

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
Serving Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
Highlights
April 11, 2024

FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Interim Finance Committee Chair Leondra Davis, board members reviewed following fiscal issues.

- **Special Allocation – Foster Home Treatment Pilot:** MHRS Board Executive Director Misty Cromwell reported on her approval of a \$16,666.00 allocation to the Perry County Children Services Board (CSB) — as part of a state pilot program for the development of Treatment Foster Care Networks. Other service area CSBs are also interested in applying for this opportunity to better serve our region. The hope is that the Foster Care Networks will help to decrease the number of youths being placed in residential facilities and private treatment foster homes and will provide a step-down from those facilities for kids that are ready to do so.
- **Reconciliation Report:** Board members reviewed and approved the March 2024 Reconciliation Report that showed deposits, checks written for MHRS Board operations, payments to in-network contract service providers and out-of-network community partners, and journal entries.
- **Other Financial Reports:** Board members also reviewed the following March 2024 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2024; 2) Monthly Report of Funding Reserves; 3) a Year-to-Date Status Report for the MHRS Board's Operating Budget; 4) Contract Services Expenses; and 5) a Dashboard Report that provides a high-level overview of key fiscal indicators.
- **Guernsey Health Choices:** Board members approved contracting with Guernsey Health Choices in FY 2025.
- **Tentative Allocations to Contract Organizations for FY 2025:** Board members approved the tentative FY 2025 funding allocations for contract organizations as presented — totaling \$10,377,129.00.
- **Payments for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Treatment and Support:** Below is a breakdown of March payments for services for clients and families or system improvements:

Executive Director
Misty Cromwell

Board of Directors

Sean Brady
Reid Carpenter
Abby Corder
Leondra Davis
Randi Earnest
Dennis Hitchcock
Sue Hoover
William Johnson
Tony Mayle, Jr.
Dan Scheerer, M.D.
Wendy Starlin
Ben Taylor
Bonnie Taylor

Board President
Sue Hoover

Board Vice President
Leondra Davis

Mission Statement

Our mission is to distribute federal, state, and local funding to community mental health providers in a way that facilitates the existence of (and access to) high-quality mental health and substance use recovery services in our six counties.

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>In-Network Providers</i>	<i>Out-of-Network Partners</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>March 11, 2024</i>	<i>\$539,213.13</i>	<i>\$ 26,400.97</i>	<i>\$565,614.10</i>
<i>March 25, 2024</i>	<i>\$209,787.23</i>	<i>\$170,238.06</i>	<i>\$380,025.29</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$749,000.36</i>	<i>\$196,639.03</i>	<i>\$945,639.39</i>

- **Appropriation Transfer:** Board members approved the transfer of \$26,856.00 from the Contingencies Line Item to the Employee Salaries Line Item.
- **Revenue Adjustment:** Board members approved the inclusion of \$3,000,000.00 in the ARPA Revenue Line Item — to account for the newly-approved ARPA funding in the MHRS Board’s CY 2024 Budget.
- **Open Minds Consulting Contract:** Board members approved an Open Minds Consulting Proposal in the amount of \$131,500.00 — for collaborating with contract organizations in considering ways to improve healthcare quality and value, strengthen local communities, and create opportunities for customizing contract management.
- **MHRS Board Payment for Services Not Covered under Commercial Insurance:** At the April 17th meeting of the MHRS Board’s Care Management Council, staff will review the existing process for management of “Commercial Insurance Payments and the GOSH Billing System,” specifically pointing out the clause pertaining to pre-authorization of services and financial hardship forms.

Crisis Services and Ohio’s Stepping Up Initiative

Partners Workgroup Chair Randi Earnest reported on her committee’s review of the network’s crisis services, particularly as they relate to criminal justice partners. Some of the primary services include:

