



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, April 22~ 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, J.D.
Laura Knab, J.D.
Brett Nicholas
Chas Prigeon, Ph.D.
Beverly Prigge
Jim Raney, Ph.D.
Larry Schwendeman
Tony Touschner, J.D.
Michael Williams, Ph.D.

Absent

David White
Larry Hall

Staff

David Browne
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Tara Plaugher

Guests

Janet Welch
Sherry Shamblin
Candice Jeffers
Jason Hamilton
Carla Archer
Linda Sistrunk
Dick Wittberg
Jovonnah Burns
Caitlin Simmons
Doug Pfeifer
Micayla Lyons
Mandy McGlumphy

IV. Public Statements

There were no public statements offered.

V. Agenda Revisions

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

- Add Oath of Office after Approval of Minutes
- Old Business **A.** Revisit tabled motion #19.2021
- Executive Session after Good of the Order

VI. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2021

Motion # 21.2021

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

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

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

VII. Oath of Office- Michael Williams was sworn in as a member of the Washington County Behavioral Health Board.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Pridgeon called attention to page three of the report showing 193% overage for utilities and occupation of the Board office. Executive Director Browne shared that the amount budgeted for the new location was an estimation not actual. Eric Fowler called attention to the increase of Hospital transportation cost as shown on page five of the report. Executive Director Browne added that each transport requires two officers and the use of a vehicle to transport to Athens Behavioral Health Hospital at the rate of \$300 and to Columbus area Hospitals at the rate of \$450.

Motion #22.2021

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

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

IX. Director’s Report- David Browne plans to initiate the new sliding fee scale to be effective by July 1, 2021. Mr. Browne is working on streamlining the GOSH (Non-Medicaid claims system) enrollment process to go directly through Richland County.

X. Staff Report- Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that the Ohio Association for County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Culture of Quality site visit is scheduled for September 30 and October 1, 2021. There will be a desk audit prior to the on-site review. The Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship is still available, information can be found on the Recovery Is Beautiful Facebook page and the Washington County Behavioral Health Board website (www.wcbhb.org). Public service announcements have been shared with local media sources as well as surrounding Colleges.

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** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. Life & Purpose** – Doug Pfeifer reminded attendees that a virtual event performed by Improbable Players is scheduled for June 3 focusing on substance use prevention. The Life & Purpose Community Resource Center is now open Monday-Friday, hours vary depending on staffing. Mr. Pfeifer encouraged attendees to “like” the Life & Purpose Community Resource Center Facebook page to stay up to date on operating hours.
- D. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House**- Carla Archer shared that the “Compass” Drug Court office is now located on the 4th floor of the Dime Bank building, suite 125. Monday court hearings are still open to the public by virtual attendance only. Tony Tuschner suggested recording Court hearings to share with the public.

Candice Jeffers shared that the Rigel Residential Recovery Center will be moving to a Reno location allowing expansion of bed availability.
- 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.
- J. Memorial Health System**- No report was offered. Laura Knab shared her appreciation toward Jovonnah Burns and the good work she does as a Peer Recovery Supporter at the Hospital.

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XII. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight** – Dr. Raney shared that the committee met virtually to review the Municipal Court’s Mental Health Court Budget proposal, and a Sufficient Grace Ministries proposal. Staff from Municipal Court were in

attendance during the meeting to answer questions and additional information is being requested for the Sufficient Grace Ministries proposal.

- B. Community Relations** – Dr. Raney shared that the committee met directly after the PP&OC meeting virtually to discuss updates and progress made on planning the Appreciation Event that is now scheduled for June 23 at the Elizabeth Sugdeon Broughton’s Community Building. The event is to show appreciation toward outstanding community partners.
- C. AoD-** Jarrett Barnhouse shared that the Alcohol and Other Drugs committee met virtually on April 18 to start planning the second annual Recovery Walk scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at East Muskingum Park. The committee is working on gathering quotes on shirts, creating a flyer, and soliciting community partners to attend the event and share available resources in the area while celebrating national recovery month.

XIII. Old Business

- A. Revisit Tabled Motion #19.2021-** Discussion to host blended meetings continued. Mr. Browne shared that the State is allowing virtual meetings to continue through December 31, 2021. Members of the Board held a discussion on logistics of hosting a blended meeting.

Motion #23.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to host blended monthly Washington County Behavioral Health Board meetings contingent on the purchase of proper equipment.

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

XIV. New Business

- A. Appoint Nominating Committee-** President Fowler opened the floor to volunteers for the nominating committee. Below are volunteers for the committee.

- Eric Fowler
- Tony Touschner
- Beverly Prigge

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees during the May meeting.

B. Marietta Municipal Court SAMI Court Proposal- The Marietta Municipal Court Mental Health Court Budget Proposal was included in the Board packet for review. Mr. Browne shared that he and Shaeleigh Sprigg met with Leah Gregory, Case Manager/Program Director, and Jason Hamilton, Chief Probation Officer at Marietta Municipal Court, to further discuss logistics of the program and have questions answered prior to the Board meeting. Results of the meeting lead both Mr. Browne and Mrs. Sprigg in favor of the program and believe a mental health court will prove to be a true asset to the community, help to break the cycle of repeat offenses, reduce incarceration days, and a great use of levy dollars. Eric Fowler added that as a mental health advocate, he is looking forward to seeing additional supports in place offering more than authority and threat of incarceration. Members of the Board along with Municipal Court staff held a discussion on the benefits of the program.

Motion # 24.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Marietta Municipal Court to establish a Mental Health Court Program and Docket and commit up to \$148,000 in levy funds for its operation effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XV. Good of the Order- Nothing offered.

XVI. Executive Session- Attendees were made aware that members of the Board would be entering Executive Session.

Motion #25.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler) to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and review the 2021 Executive Director Evaluation report. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

All attendees and staff were removed from the virtual platform leaving only members of the Board in attendance.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

Motion #26.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to increase the annual salary of the Executive Director to \$91,425 effective on the pay period ending May 1, 2021. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next Meeting:

May 27, 2021

When: May 27, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: May Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tf-wTJIJSNqU3fU49bieLQ

Respectfully Submitted,
 Tara Plaugher

Board President Signature