

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES – MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
*(June 12, 2025)*

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**I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:**

On June 2, 2025, board members, contract organization directors, service area news media, county boards of commissioners, and state legislators were notified the Board of Governors would meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the MHRS Board Office — with the schedule of activities prior to regular board meeting to include: 5:00 p.m., Annual Board Member Recognition Dinner; and 5:30 p.m., a “Make a Difference” presentation.

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**ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Associate Director Rhonda Hanes’s fiscal year-end remarks and the “Make A Difference” presentation about Shenandoah High School’s Student Mental Health Awareness Campaign are summarized in the “Board Meeting Highlights.”

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**II. CALL TO ORDER:** President Sue Hoover called the regular board meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**III. ROLL CALL:**

Board Members present:

- *Sue Hoover, President (Muskingum County)*
- *Leondra Davis, Vice President (Coshocton County)*
- *Abby Corder (Muskingum County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *William Johnson (Coshocton County)*
- *Dan Scheerer, M.D. (Muskingum County)*
- *Wendy Starlin (Perry County)*
- *Ben Taylor (Perry County)*
- *Bonnie Taylor (Muskingum County)*

Board Members excused:

- *Sean Brady (Muskingum County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*
- *Dave Peoples (Guernsey County)*

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

Staff Members present:

- *Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director and Fiscal Operations Director*
- *Jamie McGrew, Director of Community Outreach & Programming*
- *Karl Hoop, Director of Community Engagement & Crisis Services*
- *Roger Birch, Director of Youth & Family Services*

- *Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator*
- *Terri France, Office Manager*

**IV. GUESTS PRESENT FOR PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES:**

- **Shenandoah Student Wyatt Gingerich (and mother)**
- **Trevor Tom, Principal of Shenandoah High School**

*(There were no guests present during the regular board meeting.)*

**V. AGENDA:** President Hoover noted one change to the pre-mailed agenda – the Executive Session was moved to the end of the agenda. RANDI EARNEST MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE JUNE 12, 2025, MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**VI. MEETING MINUTES:** ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved receiving eight positive votes.

**VII. FINANCIAL ISSUES:** *(Dr. Dan Scheerer, Chair of the Finance/Audit Committee)*

**1. May 2025 Financial Reports:**

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board’s Financial Reports for May 2025 that included: 1) Reconciliation Report; 2) Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2025; 3) Dashboard Report; 4) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves; and 5) a ‘Year-to-Date’ Status Report for the MHRS Board’s CY 2025 Operating Budget.

◆ ***May 2025 Reconciliation Report:***

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MAY 2025 RECONCILIATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR.

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: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved receiving eight positive votes.

**2. Appropriation Transfer – MHRS Board Budget:**

In anticipation of the final ARPA disbursements for completed capital projects by Allwell Behavioral Health Services and Genesis Healthcare, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE A BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$250,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCIES LINE ITEM TO THE ARPA EXPENSES LINE ITEM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The

motion was unanimously approved receiving eight positive votes.

**3. Perry County Renewal Levy:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE THE 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. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. The motion was unanimously approved receiving eight positive votes.

<p><b>Service Providers' FY 2026 Contracts</b> (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)</p>
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**4. Allwell Behavioral Health Services:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND ALLWELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.]

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

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND THE FORENSIC DIAGNOSTIC CENTER OF DISTRICT 9. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**6. Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND COSHOCTON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**7. Guernsey Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND GUERNSEY HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**8. Morgan Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND MORGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**9. Muskingum Behavioral Health:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND

MUSKINGUM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**10. Perry Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**11. Southeastern Ohio Counseling Services:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND SOUTHEASTERN OHIO COUNSELING SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**12. People to People:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND PEOPLE TO PEOPLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**VIII. POLICIES**

*(Copies of these policies were uploaded to the electronic meeting packet on May 8, 2025.)*

**1. Introduction and Scope of Coverage**

LEONDRA DAVIS MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE OF COVERAGE* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WENDY STARLIN. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**2. Dissemination and Instruction:**

WILLIAM JOHNSON MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *DISSEMINATION AND INSTRUCTION* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**3. Acknowledgement of P&P Manual Receipt Form:**

BEN TAYLOR MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF P&P MANUAL RECEIPT FORM* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**4. Advancement of Funds or Additional Payment:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDS OR ADDITIONAL PAYMENT* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WENDY STARLIN. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**5. Non-Medicaid Contract Request:**

WENDY STARLIN MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS

BOARD'S POLICY – *NON-MEDICAID CONTRACT REQUEST* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**6. Expenditure of Public Funds for a Proper Public Purpose:**

WILLIAM JOHNSON MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR A PROPER PUBLIC PURPOSE* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAN SCHEERER. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**7. Use of Credit Cards and Charge Accounts:**

ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *USE OF CREDIT CARDS AND CHARGE ACCOUNTS* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**8. Federal Funds: Sub-Recipient Monitoring:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *FEDERAL FUNDS: SUB-RECIPIENT MONITORING* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**9. Provider Closing: Records Disposition:**

BEN TAYLOR MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *PROVIDER CLOSING: RECORDS DISPOSITION* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDR A DAVIS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**10. Provider Closing:**

ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *PROVIDER CLOSING* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**11. Fiscal Contingency Reporting:**

BEN TAYLOR MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *FISCAL CONTINGENCY REPORTING* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAN SCHEERER. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**12. Sub-Recipient Monitoring Procedure:**

WILLIAM JOHNSON MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD'S POLICY – *SUB-RECIPIENT MONITORING PROCEDURE* – AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDR A DAVIS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE MOTION.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. Election of Officers:**

At the May 8, 2025, board meeting, the following board members were nominated to serve as FY 2026 Officers: Leondra Davis, President; and Ben Taylor, Vice President.

There being no further nominations from the floor, ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS SERVE AS OFFICERS FOR FY 2026: LEONDRA DAVIS, PRESIDENT; AND BEN TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WENDY STARLIN, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

2. **Recess to Executive Session:**

ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

The governing board recessed to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 6:52 p.m.

WENDY STARLIN MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MHRS BOARD'S GENERAL COUNSEL TO CONDUCT A PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES.

3. **Next Meeting:**

Board members tentatively agreed to a summer meeting schedule that would include meetings on July 10 and August 14 (schedule may be later altered).

X. **MEETING EVALUATION FEEDBACK:**

► ***Shenandoah Presentation:*** Presentation by Wyatt Gingerich was excellent! Nice to have young people involved.

► ***Commendation – Rhonda Hanes:*** Rhonda has done a great job in leading the organization over the last two months – while still doing her own job of fiscal management.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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**SIGNATURES**

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator

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Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director

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Sue Hoover, Board President