



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, June 24~ 6:00 p.m.  
Blended Meeting via Zoom and in-person  
1115 Gilman Ave., Marietta, OH

**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, left 7:11  
Eric Fowler  
Larry Hall  
Brett Nicholas  
Chas Pridgeon, Ph. D.  
Beverly Prigge  
Jim Raney, Ph. D.  
Larry Schwendeman  
Tony Tuschner, arrived 6:19

**Absent**

Michael Beardmore  
Laura Knab  
David White  
Michael Williams, Ph. D

**Staff**

David Browne  
Shaeleigh Sprigg  
Tara Plaughter

**Guests**

Jovonnah Mayo  
Sherry Shamblin  
Carla Archer  
Stephanie Carpenter  
Dick Wittberg  
Randy Smith, BrightView  
Susan Fish, BrightView

**IV. Public Statements**

Susan Fish and Randy Smith offered a public statement that BrightView is opening a facility to offer services in Washington County beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They will be located at 324 Pike Street, Marietta, OH 45750 and offer Drug and Alcohol Outpatient services including Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT). In addition to outpatient services, they offer Laboratory, Pharmacy and medical services on-site, and offer a 24/7 hour hotline answered by a live person (not a recording or automated system). The agency offers walk-in services within 4 hours of arrival, making services same-day accessible. The Board welcomed BrightView to Washington County.

**V. Agenda Revisions**

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

New Business

L. MOU - Pathways July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

M. Funding for House of Hope July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

**VI. Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2021**

Dr. Pridgeon gave kudos to Tara on the Board meeting minutes, he shared that they are always well put together and enjoyable to read.

**Motion #29.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Dr. Raney)** to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 Board meeting. 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= Yes                      N= No                      A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

David Browne shared that further comments on the treasurer’s report will be made during new business. As a follow up to discussion during May’s meeting on the crisis funds deposited in error from the state, DB shared that the state will recoup \$125,000.00 by the end of June. During discussion on the increase of expenses for transportation, DB stated he expected that to continue to increase due to Athens Behavioral Health consistently not having beds. To transport disorderly and violent patients to psychiatric hospitals in Columbus, the Board pays for two officers and the vehicle from Marietta Police Department.

**Motion # 30.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Eric Fowler)** 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		

**VIII. Director’s Report**

David Browne called attention to contract section of his report, consisting of provider contracts for FY22, to be further discussed in new business.

**IX. Staff Reports**

Eric Fowler thanked staff for their efforts in the appreciation event held Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elizabeth Sugden Broughton Community Building. An estimate for 56 attendees, consisting of law enforcement, judicial systems, public health, service providers, crisis response team volunteers, scholarship recipients, and Board members, shared a meal and spent the evening networking- which felt long overdue with COVID-19 restricting in-person events.

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

## X. Agency Reports

- A. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis shared that the HoH has over 20 regularly attending members, and has had over 265 attendees so far in June. MD wanted to give kudos to Brandi Beaver to setting up transportation and getting the HoH open on Fridays. Brandi has arranged for members to have transportation through South East Area Transit (SEAT), which only costs the HoH \$2 per member, per day. MD also wanted to give kudos to Megan Gilliam, one of the Board’s picks for the scholarship. Mike shares that Megan is fun, kind, and a good add to the HoH, and she works on Fridays, allowing them to be open an additional day. MD appreciates the Board’s support and has requested additional funding to be discussed under new business.
- B. **EVE, Incorporated** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- 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**- Sherry Shamblin shared that Hopewell has added transportation and that Hopewell is busy remodeling the REACH center. In order to accommodate more kids, they are knocking down walls to make bigger classrooms. SS also shared that Hopewell is offering a free webinar series on brain development for anyone interested. They webinar dates were included with Hopewell’s report.
- G. **PAX**- No report was offered.
- H. **Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** – Dr. Wittberg shared that they are currently recruiting AmeriCorps members and is continually impressed by the quality of members that apply.
- 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** – The committee did not meet.
- B. **Community Relations** – The committee did not meet.
- C. **AoD**- Jarrett Barnhouse shared that the committee met on June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Recovery Walk. The committee compared T-shirt quotes and discussed inviting the City of Marietta Mayor- Josh Schlicher to attend the walk and announce a proclamation for Recovery Month during the month of September.

