



WASHINGTON COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

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

Meeting held In-person

1115 Gilman Ave. Marietta, OH

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

A. President Ron Rees called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Swear in Ceremony – Lacey Wilson

IV. Welcome and Introductions

Present

Ron Reese
Jarrett Barnhouse
Mike Beardmore
Eric Fowler
Brett Nicholas
Larry Schwendeman
Shaeliegh Sprigg
Lacey Wilson

Absent

Susan Arnold
Larry Hall
Janet Welch
David White

Staff

George Goddard
Tim Hahn
Samantha Rogers
Tara Plaughter
Colt Morningstar

Guests

Rick Hindman - CRC
Brandi Beaver – House Of Hope
Heather Statler – Full Circle
Cody Bowman- Full Circle
Larkin Warinsky- SOCC
Erin Taylor - ISBH
Abbey Craft – The Lighthouse
Megan Roach – The Lighthouse
Delbert Williams – Public Individual

V. **Public Statements** – Heather Statler and Cody Bowman of Full Circle gave in introduction to the board about Washington County facilities. They opened here in Washington County in August of 2024 and began with IOP (intensive outpatient services) and sober living houses. They plan on expanding in Washington County as the 2025 year continues. They also informed of the care and connect meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

VI. **Agenda Revisions** – No revisions

VII. **Approval of Minutes** – February 27, 2025

Motion #3.2025

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

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

Y= Yes

N= No

A= Abstain

VII. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion # 4.2025

It was moved and seconded (Shaeleigh Sprigg, Eric Fowler) 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

VIII. Director's Report

Tim Hahn sat in for Executive Director George Goddard and shared that the Board received a three-year Culture of Quality recertification through the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. He also shared that the Washington County Behavioral Health Board earned an Ohio recovery friendly workplace designation. This recognition reflects the boards commitment to fostering a supportive, inclusive work environment for employees who may be affected by substance use disorders and mental health challenges.

Staff Reports

Assistant Director Tim Hahn had nothing additional to share.

Peer Recovery Advocate Tara Plaugher mentioned Ohio House Bill 57 regarding school policies on administering overdose reversal drugs like Narcan in schools. Tara expressed the importance of knowing what to do in a crisis situation involving a possible overdose.

Peer Recovery Advocate Colt Morningstar shared a social media report regarding polls that were used to ask Washington county residents community questions on Behavioral health. The report showed that the community showed the biggest support in more recovery housing, a crisis stabilization unit for mental health and substance use, and the cost or lack of insurance in our area. These polls can help provide statistics needed for certain state and federal grants if needed in the future.

The Right Path – Shared that they are having an upcoming spaghetti dinner March 16th 2026

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** – Brandi Beaver shared that they have chosen to be the NAMI affiliate. They also informed us of advocacy day may 5th and 6th that will be held in Columbus.
- C. **Integrated Services** – There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- D. **Rigel/Oriana House** - There were no updates to the report or questions offered.
- E. **Southeast Ohio Counseling** – Larkin shared that two new male counselors were hired.
- 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.

H. **Health Department**—There were no updates to the report or questions offered.

The agency reports will be filed with the minutes.

X. **Committee Reports**

A. **Program Planning & Oversight/Community Relations** – The PPO committee is looking forward to a lot of new opportunities at the Washington County jail with the new peer support program. They have also talked to Rick Hindman at the community resource center for possible collaborations. The scholarship committee will consist of Larry Schwendeman, Janet Welch, and Suzan Arnold. They also voted yes to the Landlord incentive program. The landlord incentive program will have \$37,000 for new or existing leases that will provide up to a \$2,000 incentive to landlords who rent to qualifying participants. They also voted to increase the funds of Compass Drug Court for \$20,000 till June of this year.

XI. **Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

XII. **New Business**

A. **Landlord Incentive Program Contract**

The following motion was referenced in the Executive Committee minutes included in the board packet.

Motion # 5.2025

The Executive Committee voted to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Washington Morgan Community Action for up to \$37,000 to implement a Landlord Incentive Program. The Executive Committee passed the motion with the following votes:

Ron	David	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. **Compass Drug Court ATP Funds Increase**

The following motion was referenced in the Executive Committee minutes included in the board packet.

Motion # 6.2025

The Executive Committee voted to authorize the Executive Director to extend funding to Compass Drug Court for the Addiction Treatment Program by \$20,000. The Executive Committee passed the motion with the following votes:

Ron	David	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes

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
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C. Transportation Services RFP

D. Scholarship Committee Selection – The scholarship committee will consist of Larry Schwendeman, Janet Welch, and Suzan Arnold.

E. Annual Dinner/Community Event Discussion- Eric and Brett shared their support in hosting an appreciation dinner.

XIX. Good of the Order

Board members expressed that they would like to follow up with EVE to see about their certification. They would also like to see a monthly report on their progress. Board president Ron Reese expressed the possibility of radical changes that may come in the near future with cuts in Medicaid and Medicare. He informed members of the board and public the importance of talking with local legislatures.

XX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2025 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Colt Morningstar

Board President Signature