- **Guardianship Services:** The MHRS Board is contracting with Ohio Network for Innovations (ONI) for 30 client guardianship slots to meet the needs of people who require help in making decisions about their everyday lives.
- **Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Behavioral Health Pilot Program:** This program helps to guide DUI offenders to treatment and support services in two ways: 1) Follow-up behavioral health outreach contacts with offenders; and 2) some behavioral health professionals have volunteered to participate in OSHP Checkpoint efforts—where they can directly provide resource information to identified offenders.
- **Jail Liaisons from Allwell Behavioral Health and Muskingum Behavioral Health:** These workers provide consultation services in both the Muskingum County and Zanesville City Jails. Services may include skills development, referral, case management, de-escalation, and advocacy for inmate needs. They also provide education and emergency services as directed within the jails. The MHRS Board is currently working to expand jail liaison services in other counties.
- **SCOPE Project:** The MHRS Board was awarded a \$500,000 SCOPE Grant to support outreach trainings for first responders on: 1) the administration of the opioid-reversing drug Naloxone; 2)

providing Narcan leave-behind bags at the end of outreach visits; and 3) referring people to addiction recovery organizations. SCOPE stands for “Strategies to Coordinate Overdose Prevention Efforts.”

- ***Strengthening Crisis Services:*** The MHRS Board will move forward in 2024 to continue addressing the goals included in the Community Assessment Plan and Strategic Plan. One of the key projects this year will be strengthening crisis services. The MHRS Board is receiving \$11,385,000 in ARPA funds that will go to the following projects: 1) an 8-10-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit for Minors to be in the Genesis Behavioral Health building; 2) development of a Behavioral Health Urgent Care Unit in Cambridge; 3) enhancing crisis care coordination through use of the EPIC electronic health record system; and 4) development of a Class 1 Residential Facility for Minors to be located in Bethesda, Ohio, and operated by The Village Network. This is a collaborative project with neighboring MHRS Boards.
- ***Forensic Diagnostic Center of District 9:*** Provides expert evaluations to courts in a 17-county area. The organization evaluates criminally-involved individuals to determine their mental capacity or state of mind and whether they are mentally capable to stand trial.
- ***Specific Programs for Children & Families:*** 1) Pooled Funding & Placement Contracts; 2) Creative Options Groups; 3) State and Local Family & Children First Councils; and 4) OhioRISE that is working to see that the needs of children and families are being met.
- ***Stepping Up Ohio:*** This a statewide effort to break the cycle of jails being de facto mental health hospitals. The Stepping Up Mission is to help criminal offenders with mental illness get connected to clinical treatment and other services so they can get well, make positive life changes, and stay out of jail. Without access to proper treatment and stabilization services, people with mental illness can return to jail again and again. | All six of the MHRS Board’s service area counties are Stepping Up registered and all six will have a Stepping Up Event in 2024 (the majority of which will be facilitated by Retired Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundburg Stratton).

Updates – Community Assessment & Plan and the Ascend Data Project

- ***Clear Impact:*** An updated Community Assessment and Plan was recently submitted to the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services through their ‘Clear Impact’ results-based accountability system. Updates included the development of additional Criminal Justice Collaboratives in Coshocton and Perry Counties. Other areas addressed were Prevention, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment, Medication-Assisted Treatment, Crisis Services, Harm Reduction, Recovery Supports, Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorder, Parents with Substance Use Disorder, Reduction in the Number of Overdose Deaths and Deaths by Suicide, and Access to Services.
- ***Ascend Data Project:*** Board members were provided with an update about the Ascend Data Project that is deepening knowledge of community needs through expanding access to hospital data, treatment records, law enforcement encounters, jail bookings, and coroners’ data. The project is helping the MHRS Board to identify those in crisis and make better-informed decisions to improve network operations. Work is continuing to expand needed data accessibility.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



- **APRIL 23** – *Star Behavioral Health Tier 1 Training — Military Culture, Families and Deployment* – 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the MHRS Board office. Registration Link [Home \(site.com\)](#)



- **MAY 8** – *Mental Health First Aid Training*: The MHRS Board and Zanesville Noon Rotary are hosting a Mental Health First Aid class at the Muskingum Valley Educational Center. This is a free 8-hour training that teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. Register at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/MHFACollaborative/muskingum-rotary--mhrs-may8>



- **MAY 18** – *Second Annual Color Waddle*: Will be held at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds starting at 1:00 pm. Event supporters are the MHRS Board, Muskingum County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Drug-Free Muskingum, Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department, Zanesville Noon Rotary, and the Muskingum County Fair Board. You can register here: <https://forms.gle/tPYxui9EK8eYK8AVA>.