

Board Update

Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board
 Serving Coshocton, Guemsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
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Regular Board Meeting
 Highlights
 November 13, 2025

FinancialMatters

Under the guidance of Interim Finance/Audit Committee Chair Ben Taylor, board members addressed the following matters:

- **Reconciliation Report:** Reviewed and approved the October 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 the following October 2025 fiscal reports: 1) Balance Sheet through October 31, 2025; 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.
- **Contract with G. L. Davis Drug, Inc.:** Approved a one-time contract in the amount of \$300,000 with G. L. Davis Drug, Inc. — to support the provision of doc-u-dose services for patients in the MHRS Board’s service area. Davis Drug provides pharmaceutical services for residents with severe mental illness in the Liberty Manor and Country Garden Manor group homes, as well as network clients living in the community that are struggling with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.
- **Guardianship Contract with Ohio Network for Innovations (ONI):** Approved a contract between the MHRS Board and ONI for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The contract will provide 42 guardianship slots for persons with severe mental illness who are unable to make safe or informed decisions on their own.
- **Payments for Services:** Below is a breakdown of October payments for mental health and addiction recovery services.

<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>In-Network Providers</i>	<i>Out-of-Network Partners</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>October 2, 2025</i>	<i>\$580,000.00</i>		<i>\$580,000.00</i>
<i>October 6, 2025</i>		<i>\$139,325.17</i>	<i>\$139,325.17</i>
<i>October 16, 2025</i>	<i>\$68,879.94</i>	<i>\$165,731.94</i>	<i>\$234,611.88</i>
<i>October 30, 2025</i>	<i>\$71,068.43</i>	<i>\$345,595.95</i>	<i>\$416,664.38</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$719,948.37</i>	<i>\$650,653.06</i>	<i>\$1,370,601.43</i>

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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.

Harvest for Hope Event



Did you know the suicide rate among farmers is 3.5 times higher than the national average? This alarming disparity has been documented across multiple studies and reports, particularly in rural America. Some factors that lead to mental and emotional distress among farmers are financial stress, isolation, occupational hazards, and feelings that they must ‘tough it out.’

In partnership with the Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Perry County Farm Bureau, the Sheridan FFA recently hosted a “Harvest for Hope” 5K trail run – with all funds raised being donated to the Perry County Farm Bureau for agricultural suicide prevention and mental health awareness efforts. Raising awareness is crucial because it not only highlights the scale of the problem but also helps mobilize support, resources, and policy changes. Raising awareness also helps to connect farmers to counseling, hotlines, and peer support groups. In short, raising awareness is about saving lives and protecting communities.

Update — Development of Youth Crisis Stabilization Units

The development of this Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit in Bethesda, Ohio, is actively progressing. The facility will add 16 short-term residential beds (8 for girls, 8 for boys) and 4 crisis stabilization beds to provide rapid intervention and stabilization for youth experiencing acute mental health crises, serving as a bridge between hospitalization and long-term care. Without crisis beds, options for youth in crisis were often limited to emergency rooms or juvenile detention. The new unit will provide a safer, therapeutic alternative. Leaders emphasize that this center is a first-of-its-kind resource in the region, expected to reduce strain on hospitals and improve outcomes for vulnerable youth. The facility will open in 2026.

The Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit being added at Genesis Hospital is also progressing, with the opening to take place in 2026. This unit is for children experiencing a mental health crisis and is being designed with the needs of youths and families in mind. The unit will be a promising alternative intervention to traditional inpatient hospitalization.

Trunk or Treat Events

Perry County:



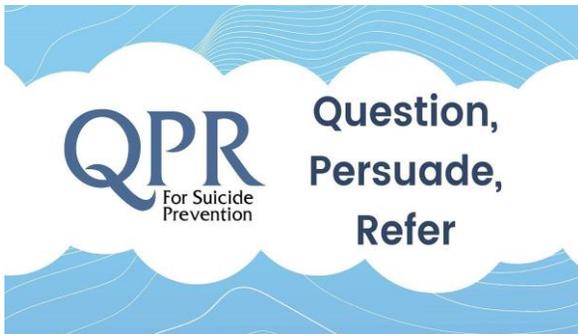
Pictured to the left is Jamie McGrew with several reps from NAMI Six County, who participated in a family-friendly celebration in Perry County, where children could enjoy trick-or-treating in a festive and safe atmosphere. The event was organized by the Village of New Lexington and was a great opportunity for families to come together to celebrate Halloween. In addition to providing treats, Jamie and the NAMI reps also made some important resource information available to the families.

Noble County:

"It's OK to feel all the feels." The MHRS Board participated in the Shenandoah Elementary School's Trunk-or-Treat event on October 31. Sarah Reed handed out sensory items, 988 materials, and some treats to over 800 children, grades Pre-K-8. Sarah's "Inside Out" trunk was a hit! Sarah and her sister are pictured to the right, dressed as Joy and Anger.



Cambridge Fire Department QPR Training



The QPR training recently presented by Jamie McGrew for the Cambridge Fire Department equipped first responders with mental health crisis intervention skills and strengthened the referral pathway to professional mental health care. Firefighters are often first on the scene of a crisis. By training them in QPR, they become "gatekeepers" who are prepared to recognize the warning signs of suicide and take immediate action.

A core component of QPR training is teaching first responders how to connect an individual in crisis with appropriate professional help and crisis services. This ensures that people receive the follow-up services they need.

This training is a preparatory step for the development of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board's Community Crisis Response Team. By training a variety of first responders, the community is building a more robust and professionalized network for responding to mental health emergencies, especially for those where individuals might not otherwise seek help.

QPR is a concise, research-backed, practical approach equipping people to **recognize, question, persuade, and refer individuals in crisis**, with a strong infrastructure supporting both learners and trainers. It's considered a critical early-intervention tool in public mental health.

Community Impact – CIT Academy (October 20-23, 2025)

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Academy is a 32-hour training program focused on equipping law enforcement professionals with crisis intervention skills for mental health situations.

This intensive training is a part of the nationally recognized CIT initiative, designed to help officers respond safely and effectively to individuals experiencing mental health crises. Here's a breakdown of what the Academy entailed:

The academy covered a wide range of topics relevant to law enforcement officers, including:

- Recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illnesses such as anxiety, bipolar disorder, depression, and schizophrenia.
- De-escalation techniques for safely managing crisis situations.
- Role-playing scenarios to practice real-life responses.
- Legal considerations and community resources available for mental health support.
- Perspectives from mental health professionals, clients, and family advocates.

Participants: The training was open to law enforcement professionals from the MHRS Board's six-county service area. Twenty-one participants successfully graduated from the training.

- The CIT model aims to reduce the risk of injury to officers and individuals in crisis.
- It promotes collaboration between law enforcement and mental health services, improving outcomes for people with mental illness.
- Graduates of the program are better equipped to divert individuals from jail to treatment, when appropriate.

