

MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES (MHRS) BOARD
Serving Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
 1500 Coal Run Road – Zanesville, OH, 43701

OFFICIAL MINUTES
(September 8, 2022)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

On August 30, 2022, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners, and state legislators were notified the Board of Directors would meet on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the MHRS Board Office — with the schedule of activities to include: 6:00 p.m., Separate Meetings of the Finance/Audit Committee and Partners Workgroup; and 7:00 p.m., regular board meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER: President William Johnson called the regular board meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

III. OATH OF OFFICE: Associate Director Elaine Shuster administered the Oath of Office to Megan Gee who was appointed to the Board of Directors by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services to complete the unexpired term of former Guernsey County Representative Jon Black.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Board Members present:

- *William Johnson, President (Coshocton County)*
- *Sue Hoover, Vice-President (Muskingum County)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*
- *Leondra Davis (Coshocton County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *Megan Gee (Guernsey County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*
- *Dan Scheerer, M.D. (Muskingum County)*
- *Ben Taylor (Perry County)*

Board Members excused:

- *Sean Brady (Muskingum County)*
- *Wendy Starlin (Perry County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*
- *Pamela Kirst (Muskingum County)*

There being nine board members present, a quorum was constituted for conducting official business.

Staff Members present:

- *Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- *Elaine Shuster, Associate Director*
- *Karl Hoop, Crisis/Criminal Justice Coordinator*
- *Jamie McGrew, Care Management Director*
- *Rhonda Hanes, Fiscal Operations Director*
- *Roger Birch, Youth & Family Services Coordinator*
- *Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator*

Guests present for Finance/Audit Committee and Regular Board Meeting:

- *Beth Cormack, Executive Director, and Herb Tidrick, Board President, Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices*
- *James McDonald, President and CEO, Allwell Behavioral Health Services*

Guests present for Partners Workgroup Meeting:

- *Lisa Holcombe, Victim Advocate, Heroes Landing*
- *Samanta Boddapati, Ph.D., Nationwide Children's Hospital*

V. **AGENDA:** President Johnson noted one revision to the pre-mailed agenda — the inclusion of the estimated CY 2023 tax levy amount for Guernsey County (*this information was not available at the time the initial agenda was sent out*). LEONDRA DAVIS MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VI. **MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 11 board meeting were e-mailed to board members on August 18, 2022.

LORENDRA DAVIS MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REID CARPENTER, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, ABSTAIN; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, ABSTAIN. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES AND TWO ABSTENTIONS.

VII. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION ABOUT VAPING:** (*Summary included in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.*)

VIII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Key issues from Misty Cromwell's September Director's Report were:

◆ **Requests for Additional Information (Via Meeting Evaluation Forms):** Director Cromwell responded to additional information requests from the August 11 board meeting and noted she would continue addressing information requests through her monthly board reports.

◆ **Health Equity Reflections:** Each month a 'Health Equity Reflection' will be shared with board members, following which they may offer suggestions (on meeting evaluation forms) for MHRS Board planning and decision-making looking through the lens of health equity.

◆ **Recovery Advisory & Quality Improvement (RAQI) Council:** The RAQI Council will be meeting from 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON on September 28, 2022, at the Zanesville-Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 N. 5th Street, in downtown Zanesville. The majority of the meeting will be the presentation of the MHRS Board's 2022 "Friend of Recovery" awards.

◆ **Perry Behavioral Health Choices – Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS):** (*Summary included in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.*)

◆ **Pearl House Zanesville:** (*Summary included in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.*)

◆ **AppCARE Crisis Funding:** The AppCARE Collaborative recently met to determine the split of special crisis funds from OhioMHAS. It was learned that the project for the development of a regional Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) for Kids will be receiving \$937,500.00. In addition to this Board, the other CSU planners are from Boards representing Belmont-Harrison-Monroe, Jefferson, and Washington Counties. The CSU project is nearing the point where a Request for Proposals can be released.

