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WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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Thursday, February 26th, 2026, ~ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call**
Board President Janet Welch called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Welcome and Introductions** – No formal introductions were made.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Ron Rees Larry Schwendeman Mike Beardmore House Lacey Wilson Janet Welch Jarret Barnhouse Kelly Kitchen		George Goddard Tim Hahn Tara Plaugher Colt Morningstar	Carla Archer –Visitation Center Brandi Beaver – H.O.H Elizabeth Applegate – Oxford Delbert Willaims – Community Member Larkin Warsinsky - SOCC Spencer Thorn – Marietta College Erin Taylor - ISBH Dereck Thomas – Oriana House

- IV. **Public Statements** – No public statements were made.
- V. **Agenda Revisions** – George Goddard requests to add Carla Archer to the agenda under new business.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – January 22nd, 2026 Minutes were approved.
Motion #04.2026

It was moved and seconded (Ron Rees and Mike Beardmore) to approve January's Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Kelly Kitchen	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson	Larry Hall
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer's Report

George Shared he is Working on the budget for FY27, projecting costs for five years, including insurance increases. There are no major changes in funding expected, no crisis projects affecting funding.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion # 05.2026

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, Larry Schwendeman) to accept February 2026, Treasurer's report and disbursements. The motion passed with the following votes:

Jarret Barnhouse	Mike Beardmore	Kelly Kitchen	Janet Welch	Ron Rees	Larry Schwendeman	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Lacey Wilson	Larry Hall
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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Executive Director's Report

George Goddard discussed the Construction on the Youth Crisis Stabilization center in Bethesda projected to be done by June. Board members may be invited for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

VIII. Staff Reports

Assistant Director Tim Hahn was absent but George explained he is developing a Hidden Plain Sight program. Program involves educating parents about ways kids hide contraband. Partnering with Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) for mental health first aid training. Considering mental health first aid training for service personnel like barbers and bartenders.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaugher informed the board that the Behavioral Health Matters scholarship is available on the website. More information will be added in the next report to encourage applications.

Peer Recovery Advocate Colt Morningstar informed the board that the Behavioral Health resource guide is finished and copies are available. Also that the Washington County Opioid Hub has been revamped. Committees for the Opioid Hub are: Housing and Employment, Clinical Treatment and Care Coordination, Recovery Supports and Peer Services, Reentry Prevention, Education and Early Intervention. April 10th is the date for the Opioid Hub

committee meeting. Lisa Forelli from overdoseslifeline.org wants to present at the next board meeting. March 12, speaker will be on a tobacco panel in Columbus for the Department of Behavioral Health.

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

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

IX. Agency Reports

- A. Hopewell Health** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- B. House of Hope** – Proposed collaboration with the Community Resource Center. Brandi said The CRC could rent office spaces at the House of Hope, bringing in revenue and reducing the workload for House of Hope staff. This would also bring more people into the building to help members. The goal is to have the CRC in the building to help each other and collaborate, but remain separate entities. The CRC staff would move to the House of Hope, while the homeless project would remain in its current location.
- C. Integrated Services** – Lindsay Myers is the housing specialist. Maggie from OHI was present at the meeting. There is a housing crisis in the county, lacking rapid rehousing funds, CTP funds, and HCRP funds. Lindsley will act as a liaison between landlords and clients to help people find housing. Community Action administers rapid rehousing but is frequently out of funding. Landlords are sometimes unwilling to participate due to concerns about nonpayment or reimbursement rates. Section 8 waiting list is up to 600 people.
- D. Rigel/Oriana House** - Clinical director, Deanna England, is leaving after 12 years to work in training development for new counselors at Unison in Toledo.
- E. Southeastern Ohio Counseling** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- F. DJFS** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- G. Health Department** – The health department's two-shot term program (needle exchange and education) wants to expand to New Matamoras. They are seeking funding for this expansion. They may partner with CRC, which has a contact in the New Matamoras Community.
- H. CRC** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

X. Committee Reports

- A. PPO/Community Relations Committee** – Jordan Peppers and Christian Benedetti from Athens NAMI presented about regionalizing NAMI to include southeast Regionalization

could lead to more funding and they already have the administrative structure in place. Municipal Probation Request: Requested help securing an additional case manager. The committee requested a clearer tie to clinical treatment and recovery.

XI. Old Business: None at this time.

XII. New Business: Carla Archers, a felony probation officer and director of the Supervised Visitation Center, spoke about the center's situation. The center was told to close at the end of February due to the director quitting and a financial crisis at EVE. The center has secured funding through the common police court. Carla is asking for funding assistance. A proposal suggests matching common Please contribution of \$10,000 to keep the center running. A suggestion was made to find someone else to manage the center, even on an interim basis. George will discuss potential oversight with Judge Halliday.

Motion: To to grant \$10,000 to the Court of Common Pleas to operate the Washington County Visitation Center, contingent on Judge Halliday accepting responsibility for its distribution and operation.

Motion # 06.2026

It was moved and seconded (Mike Beardmore, Larry Schwendeman) to grant \$10,000 to the Court of Common Pleas to operate the Washington County Visitation Center, contingent on Judge Halliday accepting responsibility for its distribution and operation. The motion passed with the following votes:

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**XIII. Good of the Order:
Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2026 6:00pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Colt Morningstar**

Board President Signature