



WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, December 7, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

A. President Eric Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Jarrett Barnhouse  
Jim Raney  
Mike Beardmore  
Eric Fowler  
Laura Silwani  
Ron Rees  
Larry Hall  
Brett Nicholas

Absent

Larry Schwendeman  
Beverly Prigge  
David White

Staff

George Goddard  
Tim Hahn  
Samantha Rogers  
Tara Plaughter – 6:28 pm  
Heather Parcell

Guests

Cathy Williams – Integrated Services  
Sherry Shamblin - Hopewell  
Mike Dennis – House of Hope  
Larkin Warsinsky – Southern Ohio Counseling Center  
David Silwani (Arthur, Barbara)

IV. **Public Statements** – Attorney David Silwani shared that the Drug Court and Mental Health Court are continuing to do well. He also shared that the county needs to see more mental health services.

Larkin Warsinsky of Southern Ohio Counseling Center (SOCC) shared that they have been working in Marietta City Schools to create a daily treatment program in the schools. Larkin shared some of the services the SOCC provided, such as outpatient therapy, day treatment, etc. SOCC also accepts Ohio Medicaid and private insurance.

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

VI. **Approval of Minutes – October 23, 2023**

*Motion #54.2023*

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

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| 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           | A          | A             | Y              |                | Y         | Y        |                   |            |

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

**VII. Treasurer’s Report**

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

*Motion # 55.2023*

It was moved and seconded (Jim Raney, Brett Nicholas) to accept the October/November 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 |
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| Y                | Y              | Y           | A          | Y             | Y              |                | Y         | Y        |                   |            |

**VIII. Director’s Report**

Interim Executive Director George Goddard shared that due to the Windberry Apartment fire over 30 people have been displaced from their homes and are currently being sheltered at several local hotels in the area. George stated that Tim Hahn and Tara Plaughner visited and took notice that the people were in crisis mode. After talking and listening to the people Tim and Tara reported that the people were feeling calmer and felt like they were heard.

**IX. Staff Reports**

Assistant Director Tim Hahn shared that Robert’s Rules Training email has been sent out, and needs to be completed. Tim also shared that the Community Health Survey to help with developing needs was sent out and requested that everyone please fill it out.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaughner 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) are now fully underway. Hopewell has been able to provide services to Warren, Frontier, and Fort Fry school systems.
- B. **House of Hope** – Mike Dennis of House of Hope shared that the promotional products he shared are courtesy of a grant from Ohio Pro. Mike also shared that House of Hope has been working with Rigel Recovery for the last few months and states that things are going very well.
- C. **Integrated Services** – Cathy Williams of Integrated Services shared that there will be an open house in Marietta on January 18, 2024 from 5pm – 7pm.
- D. **Memorial Health Systems** – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

- 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** – – There was no representative in attendance. There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

The agency reports will be filed with the minutes.

**XI. Committee Reports**

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – George Goddard stated the committee discussed the resolution letter that is needed from the board to move forward with the Capitol project to build the Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit. George also shared the committee went over the proposal for the Rural Outreach program submitted by Eve, Inc. George shared that the Strategic Plan has been condensed into five goals.

The next PP&O Committee meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2024, at 5:15 pm

**XII. Old Business-**

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

**XIII. New Business**

- A. **Board Resolution** – The Board discussed the Capitol project to build the Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit in partnership with several other boards.

*Motion # 56.2023*

It was moved and seconded (Ron Rees, Mike Beardmore) To adopt the resolution to support The Village Network to Construct a 20-bed Class I residential facility:

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

- B. **Eve Rural Outreach** – The Board discussed The Rural Outreach is geared toward assisting homeless individuals with at least one incidence of overdose, opioid, or stimulant use to get connected to treatment

*Motion # 57.2023*

It is the Committee's Recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with EVE, Inc. for up to \$79,132 for the implementation of the Rural Outreach Program in Washington County:

| Jarret Barnhouse | Mike Beardmore | Eric Fowler | Larry Hall | Laura Silwani | Brett Nicholas | Beverly Prigge | Jim Raney | Ron Rees | Larry Schwendeman | Dave White |
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XIX. Good of the Order

Brett Nicholas shared Remembrance for December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day.

Jim Rancy stated that the Strategic Plan had an error, stating that Goal 5 was the same as Goal 2.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

*Next Meeting:*  
January 25, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Parcell

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Board President Signature