

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES
(Regular Board Meeting, June 10, 2021)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW: On May 31, 2021, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners and state legislators were notified the Board would meet in regular session (in person) on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville — with the schedule of activities including: 6:00 p.m., Annual Board Member Recognition Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Annual Board Member Training; and 7:30 p.m., Regular Board Meeting.

II. ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Board members underwent their annual training. The presenters were Liz Henrich and Fonda Freeman, Associate CEOs with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. A summary of their presentation is included in the Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.

Also included in the Board Meeting Highlights is a summary of Executive Director Misty Cromwell's annual recognition of board members.

III. CALL TO ORDER:

President Jeff LeCocq called the regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Board members present:

- Jeff LeCocq, President (Muskingum County)*
- William Johnson, Vice President (Coshocton County)*
- Michael Bullock (Muskingum County)*
- Sue Hoover (Muskingum County)*
- Pamela Kirst (Muskingum County)*
- Kelly Lynch (Guernsey County)*
- Dan Scheerer, M.D. (Muskingum County)*
- Danielle Scott (Perry County)*

Board members excused:

- Sherile Beardmore (Guernsey County) ♦ Ending Board Service on June 30, 2021*
- Jennifer Hanson (Muskingum County)*
- Mindy Lowe (Noble County) ♦ Ending Board Service on June 30, 2021*
- Bev Steinbrecher (Morgan County) ♦ Ending Board Service on June 30, 2021*

There being eight (8) board members present, a quorum was constituted and official business was transacted.

Staff present:

- Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- Elaine Shuster, Associate Director / Systems Manager*
- Rhonda Hanes, Fiscal Operations Director*

- Jamie McGrew, Care Management Coordinator*
- Roger Birch, Youth & Family Services Coordinator*
- Jessica Paisley, Office Manager (present for pre-meeting activities)*
- Janet Hill, Business Operations Manager (present for pre-meeting activities)*
- Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator*

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

- *Liz Henrich and Fonda Freeman, Associate CEOs for the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, presenters of the annual board member training.*
- *Jon Black (recently appointed to the Board of Directors by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services – effective July 1, 2021). Mr. Black will be representing Guernsey County and filling the Alcohol/Drug Addiction Professional slot.*

VI. AGENDA: President LeCocq noted there were no changes to the pre-mailed agenda. KELLY LYNCH MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 10, 2021, MEETING AS MAILED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VII. MINUTE REVIEW AND APPROVAL: It was noted board members had been supplied with copies of the minutes from the board meeting held on May 13, 2021. President LeCocq called for additions or corrections to the minutes. PAMELA KIRST MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 13, 2021, AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KELLY LYNCH AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: MICHAEL BULLOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; KELLY LYNCH, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND DANIELLE SCOTT, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SEVEN POSITIVE VOTES.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Misty Cromwell’s Board Report was e-mailed to board members on June 4, 2021, and is included as a part of the minutes (Exhibit A). Items covered included:

***Racial Trauma Therapy:** (Summarized in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)*

***‘Recovery Ohio’ Drug Trends:** (Summarized in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)*

***Proposed Governing Board Appointment Changes:** If the Ohio Senate’s version of the budget bill stands as presented, there would be no changes in the size/composition of the local MHRS Board.*

***Guernsey Health Choices Moves to New Location:** (Summarized in Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)*

IX. FINANCIAL ISSUES: (*Dan Scheerer, M.D., Finance/Audit Committee Chair*)

1. May 2021 Financial Reports: (Exhibit B)

Dr. Scheerer guided a thorough review of the MHRS Board’s Financial Reports for the month of May 2021 that included: 1) a Reconciliation Report; 2) Contract Services Expenses; 3) Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2021; and 4) a Dashboard Report

that provides a high-level overview of key fiscal indicators.

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MAY 2021 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Dr. Scheerer provided a specific 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: MICHAEL BULLOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; KELLY LYNCH, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND DANIELLE SCOTT, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SEVEN POSITIVE VOTES.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers:

President LeCocq noted that the following slate of officer nominees was presented at the MHRS Board's May 13th meeting: President, William Johnson; and Vice-President, Rev. Dr. Michael Bullock. Mr. LeCocq called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, KELLY LYNCH MOVED THAT THE BOARD ELECT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS OFFICERS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022: WILLIAM JOHNSON, PRESIDENT; AND REV. DR. MICHAEL BULLOCK, VICE-PRESIDENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAMELA KIRST AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: MICHAEL BULLOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; KELLY LYNCH, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND DANIELLE SCOTT, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SEVEN POSITIVE VOTES.

2. Resolution – Youth Resiliency Capital Project – Allwell Behavioral Health Services:

President LeCocq noted that Allwell Behavioral Health's Youth Resiliency Capital Project has received initial approval by the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). In accordance with OhioMHAS requirements, Mr. LeCocq reviewed a resolution related to the application, following which . . .

KELLY LYNCH MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

The Muskingum Area Mental Health & Recovery Services Board hereby resolves to support the Youth Resiliency Capital Project Application prepared by Allwell Behavioral Health Services—with an assurance to support applicant's program consistent with their application and, in addition, to annually monitor the programs and operations of the facility to assure compliance. Further, the MHRS Board authorizes its Executive Director to sign official documents related to this project.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAN SCHEERER.

Misty Cromwell noted that the capital application would fund the purchase of a building

for Allwell's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) Support Center. The Support Center will be a place where families may temporarily separate from each other in order to move forward with de-escalation efforts. The Center will also be a safe place where families can take advantage of education, support, and a pathway to other needed services.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: MICHAEL BULLOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; KELLY LYNCH, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND DANIELLE SCOTT, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SEVEN POSITIVE VOTES.

XI. NEXT MEETING:

The MHRS Board will next meet on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the MHRS Board Office, 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville.

XII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

▪ ***Mental Health Providers Partnering with Law Enforcement:*** Dr. Scheerer provided information about programs in other states, where mental health providers are partnering with law enforcement in a strategic and thoughtful manner to respond to calls involving people apparently suffering from a mental disturbance and/or addiction disorder. It is believed that such a system would have the potential of enhancing public safety and improved outcomes over the long-term – particularly for those most at risk. Care Management Director Jamie McGrew will share this information with the MHRS Board's CIT Planning Committee, as well as those involved in the Quick Response Team initiative.

▪ ***Current Status of MHRS Board Membership:*** Director Cromwell reviewed details related to current board membership and recruitment efforts that will be undertaken over the next several weeks.

• ***Meeting Handouts:*** Board members further discussed the management of meeting handouts via virtual screenshots and, closer to the meeting date, MHRS Board staff emailing an aggregate of handouts that would be more easily accessible on laptops during the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator

Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

Jeff LeCocq, Board President