

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES
(June 9, 2022)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

On May 31, 2022, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners, and state legislators were notified the Board of Directors would meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the MHRS Board Office — with the schedule of activities prior to regular board meeting to include: 6:00 p.m., Annual Board Member Recognition Dinner; and 6:30 p.m., a special presentation from Kris Headley, Chief Prevention & Recovery Support Officer for Muskingum Behavioral Health, about their PAW-SOME Programs.

ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- ☆ Executive Director Misty Cromwell’s fiscal year-end remarks are summarized in the Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.
 - ☆ A summary of the presentation about Muskingum Behavioral Health’s PAW-SOME Reading Club is also included in the Board Meeting Highlights.
 - ☆ James McDonald, CEO of Allwell Behavioral Health, provided an update about the organization's security breach that occurred in early March.
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II. CALL TO ORDER: President William Johnson called the regular board meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Board Members present:

- *William Johnson, President (Coshocton County)*
- *Leondra Davis (Coshocton County)*
- *Megan Gee (Muskingum County)*
- *Pamela Kirst (Muskingum County)*
- *Jeff LeCocq (Muskingum County)*
- *Dan Scheerer, M.D. (Muskingum County)*
- *Ben Taylor (Perry County)*

Board Members excused:

- *Sue Hoover, Vice-President (Muskingum County)*
- *Jon Black (Guernsey County) – Resigning Effective June 30, 2022*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*

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

Staff Members present:

- *Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- *Elaine Shuster, Associate Director*

- *Jamie McGrew, Care Management Director*
- *Rhonda Hanes, Fiscal Operations Director*
- *Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator*

IV. GUESTS:

- *Kris Headley, Muskingum Behavioral Health (Pre-Meeting Activities)*
- *James McDonald, CEO, Allwell Behavioral Health (Pre-Meeting Activities)*
- *Karl Hoop, MHRS Board Director of Crisis and Criminal Justice Services (Effective July 1)*

V. **AGENDA:** There being no changes to the pre-mailed agenda, JEFF LeCOCQ MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2022, MEETING AGENDA AS MAILED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VI. **MEETING MINUTES:** It was noted that the minutes from the May 12th board meeting were emailed to board members on May 18, 2022.

PAMELA KIRST MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAN SCHEERER, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, ABSTAIN; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING FIVE POSITIVE VOTES AND ONE ABSTENTION.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Key issues from Misty Cromwell's Director's Report:

◆ **Muskingum County Levy:** On May 19, Director Cromwell, Dr. Dan Scheerer (MHRS Board Finance/Audit Committee Chair), Rhonda Hanes (MHRS Board Fiscal Director), and James McDonald (Allwell Behavioral Health CEO) met with the Muskingum County Commissioners about the planned Muskingum County Levy Renewal. There was a productive discussion about the levy and how it will continue to benefit those in Muskingum County who are struggling with mental illness and/or addiction disorders. The Commissioners supported the necessity for levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for inclusion on the November 8 ballot. (*This is not a new tax; it is a renewal of the levy that has been in existence for many years.*) The next step will be working with the Board of Elections to prepare ballot language. A Levy Committee has been formed, and planning is underway for a campaign that will be launched later this summer.

◆ **RFP Process Development:** At the April 14, 2022, board meeting, a \$15,000 special allocation was approved for Bioethical Services of Virginia, Inc. – to facilitate the work of Dr. Michael Gillette in assisting with the development and implementation of an improved process for allocating dollars to service providers. On May 23, MHRS Board staff met with Dr. Gillette to: (1) go over the project's scope and expectations; (2) review existing activities (including health equity efforts), relevant mandates, current financial situation, internal values, current partners and history of performance; and (3) discuss desired expectations of fund recipients. As a result of this planning session, MHRS Board staff were able to determine what they would like to see in shifting to a "value-based" RFP funding process, changes needed to improve providers' financial expertise and processes, and questions to be asked of providers seeking funding.

◆ **Health Equity and Cultural Competence (HECC) Plan:** The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) is offering a grant opportunity that would provide funds to support the implementation of an action-oriented Health Equity & Cultural Competency Plan. MHRS Board staff will soon be completing the grant template.

◆ **Ohio Behavioral Health Crisis Services Recommendations:** On April 27, Healthcare Perspectives released their recommendations for supporting individuals and families in crisis. The recommendations covered Mobile Crisis Services and funding of those programs; Behavioral Health Urgent Care Walk-In Clinics; Transportation; Workforce Development; Crisis Centers with Observation; Residential Crisis Services; Intensive Crisis Follow-Up; and Performance Metrics and Data.

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

(The Finance/Audit Committee met on June 6, 2022, to thoroughly review the following fiscal matters.)

1. May 2022 Financial Reports:

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board's Financial Reports for May 2022 that included: 1) Reconciliation Report; 2) Contract Services Expense Reports; 3) Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2022; 4) Dashboard Report; and 5) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves. Board members paid particular attention to the Dashboard Report, reviewing status of contract providers' budgets, system revenue and expenditures, and use of levy funds.

◆ ***May 2022 Reconciliation Report:***

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE FULL BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE MAY 2022 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS.

