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WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, March 27, 2025, ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. **Call to Order, Roll Call**

II. Board Member Mike Beardmore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Welcome and Introductions**

V. **Present**

Absent

Staff

Guests

Ron Reese
Jarrett Barnhouse
Mike Beardmore
Brett Nicholas
Larry Schwendeman
Shaeliegh Sprigg
Lacey Wilson
Janet Welch
Larry Hall
Susan Arnold

Eric Fowler
David White

George Goddard
Tim Hahn
Samantha Rogers
Tara Plaugher
Colt Morningstar

Rick Hindman - CRC
Loralen Morgan - PRSS
Heather Statler – Full Circle
Brad Seevers – Integrated services
Alice Stewart - WCDJFS
Sherry Shamblin – Hopewell
Abbey Craft – The Lighthouse
Megan Roach – The Lighthouse
Delbert Williams – Public Individual
Jacinda Babock – Perfect Purpose
Vanessa Goins – Peer Solutions

VI. **Public Statements** – Jacinda Babock of Perfect Purpose Inc. introduced herself. She is the Director of Recovery Housing and informed us that they are the only dual certified (WV, OH) recovery housing agency in the area so far. They have 3 certified recovery houses in Washington county with total of 40 beds. Vanessa Goins of Peer Solutions also spoke about the outcomes of the peer to peer support at the Washington county jail. It has already been an amazing tool for the inmates and it also helps staff. The only problem now is getting more peers for all of the inmates.

VII. **Agenda Revisions** – No revisions

VIII. **Approval of Minutes** – March 27th, 2025

Motion #7.2025

It was moved and seconded (Brett Nicholas and Larry Schwendeman) to approve March's Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Brett Nicholas	Susan Arnold	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson
Y	Y		A	Y	A	A	Y	Y		Y	Y

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

IX. Treasurer's Report

There were no additions to the treasurer's report for March.

Motion # 8.2025

It was moved and seconded (Shaeleigh Sprigg, Larry Schwendeman) to accept February's 2025, Treasurer's report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Brett Nicholas	Susan Arnold	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson
Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y

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X. Director's Report

Executive Director George Goddard shared that there was a budget increase but it wasn't calculated in the same way. The example he gave was that administrative costs were at 25% but that wasn't actually the case. He explained that the new budgeting system getting put in place for board staff will help combat errors in calculations and help improve being able to show complete breakdowns in budgets and funding.

Staff Reports

Assistant Director Tim Hahn shared that he has an upcoming parole officer training for CIT.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaugher shared that the Washington County commissioner approved The Hybrid Drug Overdose & Suicide Fatality Review Committee.

Peer Recovery Advocate Colt Morningstar shared He was contacted by the owner of Ridgewood apartments and offered to host a resource fair for the one hundred and ten apartments that she has at the location. He has had a meeting with her for plans on the event. It will be held on April 18th.

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

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

XI. Agency Reports

- A. **Hopewell Health** – Sherry Shamblin shared that they are working on some accreditations and that they feel that recent Medicare effects will cause too many problems for the business.
- B. **House of Hope** – There was no one from House of Hope to add updates.
- C. **Integrated Services** – Brad seevers shared information on their community based health worker staff.
- D. **Rigel/Oriana House** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. **Southeast Ohio Counseling** – There was no one from SOCC to add updates.
- F. **Memorial Health System** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. **DJFS** –Alice Stewart shared that the Prevention in the Park event will be held again this year on April 26 at Muskingum Park from 11-2 p.m. She also spoke about the START program that focuses on kids who have parents with SUD (Substance Use Disorder). They get enrolled with a specialized case worker and get peer support. They have helped 133 kids so far.
- H. **Health Department** –There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

The agency reports will be filed with the minutes.

- I. **EVE** – No one from EVE to add updates and still not certified.

XII. Committee Reports

- A. **Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – The PPOC met on March 13th. The committee discussed how the Title XX funds are used by Washington County Family & Children First to meet the needs of children and families. Tim introduced the draft version of the Virtual Meeting policy to the committee. Tim explained what procedures are required vs optional as per House Bill 257. The committee discussed various ways this might be implemented. An updated draft version will be prepared for additional board consideration. George introduced the current policy for the committee to review before releasing the scholarship application. While

reviewing the policy, Brett pointed out a mismatch in phrasing in the current policy. The committee proposed minor edits to address this.

B.

- XIII. Old Business:** Executive Director George Goddard and Assistant Executive Director Tim Hahn met with several agencies in Washington county and the surrounding areas on the ways they combat gaps in transportation services. They spoke with New directions, Hopewell, and Westbrook. They said they were all very helpful in showing them how the transportation field works in behavioral health and some ideas on how to combat the problem.

- XIV. New Business:**

Motion # 9.2025

to authorize the executive director to contract for up to \$37,222 in Title XX funding for Family & Children First. (Brett/Janet)

The full board ratified the motion with the following votes:

Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Brett Nicholas	Susan Arnold	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson
Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y		Y	Y

Motion # 10.2025

To approve the revisions of the Behavioral Health Matters Scholarship policy. (Janet/Brett)

Jarrett Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Eric Fowler	Larry Hall	Brett Nicholas	Susan Arnold	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Dave White	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson
Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	Y		Y	Y

- XIX. Good of the Order:**

Ron Reese informed us of a nonprofit organization www.ohiolegalhelp.org Ohio Legal Help leverages technology and innovation to improve justice and fairness for all Ohioans. Our work removes barriers to the law so that all Ohioans can understand their legal options, make informed decisions and connect to legal and community resources.

- XX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2025 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Colt Morningstar

Board President Signature