**XII. Old Business-**

**A. Election of Officers-** The standings for election were as follows:

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Mike Beardmore	Dr. Jim Raney	Dr. Michael Williams
<del>Jim Raney</del>		Larry Hall

Dr. Raney wishes to withdrawal his name for President, due to the standing operating procedures restricting a Board member being nominated for more than one office. President Fowler opened the floor for final nominations; no additional nominations were made.

**Motion# 31.2021**

After a unanimous roll call vote, **Michael Beardmore was elected President.**

**Motion# 32.2021**

After a unanimous roll call vote, **Dr. Jim Raney was elected Vice President.**

**Motion# 33.2021**

After a voice vote of 6:3, **Larry Hall was elected Treasurer.**

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

**XIII. New Business-**

**A. FY 2021-2022 Budget**

David Browne shared that page 1 – state allocations is flat. Any additional funds that may come down are unpredictable and have restrictions based on the state’s priorities. The budget is based on what is guaranteed. In the past, there has been approximately \$700,000 come down for the “earmarked funds” from the state.

The Board’s beginning cash balance is approximately \$2.9 mil – but will not have final number until checks dated June 30<sup>th</sup> are distributed from the auditor’s office.

In regards to staffing, DB shared he budgeted for two additional positions- a Deputy Director for approximately 6 months and an Administrative Assistant for approximately 7 months. DB stated he may have to move sooner on staffing but the budgets are simply placeholders. Administrative budget may be updated once the individuals are hired and we have more information on their insurance (family/single) and other benefits the Board pays for.

**Motion # 34.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Brett Nicholas) to approve the FY21-22 annual budget.**  
 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		





I. Oriana House Contract

David Browne shared the increase in the Oriana House contract is to support the renovations for the space in Reno. \$446,000 of the contract is being passed through the Board as part of the funding obtained from the regional collaborative for projects consisting of bringing facilities up to code to provide mental health and addiction treatment services.

**Motion # 42.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Hall)** to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Oriana House Inc. for up to \$675,000.00 from July 1, 2021 – 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		

J. Resolution- Boys & Girls Club of Washington County

The Boys and Girls club is submitting an application for phase 2 of funding to complete the renovation in Marietta, to convert a warehouse to a recreational and activity space for youth. David added with the school consolidation plan, the kids will be losing gym recreational areas and likely drive youth to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Motion # 43.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Dr. Pridgeon)** to adopt the resolution to support the Boys and Girls Club – Marietta, to renovate the warehouse space into a recreational and activity space to serve youth in Washington County. 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		

K. CoQ items:

- Performance Evaluation- Revised
- Dismissal, Suspension & Termination Policy- New (To replace Employee Conduct/Attendance Policy passed in April motion #28.2019)
- Board Major Incidents- Revised
- Health Officer Position Description- New

Jim Raney proposed tabling the review and approval of the CoQ items until July. Staff agreed that since our site review is not until September, that we have time to review the documents in July.

**Motion # 44.2021**

**It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman)** to table discussion of the CoQ items provide in the June Board packet. 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		

L. MOU – Pathways

David Browne reminded the Board that the Memorandum of Understanding with Pathways is to provide the community with access to information through 211.

**Motion # 45.2021**

It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Larry Hall) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pathways for \$3,000 from July 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		

M. Funding for the House of Hope

David Browne shared that the increase of funding was included in the FY22 annual budget that was approved earlier. He shared that the increase of \$85,000 to \$100,000 is for the House of Hope to hire staff to cook. Previously, the HoH was using Goodwill to staff, and have had turnover. With the increase of attendees, the HoH would like to hire for the position.

**Motion # 46.2021**

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Pridgeon, Larry Schwendeman) to authorize the Executive Director to increase the funding amount for House of Hope, from \$85,000 up to \$100,000 from July 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		

**XIV. Good of the Order**

The Board members and Board staff would like to thank Dr. Pridgeon for his years of service on the Washington County Behavioral Health Board. Dr. Pridgeon has served on the WCBHB for 24 years, but has served Boards in Washington County since 1974. Chas shared “I would love to take this month’s board packet back to 1974 and show the Board members... they would not believe the amount of progress we have made”.

Eric Fowler shared his appreciation for staff once again for the successful appreciation dinner. He wants to recognize the amount of additional work to organize such a wonderful event.



Eric Fowler would like to congratulate the Behavioral Health Matters scholarship recipients: Lacey Wilson, Derek Layton, and Megan Gilliam. Each scholarship recipient received \$2,500.00 towards their education in the field of social work and/or counseling.

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

**July 22, 2021**

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

Topic: July Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaeleigh Sprigg

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Board President Signature