

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
Highlights
April 9, 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 March 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 March 2026 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet through March 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.
- **Tentative FY 2027 Funding Allocations for Contract Organizations:** Approved Tentative FY 2027 Funding Allocations for Contract Organizations, totaling \$10,035,657.60.
- **'Then and Now' Certificate:** Approved a 'then and now' certificate for Fenix Medical Transportation, – Purchase Order #26-121002 in the amount of \$3,338.10.
- **Amended Coshocton Behavioral Health (CBHC) Capital Project:** Approved Ohio Department of Behavioral Health assistance for up to 50% of costs (up to \$1 million) in capital project improvements at 610 Walnut Street, Coshocton (primarily to replace the building's roof). CBHC has served the community for many years and relies on safe, functional infrastructure to deliver counseling, outpatient treatment, children's services and medical wellness/care. This action will help to strengthen CBHC's long-term sustainability as a community behavioral health provider.

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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.

State AG Presentation Competition—Farmer Stress Sheridan FFA



Teens from the Sheridan FFA practiced with the MHRS Board’s Program Committee for their upcoming presentation at a state AG Conference Competition. Some points:

- Farmers face unique pressures that can take a toll on mental health: financial pressure, weather and environmental uncertainty, isolation, physical demands and health risks, stigma around mental health, family and succession stress, etc.
- Mental Health Services in Rural Communities Matter:
 - Farmers experience higher suicide rates than many other professions, and lack of support and access to care is a major factor.
 - When a farmer struggles, the entire community feels it—employees, suppliers, neighbors and families.
 - Strong mental health support strengthens rural economies and preserves family farms.
 - Accessible services help farmers get support before reaching a crisis point.

By raising awareness, reducing stigma, and expanding access to care, we can help ensure that the people who sustain our communities are supported in return.

NOTE: The Sheridan FFA is a vibrant, community-oriented chapter that is supported by the Perry County Farm Bureau and other local partners.

**SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY IMPACT – LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST – MARCH 5, 2026
GUERNSEY-MORGAN-MUSKINGUM-NOBLE COUNTIES**



(Pictured to the left are: Misty Cromwell, MHRS Board Executive Director; Christina Parr, Genesis Hospital; Mattea Schockling, AG Navigator; James McDonald, CEO, Allwell Behavioral Health; Theresa Kane, CEO, Behavioral Health Choices; Major Jeremy Wilkinson, Guernsey County Sheriff's Department; Representative Adam Holmes; The Honorable Jennifer Arnold, Noble County Court, and Representative Ty Moore)

On March 5, twenty-six individuals met with State Representatives Adam Holmes and Ty Moore to talk about behavioral health issues in the four-county area.

Some attendees helped to provide a “community snapshot,” stressing the importance of sustaining mental health and alcohol/drug addiction recovery services, as well as addressing other crises that are being faced by community partners. Community presenters included James McDonald, CEO of Allwell Behavioral Health; Theresa Kane, CEO of Behavioral Health Choices; The Honorable Jennifer Arnold, Judge, Noble County Court; Major Jeremy Wilkinson, Guernsey County Sheriff's Department; Christina Parr, Genesis Healthcare System; and Mattea Schockling, AG Coordinator.

Their concerns were focused on: cash flow instability, workforce development, the broken managed care system, a need for more services for the seriously mentally ill, and an increase in farmer suicide.

Representatives Adam Holmes and Ty Moore:

- Expressed appreciation for efforts to help those in a behavioral health crisis.
- Recognized there are some serious challenges to sustaining a behavioral healthcare network (i.e., cash flow instability).
- Mentioned the important work of Fatherhood Initiatives and the AG Navigator Program. Expressed deep respect for ALL the work represented by meeting participants and invited those deeply concerned about risks associated with behavioral healthcare to call their offices for further discussion.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Misty Cromwell stressed that every voice matters in shaping policies that ensure access to quality mental health care and addiction recovery services. Contact Misty to further discuss follow-up action options – mistyc@mhrs.org.