

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
*(June 13, 2024)*

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

On June 3, 2024, 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 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, 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., “Make a Difference” presentations.

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**ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Executive Director Misty Cromwell’s fiscal year-end remarks and the “Make A Difference” presentations about Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices and the ROX Program for Girls are summarized in the Board Meeting Highlights attached to the minutes.

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**II. CALL TO ORDER:** President Sue Hoover called the regular board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**III. OATH OF OFFICE:** MHRS Board Office Manager Terri France administered the Oath of Office to new Guernsey County Representative – Cambridge Police Chief Dave Peoples, who was appointed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services to complete the unexpired term of Megan Gee.

**IV. ROLL CALL:**

Board Members present:

- *Sue Hoover, President (Muskingum County)*
- *Leondra Davis, Vice President (Coshocton County)*
- *Abby Corder (Muskingum County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*
- *William Johnson (Coshocton County)*
- *Dave Peoples (Guernsey 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)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*

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

Staff Members present:

- *Misty Cromwell, Executive Director*
- *Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director and Fiscal Operations Director*
- *Sarah Reed, Quality Improvement and Compliance Director*
- *Jamie McGrew, Care Management Director*
- *Karl Hoop, Crisis & Criminal Justice Services Coordinator*
- *Roger Birch, Youth & Family Services Coordinator*
- *Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator*
- *Terri France, Office Manager*
- *Janet Hill, Business Operations Manager (Present for Activities Prior to Regular Board Meeting)*

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

- *Tyra Hixon and Jeanette Hall, Co-Directors, Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices*
- *Two MHRS Board High School Student Interns from John Glenn High School*
- *Julie Wolfe, Guidance Counselor from West Muskingum High School, along with a student participant in the ROX Program for Girls*

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

**VI. AGENDA:** President Hoover noted one change to the pre-mailed agenda – the deletion of item 7.b. under the Financial Issues section: *Second Hearing – Funding Request from Forever Dads*. WILLIAM JOHNSON MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2024, MEETING AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**VII. MEETING MINUTES:** ABBY CORDER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, ABSTAIN; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED RECEIVING EIGHT POSITIVE VOTES AND ONE ABSTENTION.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Director Misty Cromwell’s June Report listed various activities, as staff members worked toward meeting the MHRS Board’s Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives. During May, staff worked on many projects to ensure the availability of — and access to — quality services, including: 1) Region 12 OneOhio Grants; 2) the Bipartisan Safer Community Project; 3) the Hoagland Project for Helping Veterans; and 4) the Putnam Housing Project. | They also addressed goals to foster a healthy and coordinated field of provider organizations – including: 1) Supporting the “Open Minds” Project; 2) Strengthening the Operations of Guernsey Health Choices and Morgan Behavioral Health Choices; 3) Trainings for Fiscal Staff at Network Contract Organizations; and 4) Processing FY 2025 Provider Organization Contracts. | Lastly, staff worked to secure the ongoing health and effectiveness of the MHRS Board by: 1) looking ahead to using Smartsheet software that will enhance collaborative work and project management; and 2) engaging in many community awareness and stigma reduction efforts – some of which are summarized in the Board Meeting Highlights.

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

**1. May 2024 Financial Reports:**

Board members reviewed the MHRS Board’s Financial Reports for May 2024 that included: 1) Reconciliation Report; 2) Contract Services Expense Reports; 3) Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2024; 4) Dashboard Report; 5) Monthly Report of Network Funding Reserves; and 6) a

'Year-to-Date' Status Report for the MHRS Board's CY 2024 Operating Budget.

◆ **May 2024 Reconciliation Report:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MAY 2024 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; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

2. **Guernsey County Renewal Levy:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REQUEST THE GUERNSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PLACE A 1-MILL, 10-YEAR RENEWAL LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, BALLOT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

3. **Smartcare Proposal – Partner Solutions:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SMARTCARE PROPOSAL WITH PARTNER SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,581.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS HITCHCOCK.

Under this proposal, Partner Solutions will provide services in the following areas: a wide range of core Smartcare administration, enrollment operations, and the claiming system. This partnership will help to streamline fiscal operations and provide many system improvements. Chairperson Scheerer stressed the importance of this system being compatible with the CareLogic, Epic, and InSync systems.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

4. **Workforce Incentive Grant – Perry Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A \$10,000 WORKFORCE INCENTIVE GRANT FOR PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES – IN RECOGNITION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ASSISTANCE IN STABILIZING THE OPERATIONS OF GUERNSEY HEALTH CHOICES AND

MORGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS HITCHCOCK.

In 2023, the MHRS Board initiated this grant award process to recognize contract organizations' stellar team efforts in helping to resolve fiscal crises. PBHC Director Theresa Kane and several of her employees have been working hard to strengthen the operations of Guernsey Health Choices and Morgan Behavioral Health Choices. Incentive grants are not received via application requests – but are awarded solely on the actions of the MHRS Board.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**5. Rippling Consultants Proposal – Contract with Perry Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM RIPPLING CONSULTANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,997.42 – FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES, GUERNSEY HEALTH CHOICES, AND MORGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES IN THE AREAS OF MANAGING PAYROLL, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER.

