



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, October 26, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Vice President David White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse
Jim Raney
Mike Beardmore
David White
Beverly Prigge
Ron Rees
Larry Schwendeman
Brett Nicholas

Absent

Larry Hall
Laura Knab/Silwani
Eric Fowler

Staff

George Goddard
Tim Hahn
Samantha Rogers
Tara Plaughter
Heather Parcell

Guests

Cathy Williams – Integrated Services
Alice Stewart - DJFS
Sherry Shamblin - Hopewell
Sam Pogelreski – Hopewell, MRSS
Linda Sistrunk – MMH Systems

Public Statements – No Public statements were offered

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

V. Approval of Minutes – After the first vote to approve the September 2023 Board Meeting Minutes, Jim Raney discussed the Standard Operating Procedures regarding the voting procedures, stating that a majority vote of more than 50% of those members present and voting is required to pass a motion. Abstentions do not affect the outcome of a vote. He pointed out that the August meeting minutes passed because of the rule.

Jim Raney called for a new vote for the approval of the September 2023 Board Meeting Minutes with the correction made stating that the motion to table the August 2023 minutes till the October meeting was in error contrary to the Standard Operating Procedures and that the August 2023 minutes did indeed pass.

Motion #50.2023

It was moved and seconded (Larry Schwendeman, Ron Rees) to approve the September 2023 Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

Y= Yes N= No A= Abstain

Motion #51.2023

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Brett Nicholas) to approve the August 2023 Board meeting minutes with the correction made stating that the motion to table the August 2023 minutes till the October meeting was in error contrary to the Standard Operating Procedures and that the August 2023 minutes did indeed pass. The motion passed with the following votes:

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

VII. Treasurer’s Report

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

Motion # 52.2023

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

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	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

VIII. Director’s Report

Interim Executive Director George Goddard shared that different staff at OhioMHAS provided contradictory guidance for financial matching for the capital project. This is no longer the case. No match is required and the Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit project can proceed to the next phase.

George also shared with the board some reports from the State of Ohio Integrated Behavior Health Dashboard; he brought to attention the drug overdose chart and pointed out that the deaths in Washington County have increased since 2017.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Director Tim Hahn shared the promo business cards available at service providers for a link to the satisfaction survey for the clients to fill out to provide data to see where there may be gaps in services. Tim also shared the resource guide business card that has the link for the digital copy of the updated resource guide on our website.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaugher had nothing new to share.

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) will be fully up and running within the week. Sherry also shared that they have a Family Peer Supporter hired and are excited to begin. Sam Pogoreski of Hopewell Health and the Head of the MRSS shared that they are expecting to have many calls and offered to share information and brochures about their program.
- B. **House of Hope** - There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- C. **Integrated Services** – Cathy Williams of Integrated Services shared that they have officially moved into the Marietta office on 209 Lancaster Street.
- D. **Memorial Health Systems** – Linda Sistrunk of Memorial Health Systems shared that she had nothing new to add to her report.
- E. **Rigel/Oriana House** – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. **Department of Job and Family Services** – Alice Stewart of the Department of Job and Family Services shared that the Prevention Program is still going strong. Alice shared that she met with counselors at the Career Center to reach out in hopes of expanding. Alice also shared her appreciation for the board for all their assistance with the Prevention Program.

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 discussions on the strategic planning follow-up. They have the goals narrowed down to 12; however, we need to narrow it down to five. Beverly also shared that the committee discussed changing the number of board members allowed on the board, and decided to keep the number at 18 for now.

Brett Nicholas of the Board shared that he met with George Goddard to discuss finding people to volunteer to have a trained National Alliance on Mental Issues (NAMI) group in Washington County. The volunteers will take the free training available by NAMI. In addition, a NAMI yearly membership is \$5.00 a year. Jim Raney suggested that it would be good training for the board members to take also.

The next PP&O Committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023, at 5:15 pm

XII. Old Business-

- A. **Strategic Planning Follow-up** - Discussed under Committee Reports.

XIII. New Business

- A. **November/December Meeting** – Board members held a discussion to combine the November/December board meeting to be held on December 7, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Motion # 53.2023

It was moved and seconded (**Brett Nicholas, Larry Schwendeman**) to combine the November/December board meeting to be held on December 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	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

- XIX. **Good of the Order** – Attached to the board packet was the 2024 calendar for the PP&O and Board Meeting dates.

Ron Reese shared that Ohio Legal Help is looking to expand access to legal help and information for individuals that are experiencing legal issues related to behavioral health matters. Ron asked if board staff would be willing to speak to the staff from that program to help them assess the needs in our county.

- XX. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
December 7, 2023**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Parcell**

Board President Signature