

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
 Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701
 Phone: 740-454-8557

Regular Board Meeting
 Highlights
 May 8, 2025

FinancialMatters

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

- **Reconciliation Report:** Reviewed and approved the April 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.
- **Other April Financial Reports:** Also reviewed the following April 2025 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet as of April 30, 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.
- **CY 2026 Budget for Entire Network of Care:** Approved the CY 2026 Budget for the entire network of care in the amount of \$11,601,426.
- **Second Hearing – Funding Request from Perry Behavioral Health Choices (PBHC):** Requested supplemental funding in the amount of \$205,000 to get caught up with some outstanding bills (\$105,000) and a safety net allocation of \$100,000 for payroll in the event of a shortfall. | The MHRS Board approved: 1) The allocation of \$1,000 for accountant Heather Dolan’s help with the development of a PBHC fiscal recovery plan; and 2) an emergency disbursement of PBHC’s remaining FY 2025 levy funds to be applied to some operating expenses.
- **Payments for Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Treatments and Support:**

Below is a breakdown of April 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>
April 3, 2025	\$184,113.73	\$135,578.42	\$319,692.15
April 18, 2025	\$313,703.54	\$349,649.43	\$663,352.97
TOTAL	\$497,817.27	\$485,227.85	\$983,045.12

Associate Director

Rhonda Hanes

Board of Directors

Sean Brady

Reid Carpenter

Abby Corder

Leondra Davis

Randi Earnest

Dennis Hitchcock

Sue Hoover

William Johnson

Tony Mayle, Jr.

Lt. Dave Peoples

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.

- **Request for Funding – Allwell Behavioral Health – Maintenance Expenses at Residential Properties:** Requested the allocation of \$27,145.67 to support maintenance expenses for six residential properties. | Board members tabled this request, pending receipt of additional information.
- **Request for Funding – Allwell Behavioral Health – Architect Billing:** Requested the allocation of \$37,128.31 for the payment of architectural expenses related to renovations at 831 Wheeling Avenue, Cambridge (future site for Allwell’s Guernsey Counseling Center). | Board members approved this funding request.
- **Request for Funding – Allwell Behavioral Health – Security System Purchase:** Requested the allocation of \$42,821.41 for the purchase of security devices for 831 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge. | Board members approved this funding request.
- **Request for Funding – Allwell Behavioral Health – Patient Transports:** Requested the allocation of \$46,275.00 for the reimbursement of payments to the Guernsey County Sheriff’s Office for patient transports to psychiatric hospitals. | Board members approved this funding request.
- **Muskingum Behavioral Health:** Requested the allocation of \$49,774.32 to support an additional six months of costs associated with Behavioral Health Billing Solutions and the organization’s medical records system. | Board members asked MBH’s CEO to work with MHRS Board Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes on mapping out a 3-month workforce development plan for the organization’s LSW new-hire.

Housing & Homelessness



Program Committee Chair Randi Earnest reported on a presentation during the Program Committee meeting. The presenter was Kris Headley, Community Health Planner for the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department. Key points were:

- Stable housing is a fundamental human right and a critical step toward addressing other challenges such as mental health issues, substance use disorder, and employment. The Health Department supports the ‘*Housing First Model*,’ which is an evidence-based approach that prioritizes providing immediate and unconditional housing to people experiencing homelessness.
- The goals for the Health Department’s Housing & Homelessness initiatives are:

Outreach: Community Outreach involves building relationships with people experiencing homelessness and connecting them to housing, healthcare, and other services. This serves as a bridge that connects diverse individuals to a shared purpose and making a difference. The ZMCHD works to create the V.I.B.E: 1) value their interests; 2) intently listen; 3) be consistent; and 4) express creativity.

Collaboration: Some examples of collaborative work includes the efforts of “Hope Givers,” who put together U-Matter Bags, host a self-care contest, and distribute summer health and safety kits.

Decreasing the Stigma: Another aspect is the philosophy of ‘The Right Time, Location, and Population,’ that involves ‘ready-to-rent’ efforts, finding the gold within, and literacy for a change.

Other Powerful Projects: Annual ‘point in time’ counts and the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Council.



The nominees for FY 2026 Governing Board Officers are: President, ***Lorendra Davis***; and Vice President, ***Ben Taylor***. The election of officers will take place at the June 12, 2025, Annual Meeting.