

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion # 55, 2021

Mr. Browne asked that the percentage column be ignored. The totals look askew due to the report only showing two months of the full year.

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Laura Knab) to approve 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

Mr. Browne invited Jason Varney, Vice President of Oriana House to share updates and answer questions attendees may have on the detox/residential treatment expansion project that will be discussed during the Oriana House report. Mr. Browne had nothing more to add to his report.

IX. Staff Reports

Shaeleigh Sprigg shared that the two-day OACBHA (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities) Culture of Quality site visit wrapped up on Wednesday. A preliminary synopsis of the visit was shared with attendees and will be filed with the minutes. The Board will receive a full report from the Culture of Quality Board in 6-8 weeks. If certification is granted, the Washington County Behavioral Health Board will be recognized at the OACBHA members meeting in November. Shaeleigh would like to give a special thank you to Coda Kyle (Oriana House) and Dr. Jim Raney (Board member) for providing the interview portions during the OACBHA site visit and positively representing to work and relationships of the Board.

The strategic planning session is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at the Board office starting at 9 a.m.

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** – Doug Pfeifer shared that masks are once again required to receive in-person services due to an increase in staff being quarantined or testing positive for COVID.
- C. The Right Path** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

- D. Rigel/Oriana House-** Mr. Varney has over 27 years of experience representing Oriana House while serving the northern/northcentral Ohio areas, he shared his appreciation toward the Washington County Behavioral Health Board (WCBHB) for continued support of services offered in Southeastern Ohio and the ability to work so easily with fantastic staff. He further shared that the 3rd St. facility will move to Reno permitting an expansion of bed availability. The new location will allow a mix of twelve female and or male detox beds and equal residential treatment beds. Oriana has been granted a temporary certificate of occupancy allowing the necessary documents to be submitted to OhioMHAS (Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services) for an inspection. Once the inspection is complete the transition from 3rd Street to the new facility can begin. A date for an open house of the new facility is to be determined and will be publicized for all to attend including local Government. Outpatient services that are currently located next to the reserve center on Rt. 7 will move to the 3rd street property leaving the Rigel center to be utilized as a satellite location. Oriana House has experienced difficulties maintaining full occupancy since opening Rigel Recovery Residential Center in 2019. Oriana House is heavily vested in the community and is working to strengthen relationships that will increase referrals to detox and treatment keeping recovery local for Washington County residents. He shared that the Board has done a wonderful job at creating a full continuum of care in the area. Recently Oriana staff met with Memorial Health System to strengthen continuity and streamline the referral system to detox/residential treatment. Collaborative work continues with local behavioral health providers including entering into an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Life and Purpose Behavioral Health. Outreach will continue with surrounding ADAMH (Alcohol Drug and Mental Health) Boards, and weekly newsletter will be shared electronically to ensure better communication in regards to available services. Tara Plaughter invited an Oriana staff member to attend an upcoming Peer Recovery Supporter (PRS) monthly meeting to share best ways to access Oriana services including how to initiate a self-referral to detox/residential treatment.
- E. Hopewell Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. PAX-** Mr. Browne asked that the PAX report be included with staff reports moving forward. Tammy Harris, PAX Coordinator, shared that it has been a difficult year due to COVID19 but she is pleased to see so many counseling services including case management being offered during school hours in Washington County. Thanks to continued financial support provided by the WCBHB, the PAX Good Behavior Game expanded to St. Mary's Catholic School. Mrs. Harris suggested offering an additional PAX partner training to support the expansion.

Mr. Pfeifer added that schools may require reimbursement to cover substitute teacher costs if teachers are asked to attend a training.

- G. Community Health Improvement Associates (CHIA)** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- H. Integrated Behavioral Health-** There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- I. Memorial Health System-** 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/Community Relations-** The program planning and oversight committee and community relations committee held a joint meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Laura Knab (co-chair) shared that attendees discussed the benefits of encouraging contracting service providers to use SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) as a template when creating board reports. This insight would provide the board a better understanding of needs and barriers each provider encounters and give the board the opportunity to be more supportive.

The next combined meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 starting at 5:15 p.m. Dr. Raney shared that the meeting is open to the public and open to agenda suggestions. Laura Knab added that board member attendance is encouraged. The meeting gives staff the opportunity to speak more candidly and is a great time to further discuss upcoming strategic planning topics.

- XII. Old Business-** Nothing offered.

XIII. New Business-

- A. Unstoppable Potential- Recovery Housing Proposal-** Unstoppable Potential (UP) is a for-profit LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) owned in part by Dr. Dick Wittberg, and his wife, Angela Schmidle. Dr. Wittberg shared that recovery housing is a need in the area and there is an opportunity to buy the previously owned 5th St. property to provide recovery housing for up to five women. Staffing of the house would be comprised of a Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant and AmeriCorp members. UP is asking for \$45,000 per year to assist with running the house. David Browne shared that the amount asked is the same amount that the Board receives from the State to support recovery housing that currently must be returned due to the inability to allocate the designated funds.

The requested funds would allow UP to operate as a recovery home and provide time to apply for certification to be acknowledged as a recovery house.

Dr. Wittberg added that this could open up the area for additional housing options that are desperately needed.

Motion # 56.2021

It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Unstoppable Potential in the amount of up to \$45,000 per year to provide Recovery Housing. The contact with start and end at the discretion of the Executive Director. 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	

B. 2022 Tax Budget- Mr. Browne asked for a formal approval of the projected 2022 tax budget that was included in the Board packet.

Motion # 57.2021

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the projected 2022 tax budget. 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	

C. OACBHA site visit update- Update was provided during the staff report.

D. Acknowledge Receipt of Audits- Mr. Browne mentioned during the OACBHA site visit a suggested opportunity for improvement was to share with members of the Board when contracted service providers submit annual audits per each contract agreement. Mr. Browne shared that he has received tax audit reports from EVE Inc. and Oriana House thus far.

Motion # 58.2021

It was moved and seconded (Dr. Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to acknowledge the receipt of audits from EVE Inc. and Oriana House for FY 2021. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

XIV. Good of the Order

President Beardmore reminded attendees that the House of Hope is hosting a bonfire on October 4 starting at 6 p.m. at 750 County House Lane, Marietta, OH.

Shaeleigh reminded board members to complete and return the board self-evaluation that was included in the September packet before the deadline of November 8, 2021.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:

October 28, 2021

Washington County Behavioral Health Board Meeting

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The meeting will be held in-person. Virtual attendance will not be monitored.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Plaughner**

Board President Signature