◆ **OneOhio Region 12 Council:** This Council was formed to make submissions to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation for the allocation of funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of individuals in Region 12 (our MHRS Board Area – plus Washington and Monroe Counties). On August 26, it was learned that Region 12 will soon receive \$40 million (allocation drops one and two) in settlement funds (\$2 million for staffing needs and \$38 million being project-based). Ongoing allotments will occur over an 18-year period.

◆ **New Allocation Process:** Consultant Dr. Michael Gillette has been very effectively guiding the MHRS Board staff in: 1) developing RFP questions for potential providers; 2) prioritizing services based on a 5-tiered system; and 3) developing a tool for scoring RFP applications. Another consulting partner specializing in strategic planning has agreed

to work with Dr. Gillette in facilitating the MHRS Board's Strategic Planning Process that will take place during the first quarter of CY 2023 – incorporating the service prioritization work being done through the new allocation process.

◆ **Muskingum County Levy Campaign:** MHRS Board staff, contract organization employees, and some key community partners are intensifying efforts to explain to the general public the importance of renewing the MHRS Board's One Mill, 10-year levy that will be on the November 8th ballot.

◆ **Ohio Revised Code 340 Modernization:** In October the Southeast Region Behavioral Health Collaborative is planning to host a legislative breakfast with legislators to discuss recommended changes to ORC 340 that will benefit behavioral health networks of care and the clients/families they serve. (More details to come.)

◆ **Week of Appreciation:** This year's appreciation initiative will be held the week of September 18-24. The theme will be "**Bringing Help / Bringing Hope / Thank You!**"

◆ **SCOPE Project:** Care Management Director Jamie McGrew is spearheading a shift in the process for engaging with persons who have overdosed and encouraging them to seek treatment. Local planners are leaning toward using the SCOPE Project Model, where paramedics would act as outreach coordinators to more quickly provide referral/resource information to persons who have overdosed and their families. More program development is being planned with the goal of starting SCOPE as soon as possible.

◆ **Crisis & Criminal Justice Work:** Crisis & Criminal Justice Coordinator Karl Hoop reviewed several efforts that are getting underway to better meet community needs. Karl is participating in partnerships to: 1) assist with meeting forensic monitoring requirements; 2) collaborate on the development of an 11-County Workgroup comprised of Health Commissioners to refine Substance Abuse Data Collection/Analysis; 3) collaborate with Service & Support Administrative Directors with Boards of Developmental Disabilities to identify the best ways of serving persons with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and DD; and 4) include Steve Click, Director of the Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness, in local and regional collaborative work related to the wellness of those individuals who protect, defend, and provide life-saving services to the general public.

IX. **FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:** *(Dr. Dan Scheerer, Chair)*

1. **August 2022 Financial Reports:**

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board's Financial Reports for August 2022 that included: 1) Reconciliation Report; 2) Contract Services Expense Reports; 3) Balance Sheet as of June 31, 2022; 4) Dashboard Report; and 5) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves.

◆ ***August 2022 Reconciliation Report:***

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2022 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR.

Dr. Scheerer and Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes provided a thorough review of this all-inclusive report that shows deposits, checks written for MHRS Board operations, payments to in-network service providers and out-of-network community partners, and journal entries.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDR A DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

2. **Certification of Tax Levies – Calendar Year 2023:**

After the report of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO

ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSIONS OF COSHOCTON, GUERNSEY, MORGAN, MUSKINGUM, NOBLE, AND PERRY COUNTIES – AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFY THEM TO THE APPLICABLE COUNTY AUDITORS:

Coshocton County	8/10 Mill	\$ 341,287.00
Guernsey County	1 Mill	\$ 826,575.00
Morgan County	8/10 Mill	\$ 183,886.00
Muskingum County	1 Mill	\$1,418,039.44

(Muskingum County's amount was changed by the Muskingum County Auditor's Office on 9/15/22 from \$1,419,345.41 to the amount shown above.)

Noble County	7/10 Mill	\$ 430,000.00
Perry County	1 Mill	\$ 528,500.00

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST.

