

WASHINGTON COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, May 28th, 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 6:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Michael Beardmore
Ron Rees
Janet Welch
Shaeleigh Sprigg
Kelly Kitchen

Absent

Larry Hall
Larry Schwendeman
Jarrett Barnhouse

Staff

George Goddard
Sam Rogers
Tara Plaughner
Colt Morningstar

Guests

Larkin Warsinsky
Delbert Williams
Rick Hindman
Maggi Ault
Linda Sistrunk
Ashley Wilson
Heather Statler
Sherry Shamblin
Brandi Beavers

IV. Public Statements

Linda Sistrunk addressed the Board regarding restructuring efforts for the EVE Board. She requested mentorship and guidance from the Washington County Behavioral Health Board to assist with fiscal oversight, board operations, by-laws, and governance procedures. Several board members expressed willingness to assist and support the organization moving forward.

V. Agenda Revisions

No agenda revisions were presented.

VI. Approval of April 23rd, 2026 Minutes

Motion #25.2026

It was moved and seconded (Ron Rees and Shaeleigh Sprigg) to approve April's Board meeting minutes. The motion passed with the following vote:

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

VII. Treasurer's Report

Motion #26.2026

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Discussion occurred regarding report formatting and future reporting changes with the transition to QuickBooks Online. Financials were reported to be in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year.

A motion was made and seconded (Ron Rees and Shaeleigh Sprigg) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director George Goddard highlighted several updates including the presentation of an Ohio House of Representatives resolution honoring Mr. White for his service to Washington County. Mr. Goddard also discussed meetings with county commissioners and NAMI Housing Foundation regarding potential permanent supportive housing projects and future funding opportunities.

Updates were also provided regarding the Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit project in Bethesda, Ohio. Construction and staffing preparations continue, with the facility expected to open fully staffed.

Additional discussion occurred regarding ongoing Department of Medicaid training partner agreement requirements and coordination challenges with state systems.

IX. Staff Reports

Tara Plaughter provided updates regarding Peer Support Training changes implemented by the State of Ohio, including new pre-work requirements and revised registration procedures. Scholarship applications and upcoming training dates were also discussed.

Colt Morningstar reported on Community Transition Program (CTP) and Recovery Housing Initiative funding utilization, noting approximately \$20,000 in CTP assistance and over \$41,000 in Recovery Housing Initiative funding utilized within the community. Mr. Morningstar also discussed participation in the Jail and Reentry Coalition meeting and collaborative discussions regarding pre-release and post-release support services.

Additional discussion occurred regarding coalition development efforts involving local stakeholders and reentry support systems.

X. Agency Reports

Hopewell Health Centers reported continued progress with the Warren school-based clinic, which served approximately seventy-five clients during the previous month.

House of Hope discussed ongoing transportation and vehicle funding considerations.

Integrated Services provided updates regarding OhioRISE services, reporting continued growth in referrals and care coordination services for youth and families throughout the county.

Oriana House discussed Drug Court participation and current program status.

Community Resource Center representatives discussed ongoing efforts to transition operations from the Front Street location due to facility-related concerns.

XI. Committee Reports

The Program Planning and Oversight (PPO) Committee met on May 14th, 2026. Discussion focused heavily on preparation for the upcoming levy renewal campaign, including outreach strategies, branding considerations, and potential collaboration with Offenberger & White for marketing assistance.

Board members discussed public concerns regarding property tax increases and emphasized the importance of communicating that the proposed levy renewal would not increase tax rates.

Additional PPO discussions included FY2027 contract renewals, employee insurance considerations, and future budget planning.

XII. Old Business

Committee appointments were finalized as follows:

Scholarship Committee: Kelly Kitchen, Jarrett Barnhouse, Larry Schwendeman.

Nominating Committee: Michael Beardmore, Shaeleigh Sprigg, Larry Schwendeman.

Executive Director Evaluation Committee: Ron Rees, Kelly Kitchen, Michael Beardmore.

XIII. New Business

The Board reviewed and approved several FY2027 contract renewals and agreements.

A. Motion #27.2026

For the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Hopewell Health Centers for non-Medicaid billable services through GOSH in the amount of \$319,818.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

B. Motion # 28.2026

For the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Hopewell Health Centers in the amount of \$51,200 for Zones of Regulation and Random Acts of Kindness programming.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

C. Motion #29.2026

For the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Hopewell Health Centers in the amount of \$25,600 for DBTA in schools.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

D. Motion #30.2026

For the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with the House of Hope for clubhouse services in the amount of \$155,000.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

E. Motion # 31.2026

For the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center in the amount of \$59,982 for jail mental health services.

Michael Beardmore	Ron Rees	Janet Welch	Shaeleigh Sprigg	Kelly Kitchen
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Discussion also continued regarding levy resolutions and campaign preparation.

XIV. Good of the Order

Discussion occurred regarding the visitation center project and continued support for family stability initiatives.

Additional announcements included upcoming community swim programs beginning June 5th at the Marietta Center.

XV. Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss employment and personnel-related matters. (Janet Welch and Ron Rees). Executive Session started at 6:50pm and ended at 7:17pm

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned following Executive Session at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colt Morningstar

Board President Signature