

# Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board  
Serving Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties  
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Regular Board Meeting  
Highlights  
June 12, 2025



► **THANK YOU — OUTGOING PRESIDENT!** Associate Director Rhonda Hanes expressed gratitude to Sue Hoover for leading the Governing Board the last two fiscal years. Rhonda mentioned her dedication, vision, general support, and overall positive impact. She noted: *“Through her tireless service, Sue has helped shape policies, strengthen resources, and—most importantly—uplifted countless individuals and families struggling with mental illness and/or addiction.”*

► **THANK YOU – ALL BOARD MEMBERS:** Rhonda expressed appreciation to ALL board members for their unwavering leadership. She noted: *“It is because of your service that individuals and families across our region have access to the support, care, and resources they deserve.”*

► **KINDNESS STARTS WITH YOU! Student Mental Health Awareness Campaign – Shenandoah High School (Noble County):**

Earlier this year, the MHRS Board launched a “Student Mental Health Awareness Campaign” contest in all service area high schools. Three high-quality contest submissions were received from high schools in Guernsey, Noble & Perry Counties. The campaigns were focused on reducing stigma, promoting help-seeking behaviors, and supporting emotional well-being. These campaigns educated students about mental health, encouraged open conversations, and provided resource information. Student groups plan to use social media to further foster a culture of understanding and resilience.

## ***Bullying — Speak Up, Stand Out, Be the Change:***

Shenandoah High School student Wyatt Gingerich (pictured on page 2 with board/staff members) shared his school’s winning campaign that included a billboard, flyers, and a video showcasing important viewpoints from Shenandoah students about bullying (including cyberbullying).

The flyer’s main message was: **“SPEAK UP, STAND OUT, BE THE CHANGE, KINDNESS STARTS WITH YOU.”** Wyatt noted that, in a recent national survey (National Center for Educational Statistics), results showed that 100% of students either experienced or witnessed bullying during the 2021-2022 school year. However, only about 44% of students notified a trusted adult. The flyer

**Associate Director**  
Rhonda Hanes

### **Board of Directors**

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### **Board President**

Sue Hoover

### **Board Vice President**

Leondra Davis

***The mission of the MHRS Board 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 services in our six-county region.***

encouraged witnesses of bullying to speak up. Wyatt noted: “The best way to combat this issue is to take action and make it your mission to stand up for others and be kind.” (Visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) to learn more.)



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### **Governing Board Leadership in Fiscal Year 2026**

During the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the following board members will be providing leadership. Pictured below are **Leondra Davis**, President; and **Ben Taylor**, Vice-President.



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## FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Dr. Dan Scheerer, board members reviewed and took action on the following financial matters:

- ✓ **Reconciliation Report:** Reviewed and approved the May 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 Financial Reports:** Reviewed other May 2025 Financial Reports that included: 1) Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2025; 3) Network Funding Reserves; 4) a ‘Year-to-Date’ Status Report for the MHRS Board’s CY 2025 Operating Budget; and 5) a Dashboard Report that provides a high-level overview of key fiscal indicators.
- ✓ **Perry County Renewal Levy:** Authorized the MHRS Board Executive Director (or Associate Director) to request the Perry County Commissioners to place a 1-mill, 10-year renewal levy on the November 4, 2025, ballot.
- ✓ **Appropriation Transfer:** In anticipation of the final ARPA disbursements for completed capital projects by Allwell or Genesis, board members approved a budget transfer of \$250,000 from the Contingencies line item to the APR Expenses Line Item.
- ✓ **FY 2026 Contracts:** Approved following FY 2026 service provider contracts:
  - Allwell Behavioral Health Services
  - Forensic Diagnostic Center of District Nine
  - Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices
  - Guernsey Health Choices
  - Morgan Behavioral Health Choices
  - Muskingum Behavioral Health
  - Perry Behavioral Health Choices
  - Southeastern Ohio Counseling Services
  - People to People.

Below is a breakdown of May 2025 payments for the provision of treatment and support services for persons with mental illness and/or addictions:

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>In-Network Providers</i>	<i>Out-of-Network Partners</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>May 1, 2025</i>	<i>\$243,620.01</i>	<i>\$48,885.75</i>	<i>\$292,505.76</i>
<i>May 15, 2025</i>	<i>\$129,207.57</i>	<i>\$294,236.22</i>	<i>\$423,443.79</i>
<i>May 29, 2025</i>	<i>\$260,238.40</i>	<i>\$102,515.79</i>	<i>\$362,754.19</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$633,065.98</i>	<i>\$445,637.76</i>	<i>\$1,078,703.74</i>

### *Policies*

Board members approved the following policies: ▪ Introduction & Scope of Coverage ▪ Dissemination and Instruction  
▪ Acknowledgement of P&P Manual Receipt Form ▪ Advancement of Funds or Additional Payment ▪ Non-Medicaid Contract Request ▪ Expenditure of Public Funds for a Proper Public Purpose ▪ Use of Credit Cards and Charge Accounts ▪ Federal Funds: Sub-Recipient Monitoring ▪ Provider Closing – Records Disposition ▪ Provider Closing ▪ Fiscal Contingency Reporting  
▪ Sub-Recipient Monitoring Procedure.

### *Colorful Steps Toward Awareness*



The third annual Color Waddle, Walk, or Run – hosted by Drug-Free Muskingum & the Muskingum County Suicide Prevention Coalition – recently took place at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. This year's theme – “Sweet Adventures” – featured candy-themed fun, laughter, and community support, all in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

This event is a fun, non-competitive race, where participants are doused in vibrant colored powders at different checkpoints along the course. “It’s about bringing the community together and having families together, seeing the laughter,” said Monica Batteiger, co-founder of Drug-Free Muskingum.

More than 200 people pre-registered for the event—which included students, pets, and participants of all ages. The event was designed to promote awareness and break the stigma around mental illness and addiction, while offering a fun and family-friendly experience.