



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, July 27, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Fowler at 6:04 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Jim Raney
Laura Knab/Silwani
Mike Beardmore
Eric Fowler
Ron Rees
Larry Schwendeman

Absent

Larry Hall
David White
Robert Marion
Beverly Prigge
Brett Nicholas

Staff

David Browne
George Goddard
Tara Plaughter
Heather Parcell
Tim Hahn
Samantha Matheny

Guests

Linda Sistrunk – Memorial Health Systems
Candice Walker – Oriana House
Sherry Shamblin - Hopewell
Alice Stewart - DJFS
Maribeth Browne - Community
Tayla Kemp-Hayes – Oriana House Drug Court

IV. Public Statements – No Public statements were offered.

V. Agenda Revisions – There were no revisions made to the agenda.

VI. Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2023

Motion #34.2023

It was moved and seconded (Ron Rees, Michael Beardmore) to approve the June 22, 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

Members of the Board held a brief discussion on the June treasurer’s report.

Motion # 35.2023

It was moved and seconded (Laura Silwani, Larry Schwendeman) to accept the June 2023 Treasurer’s report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

VIII. Director’s Report

Executive Director David Browne had nothing new to add to his report. He shared that his last day will be August 4, 2023. Ron Reese stated for the record that 14 years ago he requested the board to designate David Browne as Executive Director, for he knew that the taxpayer's funds would be in good hands. Ron stated that this board is financially sound thanks to all of David Bowne’s hard work.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Executive Director George Goddard of the WCBHB introduced a new staff member, Samantha Matheny who has filled the vacant Fiscal Director’s position. Samantha has been in the private sector working as an accounting manager in the medical field. She has 10 years of experience using the QuickBooks software that the Board uses.

Assistant Director Tim Hahn had no additional information to add to his reports with the exception of stating that the Angel’s Harbor and Eve Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training went very well.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaugher shared that she has been busy working on all the events that are coming up within the next few months. Tara shared that the Drug Overdose and Grief Awareness Walk is scheduled for August 26, 2023, at 9 AM, the event will be located at East Muskingum Park in Marietta. The Washington County Health Department will be there providing free Narcan training and distribution. Tara shared that the upcoming Recovery Walk will be on September 16, 2023, the event will be located at East Muskingum Park in Marietta. The service providers were sent registration forms for tables at the event. The Recovery Summit will be held on September 22, 2023, at 10, the event will be in Zanesville, Ohio. Tara shared that the House of Hope has been able to acquire funding to be able to supply a charter bus for the event. Tara shared that the Suicide Awareness Alliance will have its annual walk on September 23, 2023, at 9 am, the event will be located at the Armory, 241 Front Street, Marietta Ohio.

The Right Path – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

PAX – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

A. Hopewell Health – Sherry Shamblin of Hopewell Health shared the hope that the Mobile Response Stabilization Service (MRSS) will be up and going by September 2023. Sherry reported that one of the Belpre Supervisors will be working with the MRSS lead to implement the program. Sherry shared that the Marietta office is doing exceptionally well and they now have everyone using the same system. Sherry wanted to thank the board for continuing the Behavioral Matters Scholarship, she also thanked the board for all their continued support.

- B. House of Hope** - There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered
- C. Integrated Services** – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. Memorial Health Systems** – Linda Sistrunk from Memorial Health Systems discussed concerns that Vertical Triage does not currently have any coverage for after-hours. Service providers in the area, such as Hopewell, Integrated Services, and BrightView have arranged to offer assistance with providing evening services. BrightView will provide peer support and online scheduling to help people in the community. Linda offers thanks for all the help.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House** - Tayla Kemp-Hays from the Compass Drug Court shared that the drug court is over capacity. She stated that they are set to do 30 cases, but are up to 34. She also shared that the Drug Court will have graduations on August 7, 2023, and September 4, 2023. Dr. Jim Raney added the Humane Society as a recommendation for a non-profit organization where drug court participants can volunteer for their Compass Drug Community Project. It was shared that over 31 clients have called the Humane Society for volunteer work. Candice Walker of Oriana House shared that they have been staying busy. Candice also shared that Rigel is at capacity with 36 clients. Candice shared that last month the Bunker Restaurant located in Vincent donated delicious food to their clients.
- F. Department of Job and Family Services** – Alice Stewart of the Department of Job and Family Services shared that the Prevention Program has helped many families and children in the last 6 months. She is happy to say that her 2 workers stay busy and are expanding the service area to include Belpre and Beverly. Alice is unsure when they would be adding more staff to the program. Candice Walker from Oriana House asked Alice if the Prevention Program would be a good contact for parents graduating from their treatment program. Alice and Candice will get together to sort the details.