Dr. Scheerer noted that, per requirements of the Ohio Revised Code, MHRS Boards are required to (in September of each year) accept the amounts and rates of the six tax levies in effect in our service area and authorize and certify them to the applicable County Auditors.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

3. Calendar Year 2021 MHRS Board Audit – Ohio Auditor of State:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE MHRS BOARD'S CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AUDIT REPORT PREPARED BY THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REID CARPENTER.

Chairman Scheerer and Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes reviewed a Synopsis of the Audit Report that did not include any deficiencies or findings. Dr. Scheerer and President Johnson commended Rhonda and her fiscal team for their excellent management of fiscal operations.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

4. Special Allocation Request #1 – Allwell Behavioral Health Services:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE \$500,000.00 TO ALLWELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE ALLOCATED TO ANY ONE PROJECT) – TO BE APPLIED TO THE COSTS OF RELOCATING THE GUERNSEY COUNSELING CENTER TO A SITE INSIDE THE CAMBRIDGE CITY LIMITS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEGAN GEE.

Dr. Scheerer noted that the Committee strongly supports the rationale of relocating the Counseling Center; however, the MHRS Board has already set aside levy reserves for some other very important initiatives that would benefit residents of Guernsey County and did not feel they could allocate the requested \$725,000.00. It was also pointed out the MHRS Board's maximum of \$500,000 for any one purchase and/or renovation project mirrors the policy of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

Following further discussion, A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, NAY; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING SEVEN POSITIVE VOTES AND ONE NEGATIVE VOTE.

5. Special Allocation Request #2 – Allwell Behavioral Health Services:

After the report of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM ALLWELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$16,800.00 – TO SUPPORT ONE YEAR OF RENTAL EXPENSES FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE BEACON PLACE DROP-IN CENTER FROM MAPLE AVENUE TO THE PUTNAM AREA NEIGHBORHOOD OF ZANESVILLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEGAN GEE.

Dr. Scheerer commended Allwell for creating a clinical presence in the Putnam area of Zanesville and expanding services to operate as a Drop-In Center for persons with severe and persistent mental illness, substance use disorders, and homeless individuals who reside in that area.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

6. Special Allocation Request – Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices:

After the report of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO TABLE THE SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUEST FROM COSHOCTON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,848.73 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A BUILDING PURCHASE TO HOUSE THE ORGANIZATION'S "FLIGHT SCHOOL," SO THAT THE MHRS BOARD CAN RECEIVE/REVIEW A SPECIFIC BUDGET FORECAST FOR THE FLIGHT SCHOOL PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR.

Dr. Scheerer noted that the MHRS Board recognizes the value of CBHC's Flight School; however, to protect the organization's overall fiscal health, members would first like to review a specific budget forecast for the program that would more clearly illustrate sustainability.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SUE HOOVER, YEA; REID CARPENTER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS,

YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

X. PARTNERS WORKGROUP:

1. PAX Program Update and Data Analysis:

(Summary included in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)

2. Heroes Landing – Muskingum County Children’s Advocacy Center:

(Summary included in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

(None)

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held 6:00 p.m. on October 13, 2022, at the MHRS Board Office. The Finance/Audit Committee will be meeting on a different date prior to the meeting.

XIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

► ***Board Member Spotlights:*** Jamie McGrew shared the ‘spotlight’ on Lorendra Davis that was recently posted on the MHRS Board’s Facebook page. Upcoming Board Member Spotlights will be: October, *Randi Earnest* and November, *Megan Gee*.

► ***Recovery Summit 20:*** Board members were invited to attend ‘RECOVERY SUMMIT 20’ to be held from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Elizabeth Sugden Broughton Community Building, 639 St. Rt. 821, Marietta, Ohio. The day will include a celebration of 20 years of recovery summits, an educational presentation, a personal recovery story, keynote speakers, lunch, door prize drawings, and a dance.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator

Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

William Johnson, Board President