



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, October 24, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

204 Davis Avenue. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Rees at 6 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Mike Beardmore
Ron Rees
Susan Arnold
Janet Welch
David White
Brett Nicholas
Eric Fowler
Larry Schwendeman

Absent

Larry Hall
Leann Lucas
Jarrett Barnhouse

Staff

George Goddard
Tim Hahn
Samantha Matheny
Tara Plaughter
Colt Morningstar

Guests

Sherry Shamblin- Hopewell
Brad Seevers- Integrated
Rick Hindman- Resource Center
Linda Sistrunk- MHS
Brandi Beaver- HoH
Deanna England- Oriana
Melissa Nicholas
Lory Bruce-DJFS
Taylor Clemons- SEOCS

IV. Public Statements – No public statements were offered.

V. Agenda Revisions – The following revisions were made to the agenda.

Under VI.:

Include the September attendance with the approval of the June, July & August Board meeting minutes.

VI. Approval of Minutes – June 27, July 25, August 22, 2024 minutes, and September 26, 2024 attendance.

Motion #46.2.2024

It was moved and seconded (Janet Welch, Larry Schwendeman) to separately accept, and collectively approve the June, July, and August 2024 meeting notes, and September 2024 meeting attendance. The motion passed with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		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 treasurer’s report. It was noted that we are trending where we should be.

Motion #47.2024

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas, David White) to separately accept, and collectively approve the June, July, August, and September Treasurer’s reports and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	Y			A	Y	Y	Y	Y

VIII. Director’s Report- George Goddard added to his report that the September closeout of federal funds is still underway. He also shared that ATP (Addiction Treatment Program) funds to support specialized docket Drug Court participant recovery needs are being drawn down.

IX. Staff Reports

Assistant Director- Nothing was added to the report.

Senior Recovery Advocate- Tara added that the shipment of Naloxboxes has been received.

The Right Path– It was added that the Spagna’s Spaghetti dinner fundraiser turned out very well. The Washington County Behavioral Health Board, The Right Path, and the Marietta Police Department are partnering on October 26th for National Drug Take Back Day.

PAX – Out of the two trainings scheduled this fall one will be offered at no cost to the Board.

Staff reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health** – Sherry Shamblin added to the report that the MRSS (Mobile Response Stabilization Services) program received a high score of 28 out of 36 markers met for the first-year fidelity review, proof that Sam Pogorelski and his MRSS team are doing a great job. Hopewell is also preparing for a HRSA (Health Resources and Services) grant site review.
- B. House of Hope—** Brandi Beaver invited attendees to visit the House of Hope soon for a tour of new building renovations.
- C. Integrated Services** – There were no comments or questions on the submitted report.
- D. Marietta Memorial Hospital** – Linda Sistrunk shared that the partnership between Memorial Health and community health workers to offer neonatal abstinence support to expectant mothers is going well.
- E. Rigel/Oriana House—** Deanna England shared that Rigel Residential Recovery Center has seen an increase in numbers, and beds are filling up quickly.
- F. Washington County Dept. of Jobs and Family Services** - There were no comments or questions on the submitted report.
- G. Washington County Health Department—**No representative attended, and no comments or questions were offered.

The agency reports will be filed with the minutes.

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – There was an inquiry on a policy for the purchase of a vehicle to support outreach programming. George shared other boards that have made a vehicle purchase do not have a specific policy in place. George has submitted the inquiry to OACBHA’s (Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities) peer q&a that is shared with all County Boards.

The next PP&O Committee meeting will be held at the Board office at 1115 Gilman Avenue on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 5:15 pm.

XII. Old Business

- A. Board Size Reduction** – Members of the Board agreed that a reduction in Board size is appropriate.

Motion #48.2024

It was moved and seconded (David White, Mike Beardmore) to recommend to the Commissioners that the Washington County Behavioral Health Board size be reduced from an 18 to a 12-member board. The August Executive Committee motion was ratified with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- B. EVE Inc.-** The EVE Inc. youth prevention services application was reviewed and discussed during the August PP&OC meeting.

Motion #49.2024 (Executive Committee)

It was moved and seconded (David White, Mike Beardmore) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract for up to \$30,000 with EVE Inc. to provide youth prevention services.

A brief discussion was held on the current unsatisfied contract with EVE. A BIP (business improvement plan) was suggested to ensure appropriate support is in place before additional contract funding is discussed.

Motion #49.2.2024

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, Brett Nicolas) to table motion #49.2024 made by the Executive Committee in August with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

- C. Culture of Quality (CoQ) Policy Update-** The update references minor changes to the Ohio Revised Code included in the CoQ Policy: Contracting Authority under Governance section A.16.

Motion #50.2024 (Executive Committee)

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, David White) to update the Culture of Quality Contracting Authority Policy to include updates to the Ohio Revised Code. The August Executive Committee motion was ratified with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

XIII. New Business

A. Department of Job & Family Services FY 25 Prevention- The prevention continuation proposal was discussed at length during the October Program Planning and Oversight Committee meeting. The request is less than the previous year. The committee is suggesting the following motion be made.

Motion # 51.2024

It was moved and seconded (Eric Fowler, Brett Nicholas) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract for up to \$87,278.15 with the Washington County Department of Jobs and Family Services- Children Services to continue the Prevention program. The motion passed with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

XIX. Good of the Order

Members of the Board discussed combining the November and December meetings to allow travel during the holidays.

Motion #52.2024

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicolas, Susan Arnold) to combine the November and December meetings. The final meeting of 2024 will be on December 12, at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed with the following votes:

Susan Arnold	Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Leann Lucas	Brett Nicholas	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Janet Welch	David White
Y		Y	N			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Brett Nicholas thanked his fellow peers for supporting him through his health struggles.

President Ron Rees suggested reestablishing the PIE (Public Information and Education) committee to promote mental health education by creating informative articles for the paper.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

**Next Meeting:
 December 12, 2024**

**Respectfully Submitted,
 Tara Plaugher**

Board President Signature