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

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – Laura Silwani shared that the board needed to get the Strategic Planning and Robert’s Rules training scheduled and that the details about getting a trainer will be discussed at the OACBHA meeting scheduled on July 28. Laura also shared that she felt that the 2023 Appreciation Dinner was a very good event and that she looked forward to the next one.

The next PP&O Committee meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023, at 5:15 pm

- B. Financial Committee** – Executive Director David Browne shared that the Financial Committee discussed the FY24 Budget. Dr. Jim Raney commented that he was impressed that the budget is in such good shape and would like the board and service providers to think about what they might like to do or see done for future projects or expansion of current projects.

XII. Old Business-

Board President Eric Fowler stated that the online board training still needs to be completed by some members of the board. Tim Hahn said he would send out another email for those who still need to complete the training

XIII. New Business

A. FY24 Budget – The Board held a brief discussion on the FY24 Budget presented to the board for review.

Motion #36.2023 – It is the Committee's Recommendation - To Accept the FY 2024-2025 proposed budget.

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

B. Executive Director Transition – The Board discussed George Goddard as Interim Executive Director upon David Browne’s retirement to provide time to negotiate a new contract to bring to the board.

Motion #37.2023 – It is the Committee's Recommendation - That the Board name George Goddard as Interim Executive Director upon David Browne’s retirement.

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

C. Building Bridges 2 Careers (BB2C) – Makers Space Contract - This program is designed to engage with peer support specialists and mental health counselors who can bring their clients to the Maker Space and take classes. Specific classes are chosen by the individuals and can help them in a variety of ways, including gaining and/or improving their skills for potential employment in the future.

Motion #38.2023 – It is the Committee's Recommendation - To authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Building Bridges to Careers in the amount of \$6,000 for the implementation of the Makers Space project

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

D. Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) Contract – The Addiction Treatment Program is for additional funding to provide assistance for the Drug Court to be able to help clients to overcome environmental barriers. Some examples of these would be helping with items such as security deposits for an apartment or transportation to treatment, etc.

Motion #39.2023 – It is the Committee's Recommendation - To authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the COMPASS Drug Court in the amount of \$50,000 for the implementation of the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP).

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

E. Culture of Quality (COQ) Policies – Compliance with the Sunshine Law Policy and the Whistleblower Policy. – There was a brief discussion about the minimal changes that needed to be made to these policies.

Motion 40.2023 - It is the Committee's Recommendation - To approve the updates to the Compliance with Sunshine Laws and Whistleblower policies for COQ.

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Rob Marion	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Laura Silwani	Brett Nicholas	Beverly Prigge	Jim Raney	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White
Y	Y		Y		Y			Y	Y	Y	

XIX. Good of the Order

Michael Beardmore suggested a committee be appointed to develop the Executive Director Contract. President Eric Fowler concurred and asked for volunteers. Larry Schwendeman, Ron Reese, Michael Beardmore and Eric Fowler volunteered to be on the committee.

Dr. Jim Raney requested that board members and staff speak clearly during the board meetings due to difficulty in hearing.

The Board and all the attendees thanked David Browne for all his hard work through the years and wished him luck for the future.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
 August 24, 2023**

**Respectfully Submitted,
 Heather Parcell**

Board President Signature