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Eric Fowler, J.D.
Laura Knab, J.D.
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney, Ph. D.
Larry Schwendeman
Anthony Touschner
David White

Absent

Michael Beardmore
Larry Hall
Brett Nicholas
Michael Williams, Ph.D.

Staff

David Browne
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Tara Plaughter

Guests

Dick Wittberg, CHIA
Mike Dennis, HoH
Carla Archer, Oriana

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

New Business B. Transition Units

VI. Approval of Minutes – September 23rd, 2021

Motion # 59.2021

It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, David White) to approve the minutes of the September 23rd, 2021 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion # 60. 2021

David Browne Shared that page 4 of the treasurer’s report reflected a \$200,000 payment to Oriana House Rigel Recovery Residential Center to bridge the gap of detox services. This funding came from the Southeast Collaborative for exactly this kind of services and purpose. The collaborative received approximately \$700,000 and Washington County took what no other county in the region wanted which was approximately \$500,000. This money was given to Oriana as a grant, and not a loan.

It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Laura Knab) to accept the Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Barnhouse	Beardmore	Fowler	Hall	Knab	Nicholas	Prigge	Raney	Schwendeman	Touschner	White	Williams
Y		Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

VIII. Director’s Report

David Browne did not have any comments to add to his report. He clarified under *section II. Recovery Housing* that “Upward Potential” is a typo and should be “Unstoppable Potential”, and that Dick Wittberg (Unstoppable Potential) would possibly be purchasing 812 5th street Marietta, OH 45750 as a recovery property.

IX. Staff Report

Shaeleigh Sprigg and David Browne shared that Cheri Walter with OACBHA called to notify the Board that we received the full 3-year Culture of Quality accreditation. Shaeleigh also shared that she submitted phase one of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) grant with Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and is excited to receive another grant that offers technical assistance and the ability to connect with other CIT Coordinators across the state.

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

X. Agency Reports

- A. House of Hope** – Mike Dennis, Executive Director of HoH, shared he did not have time to offer a report this month but has updates to share. He shared that the HoH received grants from Groggs, Knights of Columbus, and Ohio Pro Marketing grant. With the money, the HoH purchased a pop-up, retractable sign, new jackets for the members, and other marketing materials. He shared that recently the HoH had so many attendees that they were one person away from being at their capacity of 25 people.
- B. Life & Purpose** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Hopewell Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. Integrated Behavioral Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. Memorial Health Systems**- No report offered.

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XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – The committee did not meet.
- B. Community Relations** – The committee did not meet. The committee plans to meet November 9th at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the upcoming levy renewal campaign.
- C. AoD**- The committee did not meet.

XII. Old Business- Nothing offered.

XIII. New Business-

- a. **Dates for November/December Board Meetings-** David Browne shared that the Board used to schedule one meeting between the two usual meeting dates in November and December to accommodate the holidays. He suggested the Board cancel their November board meeting and hold one meeting on the third Thursday of December, which would fall on December 16th. The board consents to cancelling the November Board meeting and scheduling their December Board meeting for December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

- b. **Transitional Units on 5th street-** David Browne shared that the transitional units on 5th street have become increasingly time consuming to manage. Currently, Tara Plaugher is responsible for overseeing the units we rent on 5th street from Community Action. David proposed that we offer one apartment to each court program, the mental health docket at the municipal court and the drug court docket at the common pleas. This would increase supervision of the units via probation/parole visits for the renters utilizing the units and benefit the court programs to be able to offer their participants transitional housing while looking for affordable, more permanent housing (which has been increasingly hard to access). Dave's suggestion included keeping one unit for the Board to reserve for clients being discharged from Athens Behavioral Health (ABH). Tara Plaugher shared that it is rare that clients from ABH use the units, in the past two years only one client has occupied a unit. Both courts received \$75,000 (each) of flexible grant funds from the state which could be used to pay rent at the respective unit for their participants. The Board was supportive contingent on a back-up plan, such as an agreement with a local hotel for temporary housing if the need presented for more than one ABH client.

XIV. Good of the Order

Laura Knab shared appreciation for the Board staff and their hard work and their dedication to receive the Culture of Quality accreditation.

Eric Fowler shared that he was pleasantly surprised and enjoyed the strategic planning session that occurred on Saturday, October 16th. He shared the great representation we had; 10 of 12 board members and 4 board staff members were able to attend. Eric thanked everyone for their time and participation on that Saturday.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 07:04 p.m.

Next Meeting:

December 16th, 2021

When: Dec 16, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: December Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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**Respectfully Submitted,
Shaeleigh Sprigg**

Board President Signature