Members reviewed details about the services to be provided via the 12-month contract including: payroll, time and attendance, learning management system, benefits administration, core performance management, along with set-up and administration.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**6. Funding Request – Warriors to Wilderness:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A FUNDING REQUEST FROM “WARRIORS TO WILDERNESS” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 – FOR ENHANCING A PROGRAM TO HELP EMPOWER VETERANS ON THEIR PATH TO HEALING AND RENEWAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR.

Warriors to Wilderness is a non-profit Veteran hunting therapy organization dedicated to empowering Veterans through the healing connection of nature and outdoor activities. Led by experienced guides and fellow Veterans who understand the unique challenges of military service, this immersive experience offers a supportive and rejuvenating environment for participants to explore the healing powers of the wilderness. The \$20,000 will fund program participation for 10 Veterans (\$2,000 each) from the MHRS Board's service area.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS

HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**7. Special Allocation – Guernsey Health Choices:**

Following a preliminary/detailed discussion of this request, DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION TO GUERNSEY HEALTH CHOICES – UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$80,600 FOR NINE MONTHS OF SALARY SUPPORT FOR TWO NEW CLINICIANS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVE PEOPLES.

It was noted these positions will bring much-needed clinical coverage and support to Guernsey Health Choices. Once caseloads are established, the two therapists will be able to financially cover the costs of their respective positions in Medicaid billable services. It was noted that \$600 of this request is for covering the LSW testing expenses of the clinicians.

A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDR A DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

<p><b>Service Providers' FY 2025 Contracts</b> (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)</p>
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**8. Allwell Behavioral Health Services:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND ALLWELL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDR A DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

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

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND THE FORENSIC DIAGNOSTIC CENTER OF DISTRICT 9. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDR A DAVIS AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDR A DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**10. Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL

YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND COSHOCTON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**11. Guernsey Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND GUERNSEY HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**12. Morgan Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND MORGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**13. Muskingum Behavioral Health:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND MUSKINGUM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**14. Perry Behavioral Health Choices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND PERRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**15. Southeastern Ohio Counseling Services:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL

YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND SOUTHEASTERN OHIO COUNSELING SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DENNIS HITCHCOCK AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**16. Oriana House:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OFFICIALLY APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MHRS BOARD AND ORIANA HOUSE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR AND BOARD MEMBERS' VOTES WERE: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**POLICIES**

**17. Fiscal Policy VI-A.03.P1 – Accounting Practices:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FISCAL POLICY VI-A.03.P1, ACCOUNTING PRACTICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEONDRA DAVIS.

Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes reviewed the proposed policy, and several additional revisions were agreed upon. Ms. Hanes will prepare the changed policy in accordance with those revisions.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**18. Fiscal Policy – VI-A.08 – County Fiscal Year and State Fiscal Year Financial Reports:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FISCAL POLICY VI-A.08, COUNTY FISCAL YEAR AND STATE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes reviewed the proposed policy and the reasons for its creation.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**19. Revised Personnel Policy – Vacation Leave - IV-N.01:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY – VACATION LEAVE – IV-N.01. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY

DENNIS HITCHCOCK.

Fiscal Director Rhonda Hanes reviewed the revision to this policy that now notes “Vacation is credited each biweekly pay period at a rate of 3.1 hours per pay period for those entitled to 80 hours per year.”

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. Election of Officers:**

It was noted at the May 9, 2024, board meeting that President Sue Hoover and Vice President Leondra Davis were eligible to serve another term in their offices.

WENDY STARLIN MOVED THAT THE BOARD RE-ELECT THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS TO FY 2025 OFFICES: PRESIDENT, SUE HOOVER; VICE PRESIDENT, LEONDRA DAVIS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BEN TAYLOR AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**2. Revised By-Laws:**

DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MHRS BOARD’S REVISED BY-LAWS AS REVIEWED AT THE MAY 9 BOARD MEETING AND FURTHER REVISED AT THE JUNE 13 BOARD MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER.

The By-Laws will be reworded to include the agreed-upon additional revisions.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: ABBY CORDER, YEA; LEONDRA DAVIS, YEA; DENNIS HITCHCOCK, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING NINE POSITIVE VOTES.

**3. Next Meeting:**

The Board of Directors will next meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the MHRS Board Office. Committee meetings will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (The Board of Directors will not meet in August.)

**XI. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

► ***Check Your Fence; Check Your Neighbors:*** Quality Improvement and Compliance Director Sarah Reed provided some preliminary information about plans to collaborate with service area Farm Bureaus at County Fairs to increase awareness about farmers and their many challenges that may lead to mental health problems. National studies have shown that farmers have higher rates of suicide, and it was noted that many farm communities have historically struggled with access



to mental health services and the stigma of seeking help. More information will be provided at the July 11 board meeting.

► **Other July 11 Meeting Issues:** Director Misty Cromwell mentioned two other issues that will need to be addressed at the July 11 meeting: 1) Providers' Unspent Funds at End of the Fiscal Year; and 2) the Hoagland Project for Helping Veterans and possible trips to visit other similar programs.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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**SIGNATURES**

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Linda Hand, Administrative Coordinator

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Misty Cromwell, Executive Director

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Sue Hoover, Board President