

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
Highlights
April 10, 2025

FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Finance/Audit Committee Chair Dr. Dan Scheerer, board members took action on the following matters:

- **Perry Behavioral Health Choices (PBHC) Special Funding Request:** Tabled a special funding allocation request from PBHC until the May 8, 2025, regular board meeting.
- **Reconciliation Report:** Reviewed and approved the March 2025 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. Also reviewed a newly-created monthly reconciliation review report.
- **Other March Financial Reports:** Also reviewed the following March 2025 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2025; 2) Monthly Report of Funding Reserves; 3) a Year-to-Date Status Report for the MHRS Board's Operating Budget; and 4) a Dashboard Report that provides a high-level overview of key fiscal indicators.
- **Tentative Fiscal Year 2026 Allocations to Contract Organizations:** Approved the tentative FY 2026 allocations to contract organizations, totaling \$10,342,979.
- **MHRS Board's CY 2023 State Audit:** Accepted the CY 2023 Audit report prepared by the State Examiner's Office. There was one audit finding that was based on timing – where a CY 2023 wire transfer did not get into the related account until January of 2024.
- **Payments for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Treatments and Support:**
Below is a breakdown of March payments for services for clients and families or system improvements.

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>In-Network Providers</i>	<i>Out-of-Network Partners</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
March 6, 2025	\$230,119.51	\$72,404.28	\$302,523.79
March 12, 2025		\$3,878.00	\$3,878.00
March 20, 2025	\$231,108.61	\$56,472.35	\$287,580.96
TOTAL	\$461,228.12	\$132,754.63	\$593,982.75

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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

- **Request for Funding Applications (RFA's)**: All FY 2026 RFA's have been scored by MHRS Board staff, and individual review hearings with the Board of Governors have taken place. This process will now move to final examinations and decision-making.

Coshocton Resource Center

Randi Earnest, Chair of the Program Committee, summarized a special report given by Doug Schonauer, Coshocton Juvenile Court Administrator, about the Coshocton County Resource Center. The goal of the Center is to offer proactive assistance to families with troubling issues that, if not addressed, might lead to involvement with Juvenile Court or the Children Services system.

Participation is voluntary. The Center provides case management support and referrals for community-based resources and services to at-risk youth and their families. It's for youth exhibiting pre-delinquent behavior that puts them at risk of new or increased involvement in the juvenile justice arena. The program is really meant to be separate from the Court. This is a way to operate outside of the system to get children and families the services they need. There were 596 referrals to the Center in FY 2024. The top two issues the Center has been asked to address are sexting and vaping.

The Resource Center is all about empowering parents to make effective changes in their homes and a way for children to express the needs they have. Involvement is short-term with 30-, 60-, and 90-day plans created. Families can be involved longer if needed at the family's request.

The Resource Center also offers special youth activities – such as the Summer Youth Program.

The Coshocton County Family Resource Center can be reached at 740.295.7315 or emailed at crc@coshoctoncounty.net.

Community Roundtable Discussions



The MHRS Board recently hosted Community Roundtables in Guernsey County (March 27) and Coshocton County (April 3). Both meetings were well attended: Guernsey – 35 participants; Coshocton – 46 participants (pictured above).

Primary topics covered:

- ✓ Development of Community Crisis Response Team
- ✓ SCOPE Grant for Community Efforts to Reduce Use of Opioids
- ✓ Mobile Crisis Strategy Report
- ✓ Farm Stress Program

- ✓ Jail Services and Re-Entry Coalitions
- ✓ Allwell Behavioral Health's Mobile Crisis Services for Youth & Families
- ✓ Limited Beds at the Appalachian State Hospital and Transportation to Other Psychiatric Hospitals
- ✓ Forensic Concerns
- ✓ "Operation New Beginnings" with Ohio State Highway Patrol
- ✓ Evening and Weekend Access
- ✓ Importance of Community Education

These meetings are an impactful way to address complex issues, build understanding, and inspire collective action.

State Budget Status

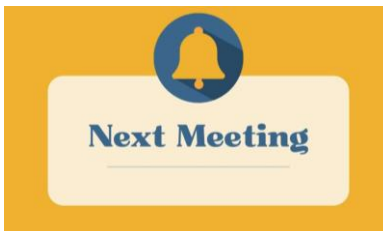
The 2026-2027 State Biennial Budget has passed out of the House of Representatives and now goes to the Senate. Currently, funding for mental health and addiction services is basically flat-funded for 2026. For 2027, they will be using a new funding formula.

There are concerns about the possible rollback of Medicaid Expansion, which would significantly impact many clients and their families.

Review of Bylaws and Other Policies

Board members reviewed and approved the organization's Bylaws, as well as the following policies:

- ✓ Budgetary Processes
- ✓ Modified Accrual Accounting
- ✓ Financial Projections
- ✓ Level of Reserves
- ✓ Federal Funds – Internal Controls
- ✓ Federal Funds – Procurement
- ✓ Federal Funds – Cash Management
- ✓ Federal Funds – Cost Principles
- ✓ Assuring Privacy of Individual Protected Health Information – HIPAA
- ✓ Contract Provider Audits
- ✓ Financial Expectations of Contract for Provider Organizations



The Board of Directors will next meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the offices of the MHRS Board, 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville. The Finance & Audit Committee and the Program Committee will meet from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.