

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

GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
(May 14, 2026)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

On April 29, 2026, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners, and state legislators were notified that the Governing Board of Directors would meet on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the MHRS Board Office — with the schedule of activities to include: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Committee Meetings; and 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting.

II. CALL TO ORDER: Board President Leondra Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

- *Leondra Davis, Board President (Coshocton County)*
- *Ben Taylor, Vice President (Perry County) (Via Teams)*
- *Abby Corder (Muskingum County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *William Johnson (Coshocton County)*
- *Dr. Dan Scheerer (Muskingum County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*
- *Wendy Starlin (Perry County)*
- *Sean Brady (Muskingum County)*
- *Sue Hoover (Muskingum County)*
- *Cambridge Police Chief Dave Peoples (Guernsey County)*

Board Members Excused:

- *Bonnie Taylor (Muskingum County)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*

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

Staff Members Present:

- *Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- *Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director – Business Manager*
- *Jamie McGrew, Director of Community Outreach & Programming*
- *Roger Birch, Director of Youth & Family Services*
- *Sarah Reed, Director of Compliance & Quality Improvement*
- *Terri France, Administrative and Operations Coordinator*

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NONE

V. AGENDA: Leondra Davis noted two additions to the agenda emailed April 29, 2026, under the Finance/Audit Committee Report: *‘Then and Now’ Certificate for Specific Purchase Order and Individual Actions- Network Service Providers’ FY 2027 Contracts*. SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 14, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS AMEMDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WENDY STARLIN AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

VI. MEETING MINUTES: RANDI EARNEST MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS

SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING TEN POSITIVE VOTES.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

► Director Misty Cromwell's April Board Report listed various activities, as staff members worked toward meeting the MHRS Board's Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives.

► *(Some other activity summaries are included in the Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.)*

VIII. FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT: *(Dr. Dan Scheerer, Chair)*

1. Financial Reports:

Board members reviewed the following APRIL 2026 financial reports: 1) Balance Sheet as of APRIL 30, 2026; 2) Dashboard Report; 3) Report of Network Funding Reserves; 4) Year-to-Date Status Report for the MHRS Board's Operating Budget; and 5) Reconciliation Report.

► APRIL 2026 Reconciliation Report:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2026 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved, receiving 10 positive votes.

2. 'Then and Now' Certificate:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A 'THEN AND NOW' CERTIFICATE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDER: MICHELI, BALDWIN, MORTIMER, MCLENDON, & WHITACRE LLP, PO #26-121618 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,750.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved, receiving 10 positive votes.

3. CY 2027 Budget for Entire network of care:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE CY 2027 BUDGET FOR THE ENTIRE NETWORK OF CARE, TOTALING \$11,490,078.48. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

4. FY 2027 Funding Allocations for Contract Organizations:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVAL THE CONTRACT SERVICE PROVIDERS' FY 2027 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TOTALING \$4,407,824.49 AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES AND A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

Service Providers' FY 2027 Contracts
(July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

5. **Allwell Behavioral Health Services:**

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND ALLWELL BEHAVIOURAL HEALTH SERVICES TOTALING \$2,564,793.33. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

6. **Forensic Diagnostic Center of District Nine:**

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND THE DISTRICT NINE FORENSIC DIAGNOSTIC CENTER TOTALING \$698,266.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

7. **Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices:**

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND COSHOCTION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES TOTALING \$214,185.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

8. **Behavioral Health Choices:**

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING

BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES TOTALING \$840,580.16. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

9. Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND SOUTHEASTERN OHIO COUNSELING CENTER TOTALING \$40,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved, receiving 10 positive votes.

10. People to People:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BORAD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TOTALING \$50,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved, receiving 10 positive votes.

11. Special Allocation Request FY 2026 contract for Genesis YCSU:

Following report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION TO GENESIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1.3M FOR OPERATION OF THE YOUTH CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND WENDY STARLIN, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving 9 positive votes.

IX. PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

1. Amanda Goldsmith with Muskingum Suicide Fatality Review, went over the Vital Stats report for CY 2026 with the program committee.

IV. REVIEW OF POLICIES:

1. Open Meetings Policy #I-A.2:

Following report of Partners Workgroup, RANDY ERNEST MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF PARTNERS WORK GROUP COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED OPEN MEETINGS POLICY #1-A.2 THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WENDY STARLIN AND A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY

MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA AND BEN TAYLOR, The motion was approved, receiving 10 positive votes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Slate of Nominees – FY 2026 Governing Board Officers:

(Election of officers will take place at the June 11, 2026, Annual Meeting)

Board Chair: Leondra Davis

Vice Chair: Abby Corder & Sean Brady

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 5:00pm Board Member Recognition Dinner.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

► Misty Cromwell announced that she uploaded two dispatch articles into the board portal.

- 1. Dispatch OP ED: Property Tax
- 2. SAMHSA Letter – MAT Guidance
- 3. SAMHSA Letter – HR Funding

► Dan Sheerer mentioned that everyone that worked on the Perry County Levy “Great Work”.

► **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Terri France, Administrative & Operations Coordinator

Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

Leondra Davis, Board President