



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, December 16~ 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 President Michael Beardmore at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Michael Beardmore  
Laura Knab, J.D.  
Brett Nicholas  
Beverly Prigge  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
David White

**Absent**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Eric Fowler, J.D.  
Larry Hall  
Larry Schwendeman  
Anthony Touschner, J.D.  
Michael Williams, Ph.D.

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaughter  
Tammy Harris

**Guests**

Dick Wittberg, CHIA  
Jovonnah Mayo, MHS  
Carla Archer, Oriana  
Linda Sistrunk, MHS  
Sherry Shamblin, Hopewell

**Zoom Guests**

Rob Marion, Comm Member

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

*Add New Business:*    **B. Levy Renewal Campaign**

**VI. Approval of Minutes – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

***Motion # X.2021***

**A quorum was not met so the Board was unable to approve the minutes.** The Board reviewed the minutes and did not offer suggestions. The minutes will be added to the agenda of the full January Board meeting for approval.

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Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

## VII. Treasurer's Report

David Browne shares that there are two reports included in this month's packet due to not meeting in November. The two reports include October and November's revenue disbursements. One unique disbursement is the \$75,000.00 payment to the Marietta Municipal Court; that funding was awarded to the court for the specialized mental health docket and the Board is a pass-through for the funds.

### **Motion # X.2021**

**A quorum was not met so the Board was unable to accept the treasurer's report.** The October and November treasurer's reports will be added to the agenda of the full January Board meeting for acceptance.

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## VIII. Executive Director's Report

David Browne shared that he would like a panel of 3 or 4 Board members to assist in interviewing for the Deputy Director and the Program Director positions, potentially filling both roles. He shared there have been 6 or 7 qualified applicants between the two positions. Mike Beardmore volunteered to help interview. Jim Raney proposed building the panel by having representatives from the commissioner appointed members, Mental Health Ohio MHAS appointed members, and the Alcohol/Other Drugs Ohio MHAS appointed members. David shared he will review the appointments and send out an email asking for volunteers. Laura Knab asked for potential interview dates before being able to commit her time.

David updated the Board on the services being provided since Oriana opened their new facility out on Route 7 North. He shared that this week they had approximately 17 individuals receiving treatment with only 3 or 4 of those being in detox. David shared that he had a conversation with Jim Lawrence, Oriana House, and he said that there needs to be a threshold of 8-10 individuals in detox every day to be able to sustain the beds solely through Medicaid reimbursement. Currently, Oriana House is exploring billing West Virginia Medicaid to be able to offer services to Wood County residents. Jim Raney asked for an update about providing detox services to jail members, David shared he will reach back out for an update.

## IX. Staff Reports

Jim shared a compliment regarding the Fy21 Annual Report and feels that it should be widely publicized congruent to the levy campaign.

Tammy Harris was in attendance and shared updates on PAX. Currently, the PAX program is focused on expanding to parents. This would allow for constant strategy implementation both before, during, after school, and at home.

Tammy further shared that the current concern is preschool. She shared that the anticipated number of preschoolers will soon double. Four classrooms through Community Action have closed due to staffing shortages. Tammy shared that the kids who did not attend preschool are struggling in kindergarten. Tammy also shared that more teachers are requesting tier 2 and tier 3 training (Heroes).

The Board asked for PAX data and testimonials to share during the levy campaign. Tammy agreed and said she would pull that information together.

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

**X. Agency Reports**

- A. House of Hope** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- 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**- Carla Archer shared that Drug Court is having a graduation Monday and encouraged the public to attend.
- E. Hopewell Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. Memorial Health System**- Linda Sistrunk asked to continue funding for the Peer Recovery Program at MHS. David asked for her to call him to arrange continuing funding and continuing the conversation at the executive session held by Board members later this month.
- G. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** – Dick Wittberg stated he heard back from the bank and they should be in the final stages of closing on the recovery house on 812 5<sup>th</sup> street, Marietta.
- H. Integrated Behavioral Health**- There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

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**XI. Committee Reports**

- A. Program Planning & Oversight / Community Relations Committee** – The committees met jointly on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to discuss the product of the strategic planning session held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and future levy campaign planning. He shared that a decision cannot be made during the Board meeting with the lack of quorum but feels strongly this should be an agenda topic discussed at the executive meeting, when set and ratified at the January Board meeting. Minutes from the PPOC/CRC was included in the Board packet.
- B. AoD**- The committee did not meet.

**XII. Old Business**- Nothing offered.

**XIII. New Business-**

**A. Health Officer Designation –**

David Browne shared that he received an application from Jennifer Simmons, LPCC, LICDC to be designed by the Washington County Behavioral Health Board as a Health Officer. A Health Officer is designated by a Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services by Ohio Revised Code 5122 to write pink slips or involuntarily commit patients at risk of harm to themselves or others to psychiatric hospitalization. David shared the current process is facilitated through Memorial Health Systems. Linda Sistrunk, Director of Behavioral Health shared that although they have three social workers designated as health officers, they still have their physicians determine the pink slip as an ethical standard of care. The Board will have to address this business when there is a quorum to have further discussion and make a decision.

**B. Levy Renewal Campaign –**

Jim Raney shared that discussion occurred at the November joint PPOC/CRC meeting around a levy renewal campaign. The Board consensus is that this business will be discussed at the executive meeting and will be ratified at the full Board meeting in January. Agenda topics on the levy renewal campaign include whether this will be a levy renewal or replacement and if we will campaign for the spring ballot. A meeting with the commissioners is to be scheduled in early January.

**XIV. Good of the Order**

Michael Beardmore shared a compliment to the Oriana House Drug Court participant set to graduate on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. As his final project, the participant is hosting a food drive for Gospel Mission. Boxes for food donations are placed at the Compass Drug Court Office, Rigel, and the VFW. Donations will be collected and dropped off to Gospel Mission by the end of the month.

Happy Holidays!

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 07:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**January 27, 2022**

When: Jan 27, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: January Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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**Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaeleigh Sprigg**