

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
Highlights
September 10, 2026

FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Finance/Audit Committee Chair Dr. Dan Scheerer, members reviewed and acted upon the following issues:

- **Reconciliation Report:** Approved the August 2026 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:** Reviewed the following August 2026 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet through August 31, 2026; 2) Monthly Report of Funding Reserves; 3) 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.
- **Funding Request Project Ready:** Approved Special Allocation request in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- **'Then and Now' Certificate:** Approved a 'then and now' certificate for Gary Moore Electric, PO #26-122846 in the amount of \$32,156.00.
- **Certificate of Tax Levies:** Approved Special Allocation request in the amount of \$16,000.00.

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Misty Cromwell

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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
counties.*

Featured Upcoming Events

- Recovery Summit 24 – September 18, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- 6th Annual Appalachia Ohio Suicide Prevention Conference – September 23, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Lead with Integrity, Presented by: Dr. Gillette Training – October 5, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Beyond the Record – Criminal Justice Learning Series – (Case Management Virtual Webinar) October 9, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
- 1 Degree of Separation – October 22, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Project Ready

The Office of Reentry for Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties was created to reduce repeated incarceration of our returning citizens, especially among those with issues of poverty, mental illness, and substance use. Project Ready staff assist incarcerated and formerly incarcerated clients from our local jails and Ohio prisons by coordinating services to help with their successful transition back to the community. The program helps fill service and communication gaps for clients before and after release by identifying reentry plans that include housing, treatment, education and training opportunities, job readiness, employment, and social integration. Project Ready staff works with our returning citizens to establish an action plan, to overcome barriers, and to access the services and support needed for their successful reintegration of home.

The Mission of Project Ready is to build a stronger, safer, and more productive community and reduce recidivism by improving the quality of life of our returning citizens through a collaborative effort of case management, services, and resources.

Program Committee, Oxford House Presentation

The Program Committee received a presentation from Oxford House representatives Brittany Allen and Madio Short regarding the Oxford House recovery housing model and its continued growth in our region. Oxford Houses are democratically operated, financially self-supporting recovery homes built around three core principles: resident governance, financial self-sufficiency, and maintaining sobriety. The Board currently supports Oxford House outreach and development efforts, including identifying opportunities to establish additional homes based on community need.

There are currently two men's Oxford Houses in Zanesville, and efforts are underway to expand capacity, including recovery housing for women. Representatives shared that homes in Muskingum County have filled quickly, demonstrating continued demand for recovery housing. When local beds are unavailable, Oxford House works to connect individuals with other houses or explore opportunities to establish additional homes.

Noble County Rooted in Fatherhood



We are excited to introduce "Noble County Rooted in Fatherhood" a new community initiative built to support, empower, and connect fathers across Noble County.

2026 Ohio DCY KIDS Summit — September 2, 2026

The 2026 KIDS Summit was held on September 2, 2026, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus, bringing together Ohio’s 88 counties, state agencies, and community partners to advance child welfare goals. Hosted by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY), this one-day summit is designed to align local priorities with statewide objectives and develop actionable strategies to improve outcomes for children and families.

The summit is an opportunity to strengthen partnerships, share innovative ideas, and build strategies that ensure every Ohio child has the chance to thrive. It also serves as a platform to address challenges such as rising foster care costs, disparities between counties, and the need for more consistent resources.