Dr. Scheerer provided a specific review of this all-inclusive report that shows deposits, checks written for MHRS Board operations, payments to in-network service providers and out-of-network community partners, and journal entries.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE ABOVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

2. Appropriation Transfer – Calendar Year 2022 Budget:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS:

Expense Code	Description	Amount
852-584-511400	Contingencies	<\$53,629.25>
852-584-501002	Employee Salaries	\$35,495.20
852-584-502001	Medicare	\$502.84
852-584-502003	PERS	\$4,973.67
852-584-511040	Insurance – Board Employee	\$12,657.54

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR.

The above transfers are needed to cover salary and benefit expenses for the MHRS Board's Director of Crisis and Criminal Justice Services for the last half of Calendar Year 2022.

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SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS OF STATE CRISIS FLEX FUNDING
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3. Sensory Rooms at Coshocton County Elementary Schools:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS OF \$5,000.00 EACH TO COSHOCTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONESVILLE ELEMENTARY, KEENE ELEMENTARY, WARSAW ELEMENTARY, AND SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY — FOR THE CREATION OF SENSORY ROOMS TO HELP STUDENTS MANAGE THEIR TROUBLED FEELINGS AND BEHAVIORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JEFF LeCOCQ.

It was clarified that, should a particular school be closed prior to the creation of a sensory room, their allocation could be transferred to another elementary school in Coshocton County.

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4. Domestic Violence Shelters:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$5,000.00 EACH TO THE TRANSITIONS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER IN ZANESVILLE; THE HAVEN OF HOPE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER IN CAMBRIDGE; AND THE FIRST STEP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER IN COSHOCTON — TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR CRISIS PROGRAMMING TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAMELA KIRST, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

5. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Zanesville:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$5,000.00 TO BIG BROTHERS – BIG SISTERS OF ZANESVILLE — TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR MENTORING AND CRISIS WORK WITH “LITTLES” PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JEFF LeCOCQ, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

6. Zanesville YMCA:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD

ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$2,000.00 TO THE ZANESVILLE YMCA — FOR THE CREATION OF A SENSORY CORNER TO PROVIDE A CALMING ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE IN THE PROGRAM WHO MAY EXPERIENCE STRESS OR ANXIETY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

7. Guernsey County Children’s Advocacy Center:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$5,000.00 TO THE GUERNSEY COUNTY CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER – TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR CRISIS PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

8. Perry Behavioral Health Choices:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$50,000.00 TO PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR CRISIS PROGRAMMING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR

It was pointed out that these dollars would be reimbursed to Perry Behavioral Health Choices for applicable crisis services that are billed through the MHRS Board.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

9. Allwell Behavioral Health Services:

After the report of Committee action, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF \$50,000.00 TO ALLWELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR CRISIS PROGRAMMING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAMELA KIRST.

These dollars will be reimbursed to Allwell Behavioral Health Services for applicable crisis services that are billed through the MHRS Board.

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IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers:

President Johnson noted that the following slate of officer nominees was presented at the MHRS Board's May 12th board meeting: President, William Johnson; Vice-President, Sue Hoover. Mr. Johnson called for additional nominations from the floor. There being none, JEFF LeCOCQ MOVED THAT THE BOARD ELECT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS OFFICERS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023: WILLIAM JOHNSON, PRESIDENT; AND SUE HOOVER, VICE-PRESIDENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY PAMELA KIRST, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

2. Resolution – In Support of HB 523 (Changes to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340):

Director Cromwell provided information about needed changes in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340 (via HB 523) that would modernize governing board appointments, improve MHRS Board contracting authority, allow for the exchange of Medicaid recipient data, and provide for consideration of additional information related to the certification and licensure of contract providers. Following the review of a resolution drafted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities . . .

BEN TAYLOR MOVED THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the members of our MHRS Board are committed to facilitating a Recovery-Oriented System of Care that promotes mental health and supports the recovery of each person who needs services for mental illness and/or addiction; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340 is the authorizing statute for Ohio's Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Boards that empowers ADAMH Boards to assess, plan, develop, fund, administer, and evaluate the local system of mental health and addiction services, ensuring the provision of high quality, cost-effective, and culturally-appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, local ADAMH Boards, who do not provide services, have a statutory requirement to ensure a local continuum of care through contracts with agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is experiencing an increasing incidence of overdose and suicide deaths and the demand for treatment and support services continues to grow, the members of our Board of Directors have determined that there is a critical need for modernization of Chapter 340; and

WHEREAS, Boards are uniquely positioned to rapidly identify changing community needs, respond to crisis situations, and serve as a catalyst for change; and

WHEREAS, HB 523 will modernize governing board appointments, revise board contracting authority, allow for the exchange of Medicaid recipient data, and provide for consideration of additional information related to the certification of providers . . .

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of our Board of Directors respectfully

request that the Ohio General Assembly support Ohioans impacted by mental illness and substance use disorders by expeditiously passing HB 523 to modernize Chapter 340.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAN SCHEERER, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; MEGAN GEE, YEA; PAMELA KIRST, YEA; JEFF LeCOCQ, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; AND BEN TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING SIX POSITIVE VOTES.

3. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the MHRS Board Office. Committee meetings will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

► **Virtual Meeting Authority:** Director Cromwell noted that state authority for virtual meeting attendance will end on June 30, 2022. Therefore, board members must attend meetings in person to count as being present and to vote on issues coming before the public body.

► **Status of Board Membership:** Director Cromwell provided an update about board member vacancies and recruitment efforts. It is hoped to be at full membership by the August 11 meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

SIGNATURES

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator

Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

William Johnson, Board President