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
(September 10, 2026)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

On August 31, 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, September 10, 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 Vice President Sean Brady called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:
- ***Sean Brady, Board Vice President (Muskingum County)***
- ***Dr. Dan Scheerer (Muskingum County)***
- ***Sue Hoover (Muskingum County)***
- ***Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)***
- ***Zoey Stenson (Perry County)***
- ***Abby Corder (Muskingum County)***
- ***Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)***
- ***Bonnie Taylor (Muskingum County)***
- ***Cambridge Police Chief Dave Peoples (Guernsey County)***

Board Members Excused:
- ***Wendy Starlin (Perry County)***
- ***Christopher Stanton (Morgan County)***
- ***William Johnson (Coshocton County)***
- ***Leondra Davis, Board President (Coshocton County)***
- ***Reid Carpenter (Noble County)***

There being nine board members present; a quorum was constituted for conducting official business.
Staff Members Present:
- ***Misty Cromwell, Executive Director***
- ***Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director / Director of Finance & Administration***
- ***Sarah Reed, Director of Compliance & Quality Improvement***
- ***Jamie McGrew, Director of Community Outreach & Programming***
- ***Roger Birch, Director of Youth & Family Services***
- ***Terri France, Administrative and Operations Coordinator***

Staff Members Excused:
- ***Cassie Springer, Director of Community Engagement and Crisis Services***

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: *No guests were introduced.*

V. AGENDA:

AGENDA: There being no changes to the emailed agenda, DENNIS HITCHCOCK MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND UNANIMOULY APPROVED.

VI. MEETING MINUTES:

MEETING MINUTES: SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2026, BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES AND A ROLL CALL

VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

VII. FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. *<u>August 2026 Financial Reports</u>:*

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board's financial reports for August 2026 that included: 1) Balance Sheet for August 31, 2026; 2) Dashboard Report; 3) Reconciliation Report; 4) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves; and 5) a 'Year-to-Date' Status Report for the MHRS Board's CY 2026 Operating Budget.

►*August 2026 Reconciliation Report:*

Following report of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE AUGUST 2026 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

2. *<u>SECOND HEARING – FUNDING REQUEST FROM PROJECT READY, MUSKINGUM, PERRY AND MORGAN COUNTIES</u>:*

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE $10,000.00 FROM THE PREVIOUS APPROVED CARRY OVER FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED FOR CLIENT SERVICES AND NEEDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

3. '*<u>THEN AND NOW'</u>:*

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE 'THEN AND NOW' CERTIFICATES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURCHASE ORDER: GARY MOORE ELECTRIC, PO #26-122846 IN THE AMOUNT OF $32,156.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

4. <u>CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES</u>:

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSIONS OF COSHOCTON, GUERNSEY, MORGAN, MUSKINGUM, NOBLE AND PERRY COUNTIES AND AUTHORIZED THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFY THEM TO THE APPLICABLE COUNTY AUDITORS: COSHOCTON COUNTY, 8/10 MILL, $362,111.00; GUERNSEY COUNTY, 1 MILL, $979,542.00; MORGAN COUNTY, 8/10 MILL, $203,519.00; MUSKINGUM COUNTY, 1 MILL, $1,496,832.29; NOBLE COUNTY, 7/10 MILL, $425,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

VIII. PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

1. Oxford House Presentation – Brittany Allen

2. Review Annual MUI Report

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Recovery Summit 24 – Friday, September 18, 2026 – 10:00 AM **-** 3:00 PM
2. 6TH Annual Appalachia Ohio Suicide Prevention Conference – Wednesday, September 23, 2026 **-** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
3. Lead with Integrity, Michael Gillette, Ph.D. – Monday, October 5, 2026 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
4. Beyond the Record: Criminal Justice Learning Series – Friday, October 9, 2026 – 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
5. 1 Degree of Separation – Thursday October 22, 2026 – 6:00 PM (Doors Open at 5:30 PM)

6. ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. ***MHRS BOARD NON-PENSIONABLE STIPEND FOR CLEANING:***

Following the report/discussion of committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVES A MHRS BOARD NON-PENSIONABLE STIPEND FOR CLEANING: OF $600.00 PER MONTH ($7,200 ANNUALLY) FOR OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES AT THE COAL RUN ROAD LOCATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUE HOOVER.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; SUE HOOVER, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; ZOEY STENSON, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was approved, receiving nine positive votes.

2. ***CREDIT CARD POLICY APPROVAL:***

Following the report/discussion of committee action, SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE POLICY – VI-E.04 FINANCE & OPERATIONS – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES AND UNANIMOULY APPROVED.

3. ***CREDIT CARD APPLICATION APPROVAL:***

Following the report/discussion of committee action, SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE AND

SUBMIT THE CREDIT CARD APPLICATION AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE ACCOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY AND NOT TO EXCEED $10,000.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES AND UNANIMOULY APPROVED.

NEXT MEETING: The Governing Board will next meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the MHRS Board Office, 1500 Coal Run Road, Zanesville. Prior to the regular board meeting, the Finance/Audit Committee and Program Committee will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- ***A reminder was provided that, September is Suicide Prevention Month.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

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Terri France, Administrative and Operations Coordinator

APPROVED BY:

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Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

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Sean Brady, Board Vice President