



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, March 25~ 6:00 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 6:03 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Welcome and Introductions**

**Present**

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Michael Beardmore  
Eric Fowler  
Eric Johnston  
Laura Knab  
Brett Nicholas  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Tony Tuschner  
Beverly Prigge

**Absent**

Larry Hall  
David White  
Chas Pridgeon

**Staff**

David Browne  
Aleisha Roberson  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaughter

**Guests**

Doug Pfeifer  
Linda Sistrunk  
Caitlin Simmons  
Jovonnah Burns  
Rob Marion  
Erin Taylor  
Mandy McGlumphy  
Carla Archer  
Dick Wittberg

**IV. Public Statements**

There were no public statements offered.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

There were no revisions offered.

**VI. Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021**

**Motion # 14.2021**

It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Board meeting. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

Dr. Raney called attention to page 4 of the report showing Crisis Services budget over 192%. Executive Director Browne shared that the projected budget was a placeholder, not to be compared to actual use.

**Motion # 15. 2021**

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

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

**VIII. Director’s Report**

David Browne called attention to poverty guideline changes shown on the sliding fee scale that was included with the Board report. The updated sliding fee scale will be shared with service providers to use when submitting reimbursement to the Board for mental health and addiction services provided to Washington County residents.

Oriana House is working on expanding services by leasing additional space in Reno. The new location could allow residential treatment, crisis stabilization, and possibly recovery housing. Updates on progress will be shared as they become available.

**IX. Staff Report**

Eric Fowler asked for an update on the annual Crisis Intervention Team Training and how often officers should receive the training. Aleisha Roberson shared that planning for the week-long training is almost complete and from what she has read, officers should take the training every three years.

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. EVE, Incorporated** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer shared that Life and Purpose is collaborating with Improbable Players to offer a virtual prevention education performance in June 2021. Mr. Pfeifer would like to see the Board sponsor the event in the amount of \$500 to receive 100 tickets that could be shared in the community. An endearing video of a kindergartner from Fort Frye Elementary School sharing the importance of self-awareness by listening to your inner coach

instead of your inner critic was played during the meeting. Behavioral Health programs offered at Fort Frye Elementary School are provided in part by Life and Purpose Behavioral Health and Hopewell Health. Doug Pfeifer shared that the video is a perfect example of the importance of service providers working together.

- 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.

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

#### XI. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight** – Dr. Raney went over the report that was included in the Board packet sharing that the committee met on March 9 to discuss minor revisions made to the “2018 Request for Proposal” that will be used to solicit proposals for the committee and Board to review. The staff education reimbursement policy, the Washington County fatality data review of 2020, and strategic planning session were also discussion items.
- B. **Community Relations** – Eric Johnston shared that the committee met directly after the Program Planning & Oversight committee to discuss the purchase of Crisis Response Team and Teen Mental Health First Aid shirts, the Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship, and continued Recognition Event planning.

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

#### XIII. **New Business**

- A. **Sliding Fee Scale**- David Browne shared that the Federal poverty level has increased and the scale better reflects the changes. Laura Knab asked if individuals with private insurance would be able to use the scale. Mr. Browne shared that individuals with private insurance that still meet the poverty guidelines qualify for the

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sliding fee scale; private insurance would remain primary and the sliding fee scale would kick in as secondary.

**Motion # 16.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler)** to approve the new sliding fee scale. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

**B. Culture of Quality Items-** The following items were included in the March Board packet for review.

- **Continuing Education & Professional Development-** The policy was discussed during previous Program Planning and Oversight meetings and included in the Board packet.

**Motion # 17.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Johnston)** to approve the Continuing Education & Professional Development policy. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

- **Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship P&P-** The policy and procedure was discussed during previous Program Planning and Oversight meetings and included in the Board packet.

**Motion # 18.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Eric Fowler)** to approve the Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship policy, procedure and application that allows up to three scholarships in the amount of up to \$2,500 per scholarship per year in the total amount of up to \$7,500. The motion passed with the following votes.

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

**XIV. Good of the Order**

Members of the Board held a discussion on hosting in-person monthly meetings.

**Motion # 19.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Johnston, Larry Schwendeman)** to host future meetings starting in April in-person with the option to attend virtually at the Washington County Behavioral Health Board office located at 1115 Gilman Avenue, Marietta, OH.

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After continued discussion focusing on logistics of hosting blended meetings, it was decided to table the motion until proper equipment can be purchased.

**Motion # 20.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Brett Nicholas)** to table motion #19.2021 to host future meetings in-person. Discussion to host blending meetings will resume at the April meeting. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Eric Johnston encouraged members of the Board to continue to attend committee meetings and shared his thanks for all those that do attend.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**April 22, 2021**

When: Apr 22, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: April Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hHrk9vgxRCCEpuE5gMo-Gg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hHrk9vgxRCCEpuE5gMo-Gg)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tara Plaugher**

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Board President Signature