



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, September 28, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Eric Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Larry Hall
Jim Raney
Mike Beardmore
David White
Beverly Prigge
Ron Rees – 6:15PM
Larry Schwendeman
Eric Fowler

Absent

Jarrett Barnhouse
Laura Knab/Silwani
Robert Marion
Brett Nicholas

Staff

George Goddard
Tim Hahn
Samantha Rogers
Tara Plaucher
Heather Parcell

Guests

Jason Varney – Oriana House
Candice Walker – Oriana House
Sherry Shamblin – Hopewell
Mike Dennis – House of Hope
Linda Sistrunk – MMH Systems
Alice Stewart - DJFS
Chayla Sefhus – MMH Systems
Terri Combs – Eve, Inc.
Anthony Tuschner – Community
Johnathan Lane - Community

Public Statements – Anthony Tuschner of the community shared that he would like to see the board take a stand on issue 2, The Legalization of Marijuana.

IV. Agenda Revisions – There were 2 additions added to new business. C.) Issue 2 “The Legalization of Marijuana”, and D.) Robert’s Rules

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion #46.2023

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Larry Schwendeman) to approve the August 24, 2023 Board meeting minutes with changes made. The motion did not pass, and was tabled until the October meeting:

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer’s Report

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

Motion # 47.2023

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Beverly Prigge) to accept the August 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

Interim Executive Director George Goddard shared that Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit has a match requirement that will require a third party to invest a portion of funding also. George Goddard reached out to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and spoke with Kelly Morman regarding funding sources. More information to come when it becomes available. Board President Eric Fowler suggested speaking with one of the judges to see if they would be willing to do a one-time match of 10%.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Director Tim Hahn had no additional information to add to his reports except that the Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on September 30th at the Emergency Operations Center at 204 Davis Ave from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fiscal Director Sam Rogers shared that she will be getting together with Jarrett Barnhouse to set up a finance meeting. Some billing is not being processed quickly due to GOSH issues.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaughter shared that September has been a busy month. The 4th Annual Recover Walk that was held on September 16th was the best yet, with an estimated 250 people in attendance.

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 that the Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) is nearly ready. Sam Pogoreski will be heading the project and will start with Hopewell in October. Sherry also mentioned that Hopewell received an extension on their OB/GYN and Early Childhood grant.

B. House of Hope - Mike Dennis of House of Hope shared that the marketing grant he applied for was in the amount of \$10,000.00. This will be used to purchase a wrap for the van and items for the Christmas Parade. Mike also shared that he talked with Commissioner Charlie Shilling regarding the 10-year lease. Ron Rees shared that he would like to read and review

the lease. Mike shared that House of Hope is now fully certified by the State of Ohio. Mike Dennis also announced that he would be retiring in September 2024.

- 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 of Memorial Health Systems shared that the Vertical Triage program has reached its 6th month and is looking at a possible new proposal to extend the program. Area service providers have stepped up to help with the Vertical Triage program in areas that need assistance.
- E. **Rigel/Oriana House** – Candace Walker of Rigel Recovery Services shared that Recovery Day was a success with an estimated 150 people in attendance. Candace also shared that Rigel now has 4 intern placements. Jason Varney of Oriana House shared that the Compass drug court has been going strong since 2019 and shared that the grant was renewed with an enhancement of \$1,000,000.00. The Drug Court is at capacity and plans to have a press release published soon.
- F. **Department of Job and Family Services** – Alice Stewart of the Department of Job and Family Services shared that the Prevention Program had 15 children currently referred to the program. Alice shared that they are continuing to work with families and have seen a good share of homelessness and behavior issues with children.

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

XI. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – Beverly Prigge shared that the committee held brief discussions on the Eve, Inc. contract, the Culture of Quality policy updates, The Crisis Stabilization Unit, and Roberts Rule’s Training.

The next PP&O Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023, at 5:15 pm

XII. Old Business-

There was no old business discussed.

XIII. New Business

- A. **EVE, Inc.** – Terri Combs of Eve, Inc. shared that Eve would like to do prevention services in the schools to get word out to different ages regarding risky behaviors. It was shared that their hotline gets over 3,000 calls a year and has had over 4,000 referrals.

Motion # 48.2023

Motion It is the Committee's Recommendation to authorize the executive director to negotiate an agreement with EVE, Inc. for an amount up to \$30,000 for the delivery of crisis, prevention, and education services

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	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

B. Culture of Quality (COQ) Policies – Continuing Education and Professional Development; Retention and Disposal Schedule for records; and Agency Monthly Reports. – Revisions to current CoQ policies included minor text edits to align to updated CoQ standards.

Motion 49.2023

It is the Committee's Recommendation to approve the revisions to the text of the CoQ policies relating to approve the revisions to the text of the CoQ policies relating to: Continuing Education and Professional Development; Retention and Disposal Schedule for records; and Agency Monthly Reports.

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	Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

C. Issue 2 - Legalization of Marijuana –The board discussed the issue and feels that a statement does not need to be made at this time. The board also discussed that a quarterly mailer should be mailed out to Washington County Residents to inform the public of educational materials, what programs are available, and information about upcoming events.

D. Robert’s Rules – The board discussed the options available to them for taking the training, and was decided that the online training would be the best for everyone.

XIX. Good of the Order – Dr. Jim Raney thanked the providers and the community for all their support.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
 October 26, 2023**

**Respectfully Submitted,
 Heather Parcell**

Board President Signature